



Dictionary

James

anger	feelings of hostility toward a person or something that has wronged or injured you.
attitude	what someone feels inside about a person or thing; typically reflected in a person's behavior.
authority	right to exercise power over someone else; Jesus is the ultimate authority in any Christian's life.
believe	to accept as true or real; trust; have confidence in; have faith in; make a commitment to. Faith.
Bible	God's autobiography; God's plan for the world; a love letter to us; an instruction manual on how to act and live.
blessing	made content by God; divine favor or heavenly reward.
church	groups of believers; people are the church. When we become Christians we're born into the church family.
Christ	Jesus Christ; anointed Son of God; the Savior of the world. Paid the complete penalty for sin for the whole world.
compassion	sharing the hurts of another and wanting to help.
confess	openly admit wrongdoing to God; ask for forgiveness; commit to not let it happen again.
conform	agree, follow, act according to socially acceptable standards; become similar in character.
covet	want something that belongs to another.
deceive	to mislead; lie; cause someone to believe something that is not true.
demons	are ruled by Satan; they work to tempt people to sin; they were created by God, but are fallen angels who joined Satan in his rebellion.
disciple	"student"; a learner. Disciples of Jesus Christ want to think and live like Him.
earnest	showing sincere and intense conviction.
endurance	with-standing hardship; strength to continue or last. See perseverance.
envy	feelings of discontent and resentment over the desire for possessions or qualities of another.
eternal life	life that begins when a person turns from sin in commitment to Jesus. Supreme quality of life on earth as well as unending life with God.
eternity	forever; time without a beginning or an end.
evil spirits	see demons.

faith	trust, loyalty, belief; accepting God's Word as fact; deciding to surrender and live your life to follow Jesus.
faithful	people who put faith in Christ; set apart; alive spiritually.
favoritism	favoring one person or group over another; being prejudiced in favor of someone.
fear of the Lord	to respect who God is, what He says, and what He does; a respect that leads to obedience and love of God; profound reverence and awe toward God; true honor, devotion, obedience and love of God.
forgiveness	to pardon sins.
glory	divine quality; splendor, beauty and radiance of God's presence.
God	The One who is all-powerful; all-knowing; present everywhere at once; unchanging; above the bounds of time; absolutely right to govern His creation; Holy.
God's will	the design and desire of God for all of His creation; way believers are to live.
Good News/gospel	"good news"; story of Jesus' birth, life, death, and resurrection. The message that God sent His Son Jesus to take away our sins by dying on the cross and resurrecting to life again to save all who trust in Him.
grace	God's free and undeserved love toward sinful humans that never quits. God's favor. Gift to believers.
guard your heart	keeping your heart pure and safe by protecting it from evil and focusing God. Heart
heart	inner thoughts and feelings; the real me living inside that thinks, feels, and decides; my character or personality.
heaven	God's home and where those who have believed in Jesus as their Savior go when they die. heavenly realm as real as the natural realm; determines what takes places in the natural realm; invisible but visible through faith.
hell	a place of punishment for those who die without believing in Jesus Christ as their personal Savior.
holy/holiness	set apart for use by God; a continual work by the HS in the lives of Christians. A life like God wants you to live.
Holy Spirit (HS)	Holy Spirit (HS) God's Spirit. Lives within all Christians to help them, communicate God's truth to them, convict them of sin, convince them that God's ways are right, empower them to obey Jesus and comfort them when sad.
honor	show highest respect for.
hope	believe with confidence that God will accomplish what He has promised; that God will be faithful to do what He said He would do; that we trust God even if we never find out why something happens.
humility	a modest view of one's own importance; seeing ourselves as God sees us; recognizing that all we have comes from God.
hypocrisy	pretending to be something you are not and have no intention of being.
jealous	feeling of wanting something someone else has; feeling of being angry at someone because they have what you want.
Jesus	The Christ; anointed Son of God; true Messiah; Savior of the world. Paid the complete penalty for sin for the whole world.

joy	deep feeling of contentment; evidence of a Holy Spirit filled life.
judgment	act or process of judging - only God's to decide and carry out.
Kingdom of God	Jesus' reign now and a future time when Jesus will rule over all humanity. Jesus has come but He will come again.
law	word used to describe God's rules for living; commandments; makes people aware of sin and their sinfulness. With Jesus, the way we approach God and understand the law changed from the Law Old Testament.
love	more than just a feeling. Love wants what is best for the other person and acts in a kind way toward them.
mercy	deep caring, loving, forgiveness, and kindness when it is not deserved.
Messiah	Jesus Christ. Messiah is a Hebrew word for the person chosen by God to die for our sins.
miracle	wonderful happening that cannot be explained by nature or science; demonstration of God's power.
motive	the feelings inside a person that causes him/her to think or act in a certain way; the reason for our behavior.
oath	solemn promise of commitment. See swear.
offering	to give freely as a gift or a sacrifice – symbolizing the repentance and faith required to have a right relationship with God. Giving something up that you want to keep for yourself.
obey/obedience	believing and doing what God says; living like Him; pleasing Hi; serving Him; getting to know better. Obeying God shows our trust in Him and His will.
patience	the ability to bear problems, annoyances, or pain without getting angry.
peace	God-given contentment which results in total confidence in God for everything.
persecution	treating someone in a cruel way because he is different.
perseverance	the ability to endure difficulties with calmness and patience.
reconciled	restored relationship.
redeem/ redemption	buy back; to rescue with a ransom; Jesus paid the price for our release from sin - He redeemed us. relationship God wants a close, personal, daily relationship with you.
repent	regret something you have done; ask God to forgive you; and want to change your ways; turn away from sin.
resurrection	to come back to life after being dead.
righteous/ righteousness	being in a right relationship with God; without guilt or sin. God declares believers not guilty/ righteous because of their faith in Jesus.
salvation/saved	rescued or delivered from the penalty and power of sin in your life because you believe that Jesus, God's Son, came to earth and died on the cross to pay the penalty for your sins. He resurrected to life again to save all who trust in Him. Saved.
Satan	God's enemy; powerful angel who rebelled against God and was cast out of heaven; tempts people to sin.

Savior	Jesus Christ is “The Savior” because He delivers us from being punished for our sins.
servant	one who belongs to another; serves another; also called slave in the Bible.
sin	any action or attitude that falls short of God's perfect standard; separates us from a holy God. When we sin we show contempt for God. Sin keeps the world from working as God originally intended it to.
slander	to make an evil, false statement about someone that could hurt his/her reputation.
sovereign	having complete power and authority.
Spirit	see Holy Spirit (HS).
submit	to submit to others means respecting a person's authority; to submit to God means surrendering our own will to His; submitting is ongoing with every choice.
swear	to promise by something holy that you are telling the truth.
temptation	anything that attracts a person to do something unwise, wrong, or opposed to God's will.
transformation	God's promise and His work in believers' lives - radical and thorough change, both outward and inward to be more like Jesus.
trials/troubles	struggles or hard times that all Christians go through. God can use these hard times as opportunities to strengthen and mature our faith by causing us to depend more fully on Him.
Truth	God's Word is truth. It comes from God and can be trusted; genuine; honest; reliable; Jesus is called the Truth.
unity	harmony; in agreement; together with like purposes.
wisdom	God-given understanding; the ability to distinguish between right and wrong; comes from God.
worship	giving reverence and honor to God; expressing our love and praise to Him.
world	the values and ways of life found in the world that oppose the ways of God. People who live as though there is no God.