



How well do you know the history of Jesus' church? What does that have to do with CBC and your place in it? Here is Jesus' introductory course entitled *Christianity 101*.

B.L.U.F. (Bottom Line Up Front): *We have great purpose and value as a church of Jesus Christ!*

Today's message revolves around six characteristics of Jesus' church:

1. **H** _____ **Back to Creation v. 44-45**

Jesus linked Christianity to history. It is not a manmade religion started by the apostles.

2. **F** _____ **on the Messiah's Work v. 46**

The Messiah of history must suffer, die and rise in order to reverse the effects of mankind's rebellion against God.

3. **F** _____ **on Man's Need & God's Solution v. 47a**

The message of Christianity is a message about sin and salvation. It is not a message about self-fulfillment, self-esteem, personal happiness and achievement. 2 Timothy 4:1-4

4. **W** _____ **in it's Scope v. 47b**

The scope of Christianity is worldwide as the only true reality about God. It's message is for all peoples, languages, ethnic groups.

5. **P** _____ **by Experienced Persons v. 48**

You must experience Jesus' life-changing gospel to share it.

6. **S** _____ **Effective v. 49**

You cannot effectively share it if not controlled by the Holy Spirit in your life.