

a beggar, and that the [Christians] care not only for their own poor but for ours as well; while those who belong to us look in vain for the help that we should render them.”—**Roman Emperor Julian**

- Christians are 40% more likely to give to charity than non-Christians; those who attend church regularly are 75% more likely.
- Christianity as the greatest force for charity in history.

C. Contributions to _____

QUOTE: Most scientists have been Christian: “Far from hindering the rise of science, religion often provided the beliefs and institutions that made it possible.”—**Peter Harrison, The Territories of Science and Religion**

D. Influence on _____ and _____

QUOTE: “An artwork can be a doxology in itself.”—**Francis Schaeffer**

- According to the Oxford Music Archives (2020): Over 60% of Western classical music compositions (1500–1900) were commissioned by or inspired by the church.

5. Benefits to the _____

CONCLUSION: _____



Title: Is Christianity Good?

Speaker: Tobi England

“Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.” (James 1:27)

INTRODUCTION: _____

QUOTE: “If I could wave a magic wand and get rid of either rape or religion, I would not hesitate to get rid of religion.”—**Sam Harris**

QUOTE: “One of the great mistakes is to judge policies and programs by their intentions rather than their results.”—**Milton Friedman**

“As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.” (Galatians 6:10)

QUOTE: “The teachings of Christ are more than an ethical code—they are the foundation of Western civilization.”—**Will Durant (atheist; historian)**

1. Benefits in _____

- Attending religious services reduces divorce by nearly 50%.
- A 2016 study by John Simister of Manchester Metro University showed that rates of divorce decrease for Christians who attend church more regularly.
- 2018 Harvard 15-year study on human flourishing: Regular religious service attendance decreases the chance of divorce by 50%.



2. Benefits to _____

A. Mental Health _____

- Lower anxiety: 2019 meta-analysis of over a dozen studies and 5,600 participants found a negative correlation between religion and anxiety in children, particularly for non-Muslim children.
- Linda Carroll reported in 2018 that children are less likely to commit suicide if religion is important to their parents.

B. _____ of Two-Parent Homes ("Two-Parent Privilege")

CHILDREN FROM TWO-PARENT HOMES

1. Get better grades.
2. Have lower detention rates.
3. Are more likely to graduate from college.
4. Are less likely to go to prison.

C. Overall: Christianity promotes thriving young people through family _____

3. _____ Benefits

A. Historians Increasingly Agree That Atheism Doesn't Seem to Provide an Adequate _____ for Society

QUOTE: "The first phase was that as a historian I realized no society had been successfully organized on the basis of atheism. All attempts to do that have been catastrophic."—**Niall Ferguson**

B. Western Society Has a _____ Fabric That Was Shaped by Christianity

QUOTE: "I want to believe in the things I believe in as a secular humanist. I want to believe in human rights... I realized that essentially I, my friends, the country, the civilization I live in is actually not really the heir of Greece or Rome at all. It has been profoundly and utterly shaped by Christianity."—**Tom Holland (atheist)**

C. Opposition to _____

QUOTE: "Only one civilization developed a moral revulsion against [slavery], very late in its history—Western civilization."
—**Thomas Sowell**

QUOTE: "A private faith that does not act in the face of oppression is no faith at all."—**William Wilberforce**

D. Christianity as the _____ Force Against Oppression in History, Including Personal Freedom and the Scientific Revolution

4. _____ Benefits

A. Christianity in _____

- In colonial America, 123 of 124 colleges were Christian schools.
- Christian missionaries met 90% of the education demand in Africa in the 19th century.

2002 STUDY ON EFFECTS OF RELIGIOUS PRACTICE ON EDUCATION

1. Benefits to grades in school.
2. Benefits to graduation rates.
3. Benefits to female education rates.

B. _____ and Philanthropy

QUOTE: "[Christianity] has been specially advanced through the loving service rendered to strangers, and through their care for the burial of the dead. It is a scandal that there is not a single Jew who is