SALVATION

Christianity Beliefs and Teachings

1. Which term means the quality of God which God shows to humans by providing love and support that they don't need to earn?

[1 mark]

A) Sin

B) Fear

C) Compassion

D) Grace

2. Give two beliefs about sin.

[2 marks]

It is an offense against God/ breaking one of God rules e.g. the 10 Commandments/ not loving your neighbour/ hurting others/ selfishness/ entered the world via Adam and Eve/ Satan tempts people to sin

3. Explain two teachings about Original Sin

[4 marks]

Everyone is born with the inclination to do evil> No one is innocent "all have sinned and fall short of the Glory of God" Romans 3:23

Came from Adam and Eve eating fruit from the tree of the knowledge or good and evil in the Garden of Eden> tempted by the serpent> all humans are descended from them so have inherited Original Sin. Removed by baptism (Catholicism)

Saved by Jesus' death which makes atonement for sin

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5. 'If someone loves their neighbour, they will achieve salvation.'

[12 marks]

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Salvation by works> You earn your place in heaven by doing good deeds> the parable of the sheep and the goats> The 10 Commandments> "Faith without works is dead" James 2:17> Jesus said the most important commandment was love God and love your neighbour. Most of the 10 Commandments are about loving your neighbour> e.g. do not steal etc.

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POTENTIAL WEAK ARGUMENT: Jesus said the most important commandment was love God and love your neighbour > this means you must Love God first — as a priority, loving your neighbour is secondary and subsidiary