

Series: *Exploring Islam & Christianity*

Who Is Your Savior?

The differences between Islam and Christianity are numerous and significant. These are matters of eternal consequence. The disparity of these religions is demonstrated yet again by asking the question, “Who is your savior?” Do you need one? Is there one?

I. The Reality of _____

- A. What is Sin?
 - 1. Sin is _____ God’s will (1 John 3:4).
 - 2. Sin is _____ short of God’s perfect standard (Rom. 3:23).
 - 3. Sin is neglect and _____ of God’s perfect will (Jas. 4:17).
- B. The _____ of Sin (1 John 3:6,8; Rom. 3:23; 8:7).
- C. The _____ of sin (Rom. 6:23; 2 Thess. 1:8-9).
- D. What is to be done about Sin?

II. Islam: Sin is Overcome by _____

- A. Islam: salvation by works (Surah 2:62).
 - 1. There is no savior, no intercessor (Surah 6:51; 11:114).
 - 2. Bad deeds, sins, can be made up for with good deeds (Surah 64:9-10; 2:81-82).
- B. The Five Pillars of Islam
 - 1. _____ – reciting *Shahada* (Surah 2:112).
 - 2. _____ – *Salat* (Surah 4:103).
 - 3. _____ – paying *Zakat* (Surah 2:110, 277; 57:18).
 - 4. The _____ – During *Ramadan* (Surah 2:183).
 - 5. The _____ – the *Haji* (Surah 2:196).
- C. The Scales of Judgment (Surah 7:7-9; 23:102-104).
 - 1. What will the scales say?
 - 2. What will Allah say (Surah 14:4; 2:284; 3:129)?
- D. The Peril of this works system to remedy Sin.
- E. The only way the Qur’an assures Paradise: _____ in *Jihad* (Surah 47:4-6; 3:157-158, 195).

III. Christianity: Sin is Overcome by a _____

- A. Sin cannot be worked off.
 - 1. Good works are inadequate to cover sin (Isa. 64:5-6).
 - 2. Sin cannot be made up for. How do you make it up to God (Ps. 51:4)?
 - 3. Sin must be paid for (Rom. 6:23).
- B. The Cross: Justice and Loving Mercy Meet (Rom. 3:23-26; 6:6-8).
- C. Copy/ Type: Passover Lamb (Exodus 12).
- D. Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God (John 1:29; Acts 4:12).

Jesus Blood



E. Salvation Freely Offered to All!

1. “Grace” is foreign to Muslim ears (Eph. 2:8-10).
2. There is a savior, mediator, intercessor – Jesus Christ (1 Tim. 2:5; Rom. 3:26; 5:8; Mk. 10:45).
3. The gospel is for all (2 Thess. 2:14; Mk. 16:15-16).

F. How does one respond to the salvation offer (John 14:21)?

1. _____ (John 3:16; 8:24).
2. _____ (Lk. 13:3; Acts 2:38).
3. _____ (Acts 8:36-38).
4. _____ (Mk. 16:16; Acts 22:16; Gal. 3:26-27).

Who Is Your Savior?