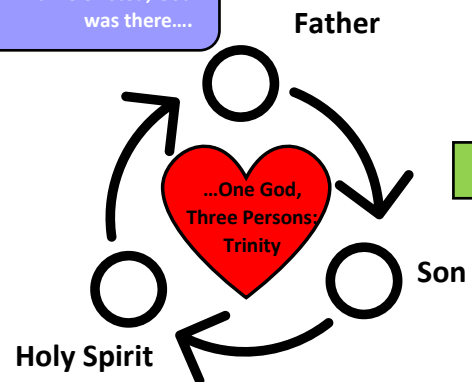


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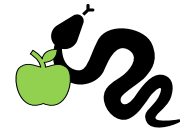


Creation



God, who is **love**, creates people, to live in relationship with God, the world and each other.

Free will (The Fall)



Free will (The Fall): Adam & Eve make a choice, which changes life forever. The relationship between God, humankind & the world is broken: **sin, evil, suffering** and **death** enter the world for the first time.

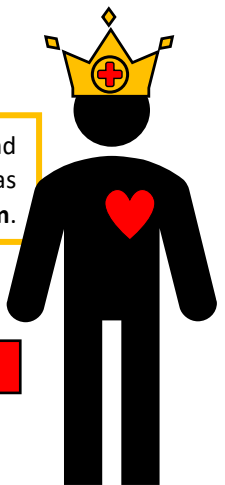
Covenant People

God enters into a series of **covenant agreements** with the people of Israel and gives them the **Law (Torah)** to help them to know how to live well.



Kingdom of God: in heaven
 Jesus is King
 eternal life
 angels worship
 God lives with people, forever...
 ...and one day, there will be a **new heaven & new earth**

Jesus lives a perfect life and shows people how to live as part of **God's kingdom**.



Incarnation



God **rescues** the people of Israel many times, and promises them the **Messiah**, a Great Rescuer. The **Messiah** will come in person to save them, make all things right....and restore the relationships broken by the Fall.

Salvation

Salvation: the new covenant reverses the effects of the Fall

- ✓ restored relationship between God & humankind, through **atonement**
- ✓ forgiveness for sins, through **repentance**
- ✓ gift of God's **Holy Spirit**
- ✓ eternal life

It's **Good News!**

Incarnation: Christians believe that the **Messiah** is **Jesus**. Jesus is God **incarnate (God in the flesh)**, so people can see...

...what **God** is like... ...what it's like in **God's kingdom**.

It's **Good News!**

Kingdom of God: on earth...
 ...living as Jesus did: **God's Kingdom** is in the Church, across the world, **worshipping God** through the power of the **Holy Spirit**...
 guided by the **Bible**
 loving God
 loving others
 caring for creation



...transforming the world. This is **Good News** too!

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