

Fasting in Christianity:

Fasting is often followed by prayer in Christianity.
This message passed out to the Muslim people at the Mosque in Chino on 6/15/17(Pray for Them)

1. Christianity

- a. Trinity God – Triune in nature and one God; 3 persons in one God (the Father/Son/Spirit)
- b. God is unconditional love – God loves all people including sinners such as ungrateful sinners, unbelievers, the proud, or the extravagant.
- c. A Christian lives a daily life in Christ as the Spirit of Christ (the Holy Spirit) lives in him or her - -- in personal intimate relationship with God, who is going to judge us after death.

2. How to Become a Christian: **Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior, and you will be saved.** (based upon your faith alone – not your works but God’s works, not your righteousness but God’s)

1. God’s Love	2. Man’s problem	3. God’s remedy	4. Man’s response
<p>a. Love (John 10:10b) <i>“I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.”</i> Jesus loves you. He wants that you may live life more abundantly, experiencing love, happiness, peace, and the fulfillment of your life purpose.</p> <p>b. Image (Genesis 1:27a) <i>“God created man in His own image.”</i> God created you in His own image to be His friend, being communion with God.</p>	<p>a. Sin (Romans 3:23) <i>“All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”</i> You are sinful (contrary to God’s will) and imperfect but God is holy and perfect, becoming the separation between you and God.</p> <p>b. Death (Romans 6:23a) <i>“The wages of sin is death.”</i> The separation of sin is spiritual death.</p> <p>c. Judgment (Hebrews 9:27) <i>“It is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment.”</i> After you die, you will face the judgment of eternal spiritual death penalty.</p>	<p>a. Love & Death (Romans 5:8) <i>“God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”</i> God loves you and lets His sole son, Christ, die for you on cross with shed blood.</p> <p>b. Bridge (1 Peter 3:18a) <i>“Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God.”</i> Upon Christ’s death, He paid the eternal spiritual death penalty for your sins. And so Jesus Christ made the bridge between you (Man) and God.</p>	<p>Belief & Eternal Life (John 3:16) <i>“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”</i> (John 5:24) <i>“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.”</i> (1 Corinthians 15:3-4) <i>“For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures,”</i></p>

Repent you original sins and believe in Jesus Christ as the Lord & Savior, who died on the cross with shed blood for your sins and was buried, and rose again the third day. And you will be saved. Now you have eternal life as a gift from God. Let Christ control your life daily. Then, please go to church.

3. Fasting Prayer is a way of prayers like supplication (petition) or fervent prayer. Under special circumstances – sorrow, affliction, repentance, protection, or a dedication – the Spirit naturally leads our broken heartily prayer deep into the fasting prayer to humble ourselves. Sorrow (e.g. “the bridegroom taken away” in Luke 5:35), affliction (e.g., “they were sick” in Psalm 35:13; “the devil cast away” in Matthew 17:18-21), repentance (e.g. “Turn to Me with all your heart” in Joel 2:12), protection (“seek from Him the right way for us” in Ezra 8:21), or a dedication (before Jesus’ first dedicated ministry on the earth in Matthew 4:2; before Paul and Barnabas dedicated as missionaries in Acts 13:2-3; Anna’s dedicated prayer waiting for Messiah in Luke 2:37). Fasting is only before God, not before people (Matthew 6:16). Fasting itself is not always required in Matthew 9:14, although prayer is always required in 1 Thessalonians 5:17. However, fasting naturally comes out of our broken heartily prayers as a way of a fervent prayer by the Holy Spirit. This reference book is available at www.Amazon.com

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