



What Good Has Christianity Done?

CHRISTIANITY AND GOODNESS IN THE WORLD

Across history, Christianity has produced more moral good for the world than any other system of belief or practice. People all over the world—even those who are not Christians—recognize the impact of Jesus' teachings:

- **Love your neighbor as yourself**
MATTHEW 22:39
- **Treat others as you would want to be treated**
LUKE 6:31
- **Care for the poor, the sick, and those in need**
MATTHEW 25:35–36
- **Defend the vulnerable**
JAMES 1:27

These ethical ideals originated from the Judeo-Christian worldview, exemplified first in Jesus Christ, and then emulated by His followers.

CHRISTIANITY'S IMPACT ON THE WORLD

It is due to the incomparable goodness of Christ that Christianity has been responsible for uniquely gifting to the world:

- **Hospitals and medical care**
- **Orphanages and care for children**
- **Charitable organizations and missions**
- **Universities and education for all**
- **The abolition of slavery**
- **The uplifting of women**
- **Human rights and equality**

Where Christianity has taken root, truth has been pursued, goodness has been practiced, and beauty has been created. The impact of Christianity points to the truth of Christ.

CHRISTIANITY AND BEAUTY

Christianity provides the basis for the ideal of beauty, for God is the source of all beauty. The cultural fruit of Christianity is unparalleled in terms of the beauty it has inspired and cultivated:

- **Literature, poetry, and storytelling**
- **Music and worship**
- **Sculpture, painting, and architecture**

A world without Christianity is a world without Michelangelo's *David*, da Vinci's *The Last Supper*, Bach's music, or works like *The Lord of the Rings*.