

A vibrant church service with people raising their hands in worship. The background is filled with colorful decorations and people in various traditional and modern attire. The text "CHRISTIAN WORSHIP" is prominently displayed in white, bold, uppercase letters, underlined, with "AROUND THE WORLD" in a similar style below it.

CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

AROUND THE WORLD

BIG QUESTION: How do Christians worship?

In this unit of work, you are going to explore the **diversity of Christian worship**, as well as how Christians from different countries and **denominations** put their faith into practice.





Starter Quiz!

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- c) 2.5 billion



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Which of these countries has the largest Christian community?

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India

China

Brazil



In the last 50 years, did the global Christian population grow or decline?

By how much?

a) -14%

b) -3%

c) + 28%

d) + 430%

Starter Quiz answers!



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- c) 2.5 billion. This makes Christianity the largest religion on the planet.



Are the Christians a third, a quarter, a fifth or a sixth of the world's people?

A third – or 32% more precisely!



Which of these countries has the largest Christian community?

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India

China

Brazil – 188 million Christians



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Christian population grow or decline?
By how much?

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Watch this video on the growth and decline of world religions. If current trends continue, what will be the largest world religion by the end of the century?

[World Religions Ranking - Population Growth by Religion \(1800-2100\) - YouTube](#)



Worldwide Christians

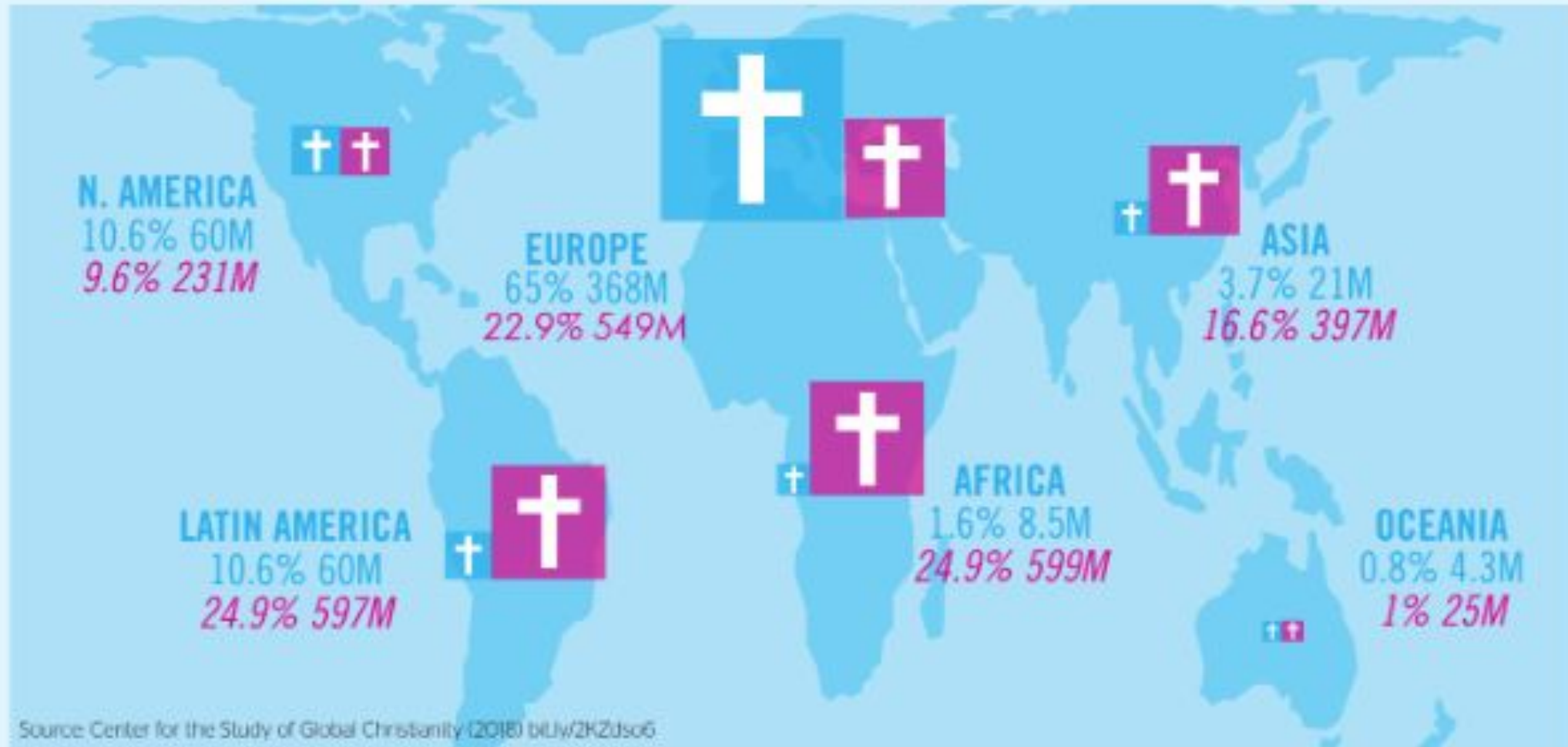
SHIFT OF CHRISTIAN POPULATION 1900-2018



1900
521 MILLION CHRISTIANS



2018
2,400,000,000 CHRISTIANS





Look back at the data on the previous slide.

What can you learn about the global Christian population from this data?

Where did more Christians live in 1900?

In 2018 (which is when this data was collected) how had this changed?

Are you surprised by this fact? Why? Why not?

Which of the pictures below are churches?





African church



Barcelona
cathedral



Chinese Christians meeting in a
room, maybe in someone's house



Hillsong church, London.
They meet in a theatre.



Church which meets in an
old warehouse

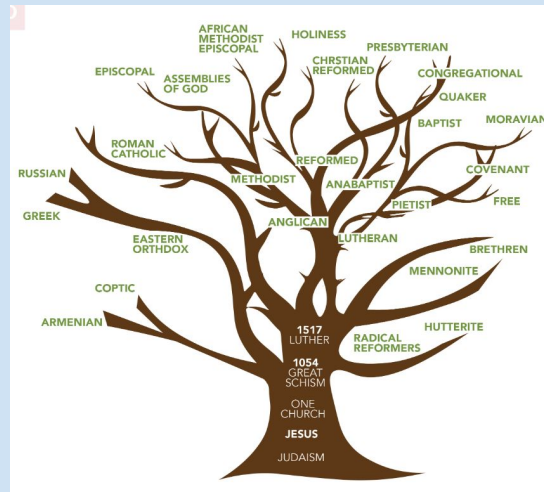


Church in Switzerland



The Christian Church

From a small group of 12 disciples, Christianity grew fast. It spread to new lands and more people became followers of Jesus. Different ways of worshipping God developed. Today, there are approximately 2.5 billion Christians throughout the world, who belong to different ***denominations***. ***These are not different religions***. They are one big Christian family, with much in common, although there are differences in emphasis and style of worship.





Catholic Church

About half of the world's Christians are Catholic. That is 1200 million people
The Pope is the world's Catholic leader, and the Vatican in Rome is its centre



Orthodox Churches

About one in nine of the world's Christians are Orthodox, from Russia to Ethiopia via Ukraine and Greece - that is about 260 million people
The Catholics and the Orthodox churches separated in 1053 - nearly 1000 years ago



Anglican Church

There are about 85 million Anglican Christians in the world.
The Anglican Church ('Church of England' in England) began in the time of Henry VIII nearly 500 years ago. It is also called the Episcopalian church.



Pentecostal Churches

These churches began about 120 years ago, and have grown fast, especially in some poorer parts of the world.
There are about 300 million Pentecostal Christians who share exciting and emotional worship.



Charismatic Christians

Charismatic churches are modern, growing fast in the last 50 years, often independent from older denominations. They believe in the power of the Holy Spirit at work today. Many live in Latin America. There are about 310 million, 14% of the world's Christians.



Baptist Churches

There are about 95 million Baptists in the Christian world population, about half live in the USA
Baptism is usually by total immersion in water, not for babies: you must believe for yourself.



Methodist Churches

About 80 million people are part of the Methodist movement all over the world
Their history goes back over 200 years to the life of John Wesley, who preached in the UK and US

Task: to design your own 'infographic' tree.

Go outside and spend 5 minutes drawing a tree.

Now turn your sketch of a tree into a diagram to show the history of Christianity. Write 'Judaism', 'Jesus' and 'One Church' at the bottom of the trunk. Use the factsheet about Christian groups, which is on the next slide.

Final reflection

Why is a tree a good metaphor to describe Christianity?

