

The First Things of Christianity

I. GOD: THE FATHER.

1. *What is Religion?*

Religion is the worship and service of the Power in whose favour and help men seek and find their well-being.

2. *Who is God?*

God is the one Supreme Being, the Creator, Source, Sustainer and Lord of all.

3. *How are we to know of God?*

We are to think of God as the Eternal and Personal Spirit, perfect in power, wisdom, justice, holiness and love, revealed to us as the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

4. *What signs have we of the being and action of God?*

God shows Himself in the order and beauty of nature, in the conscience of man, in the course of history, and especially in Jesus Christ.

5. *What is God to us?*

God is our heavenly Father, who cares for all that He has made, and in love seeks to save and bless us us here and here after.

6. *What need have we of God?*

We need God because He is the source of all goodness and truth, and because we are frail, subject to trouble and death, sinful and made weak by sin.

7. *Why should we love and serve God?*

Because we owe everything to Him, and because He first loved us.

II. THE SON: JESUS CHRIST.

8. *Who is Jesus Christ?*

Jesus Christ as the Son of God is the true manifestation of what God is, and as the Son of Man is the perfect ideal of what men ought to be and to do.