

# Candidate 2 evidence

World Religion Essay 2

Christianity

The Eucharist is a practice in which Christians commemorate the Last Supper and this practice usually takes place in a Church. For the Eucharist Christians are given bread and wine to consume the bread representing the body of Christ the wine representing the blood of Christ. There are many purposes for a Christian practising in the Eucharist, one of these being to feel a closer connection with God. Christians believe by symbolically consuming the body and blood of God's son that the relationship with them and God grows. In the Bible during the Last Supper Jesus bestowed upon his disciples bread and wine and stated "this bread is my body and this wine is my blood when you eat these remember me" this explains why Christians consume specifically bread and wine during this practise. The consequences for practising the Eucharist are always positive during and after completing the Eucharist Christians feel a sense of fulfilment as their bond with God has grown stronger. Everyone can participate in the Eucharist even those who abstain from alcohol if this is the case the wine is replaced by a similar non-alcoholic beverage meaning that the Eucharist is inclusive for all. Another purpose for practising the Eucharist is to thank and remember all that Jesus Christ has done for humanity, in the Bible Jesus, God's son, was crucified to restore humanity and make up for human's wrongdoings. Christians recognise all Jesus and God had done by practising things such as the Eucharist, by reenacting the Last Supper it almost validates Jesus sacrifices and allows Jesus to be praised and cherished for this. The consequences for Christians practising the Eucharist is that it builds a stronger sense of community as it is usually done in a church in a group setting, when practising the eucharist in a church with others everyone in the church is connected with the gratefulness they feel for God and for Jesus.