

KEY CONCEPTS



- Censorship** - the practice of suppressing and limiting access to materials considered obscene, offensive or a threat to security. People may also be restricted in their speech by censorship laws.
- Discrimination** - acts of treating groups of people, or individuals differently, based on prejudice.
- Extremism** – believing in and supporting ideas that are very far from what most people consider correct or reasonable.
- Human rights** - the basic entitlements of all human beings, afforded to them simply because they are human.
- Personal conviction** - something a person strongly feels or believes in
- Prejudice** - pre-judging; judging people to be inferior or superior without cause
- Absolute poverty** - an acute state of deprivation, whereby a person cannot access the most basic of their human needs.
- Relative poverty** - a standard of poverty measured in relation to the standards of a society in which a person lives, e.g. living on less than X% of average UK income.
- Social justice** – promoting a fair society by challenging injustice and valuing diversity. Ensuring that everyone has equal access to provisions, equal opportunities and rights.

Genesis 1:26-27

²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals And over all the creatures that move along the ground."

²⁷ So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

How does this link to human rights? _____

What is agape? Why is it the most important type of Christian love? _____

Area of focus	What did this person achieve?	How personal conviction conflicted with laws of a country
Oscar Romero		
Example of newspaper story		



Bible teachings on prejudice and discrimination

Key quotes from a story about the Good Samaritan

- ...Jesus said, "A man was going down the road from Jerusalem to Jericho. Some robbers surrounded him, tore off his clothes, and beat him. Then they left him lying there on the ground almost dead.
- ³¹ "It happened that a Jewish priest was going down that road. When he saw the man, he did not stop to help him. He walked away. ³² Next, a Levite came near. He saw the hurt man, but he went around him. He would not stop to help him either. He just walked away.
- ³³ "Then a Samaritan man travelled down that road. He came to the place where the hurt man was lying. He saw the man and felt very sorry for him. ³⁴ The Samaritan went to him and poured olive oil and wine on his wounds. Then he covered the man's wounds with cloth. The Samaritan had a donkey. He put the hurt man on his donkey, and he took him to an inn. There he cared for him. ³⁵ The next day, the Samaritan took out two silver coins and gave them to the man who worked at the inn. He said, 'Take care of this hurt man. If you spend more money on him, I will pay it back to you when I come again.'
- ³⁶ Then Jesus said, "Which one of these three men do you think was really a neighbour to the man who was hurt by the robbers?"³⁷ The teacher of the law answered, "The one who helped him." Jesus said, "Then you go and do the same."

Galatians 3:26-27

²⁶⁻²⁷ You were all baptized into Christ, and so you were all clothed with Christ. This shows that you are all children of God through faith in Christ .Jesus

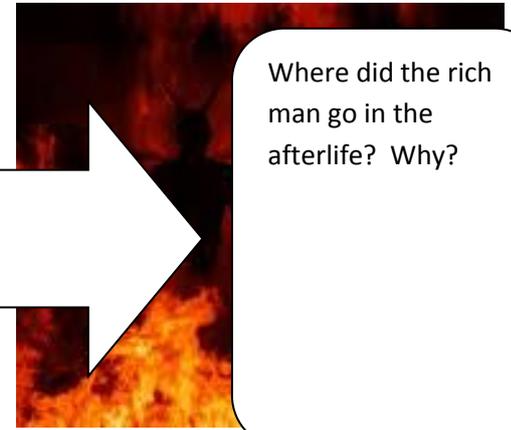
Where did Lazarus go in the afterlife? Why?



Luke 16: 19-30 The Rich Man and Lazarus

¹⁹ Jesus said, "There was a rich man who always dressed in the finest clothes. He was so rich that he was able to enjoy all the best things every day. ²⁰ There was also a very poor man named Lazarus. Lazarus' body was covered with sores. He was often put by the rich man's gate. ²¹ Lazarus wanted only to eat the scraps of food left on the floor under the rich man's table. And the dogs came and licked his sores.

Where did the rich man go in the afterlife? Why?



What does the modern Church teach about prejudice and discrimination?

Roman Catholic Church
'Discrimination on grounds of sex, race, colour, social conditions, language or religion is incompatible with God's design.'

Anglican Church
'Racism has no part in the Christian Gospel. It contradicts our Lord's command to love our neighbours as ourselves.'

What more could Churches do to help with prejudice and discrimination?

What does the modern Church teach about wealth and poverty?

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What more could Churches do to help with poverty?