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Good vs. Evil: Christianity within the Harry Potter Series

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Abstract

In Christianity, God is the embodiment of good and Satan is the embodiment of evil. Good can be demonstrated through the act of salvation, and evil can be demonstrated through the act of sin. Many Christian branches, churches, and schools have denounced Harry Potter, claiming they advocate anti-Christian values. However, closely critiquing the series, there are many underlying Christian messages, some which are equivalent with Christian scripture. Harry Potter does have representations of both good and evil within the series. Two of the main characters, Harry Potter and Albus Dumbledore, who represent the good, have many comparable qualities to those taught and preached by God, Christ, and His followers; more specifically, faith, hope, love, and forgiveness. Tom Riddle, also known as Lord Voldemort, represents the evil and shares many comparable qualities with Satan; more specifically, pride, lack of forgiveness, hatred, and self-divination. Harry Potter has similar Christian content to other popular series, like The Chronicles of Narnia and The Lord of the Rings, which have been embraced as Christian series.