



What do Muslims believe anyway?

Muslim is the name for people who adhere to the Islamic faith. You can't listen to the news or read a newspaper without some mention of Islam, because it is the major religion in most of the countries of the Middle East. Here is a list of some of the similarities and differences between Christianity and Islamic faith:

Similarities:

- + Both believe there is only One God.
- + Both believe in heaven and hell
- + Both believe in angels as God's messengers
- + Both share belief in the Old Testament Scripture
- + Both believe God is a God of justice
- + Both believe God is also a God of mercy
- + Both believe in prayer and sacrificial giving

Differences:

- + Islam was founded on the principle of spreading its beliefs by conquest/war

Christianity was founded on the principle of spreading its beliefs by witnessing

- + Islam teaches that total surrender to God is what brings peace.

Christianity teaches that total surrender to God is not possible due to our sinful nature, but peace comes from repenting of sin and receiving the forgiveness of Jesus.

- + Islam believes Jesus was merely a prophet who was not crucified and didn't rise from the dead

Christianity believes Jesus is the son of God who died for the sins of the world and rose victorious over sin

- + Islam teaches salvation by obeying God's rules

Christianity teaches salvation by grace through faith in what Jesus did to forgive us for breaking God's rules

- + Islam teaches that the church should rule the state

Christianity teaches a separation of church and state

Thanks for asking,
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