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Absolutely!

Have you noticed that over the last few years the word “absolutely” seems to have replaced the word “yes” in conversation? Thus instead of replying, “Yes” to the question “Will we win the next match?” the answer is “Absolutely!” – with the exclamation marked added to denote the tone.

Musing on this I looked up some definitions of “absolutely” and found the following: “With no qualification, restriction, or limitation; totally”; “without exception; completely; wholly; entirely” and “totally and definitely; without question”.

Christians believe that Christianity contains many absolutes, expressed with words such as **all**, **the** (rather than **a**) and **everyone**.

- for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God (Romans chapter 3 verse 23)
- Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John chapter 16 verse 6)
- The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. (2 Peter chapter 3 verse 9)

Christianity embodies many absolutes and many of the definitions of absolutely listed above describe aspects of God’s character. Some of these Bible verses may challenge us - but His absolute love for us, and commitment to us, offer hope and reassurance.

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