

# Review:

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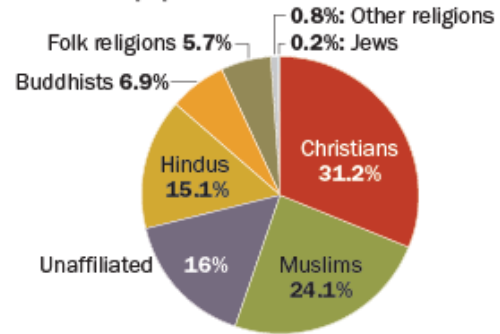


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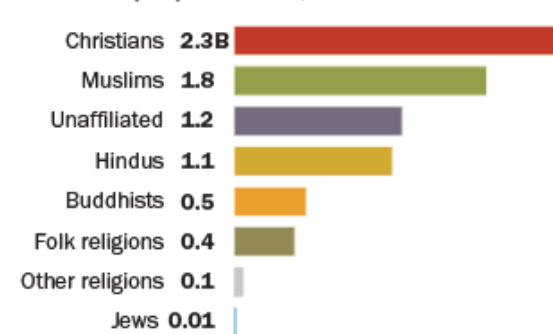
- Rom 4:16 Therefore *it is* of faith, that *it might be* by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all,

## Christians are the largest religious group in 2015

### % of world population



### Number of people in 2015, in billions



Source: Pew Research Center demographic projections. See Methodology for details.  
"The Changing Global Religious Landscape"

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# The Father of the Faithful

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- \* For Bible believers Faith is not a synonym of “religion”. It means “believing God”. (Rom 4:3, 9)

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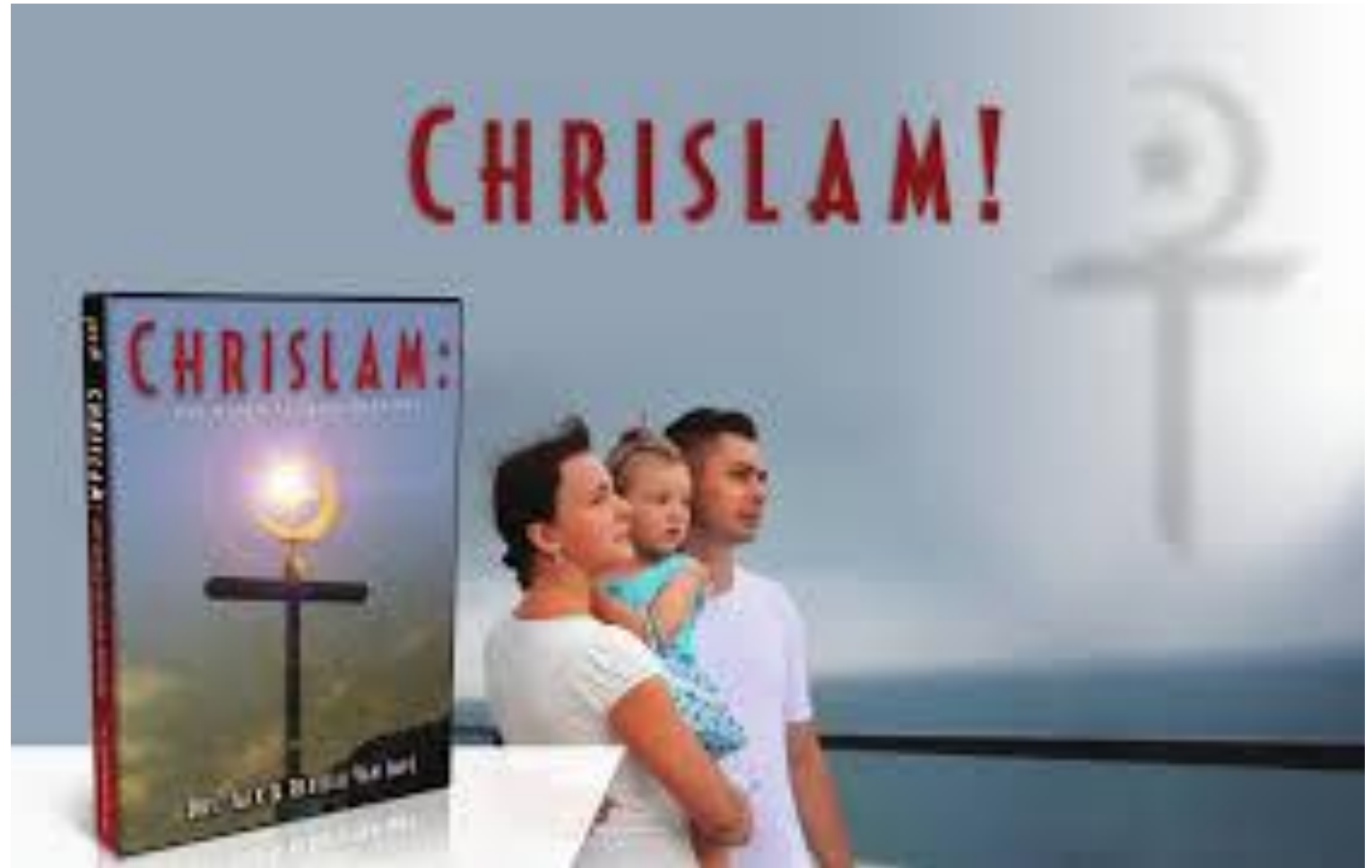
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- \* The law reveals sin, which results in wrath, not promise.

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- The promises are sure, because they are not something earned by God's people, but rather something imputed by God.