



Dictionary

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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	an affirmation of God's love and approval. It is a deep, abiding sense that we are secure in His presence.
 burlap & ashes	display of extreme remorse or repentance or grief ; rough clothing and markings with ashes. Sackcloth & Ashes.
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.
concubine	in the Old Testament, additional wives usually acquired by purchase, gift, or war victory.
conform	agree, follow, act according to socially acceptable standards; become similar in character.
culture	shared and accepted attitudes, values, goals, and practices in a society.
destiny	a predetermined course of events
disciple	"student"; a learner. Disciples of Jesus Christ want to think and live like Him.
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.
eunuch	a castrated man placed in charge of a harem or given duties in a palace.
faith	trust, loyalty, belief; accepting God's Word as fact; deciding to surrender and live your life to follow Jesus.
fasting	to go without food or drink for a certain length of time as a way to focus on and draw closer to God.
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; ceasing to demand punishment.
glorify	praise; worship; glorify God by obeying Him and living His way.
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.
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. God's power to help us do whatever we need to do.
harem	the wives, concubines, female relatives, and servants living together, secluded, and owned by one man.
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.
hell	a place of punishment for those who die without believing in Jesus Christ as their personal Savior.
holy	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)	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.
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.
Israelites	God's chosen people; Jews; God promised the land of Israel to these people.
Jesus	The Christ; anointed Son of God; true Messiah; Savior of the world. Paid the complete penalty for sin for the whole world.
Jews	descendants of Abraham; also called Israelites or Hebrews.
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	God's rules for living; commandments; makes people aware of sin and their sinfulness.
lots	objects (usually stones) were tossed like dice by ancient people to reach a decision. Purim.
mercy	deep caring, loving, forgiveness, and kindness when it is not deserved.
obey/obedience	believing and doing what God says; living like Him; pleasing Him; serving Him; getting to know Him better. Obeying God shows our trust in Him and His will.
peace	God-given contentment which results in total confidence in God for everything.

persecution	treating someone in a cruel way because he is different.
plunder	valuables and goods taken by force.
prejudice	irrational suspicion or hatred of a particular group, race, or religion; often leads to persecution.
providence	God's plan and purpose for the world. His providence is demonstrated by His active involvement in moving His creation to a goal. Intentional and purposeful.
Purim	a Jewish holiday celebrates that the deliverance of the Jews from massacre by Haman.
purity	God's cleansing process to make a person whole and like Jesus; it affects both character and conduct.
redeem/ redemption	buy back; to rescue with a ransom; Jesus paid the price for our release from sin - He redeemed us.
repent	regret something you have done; ask God to forgive you; and want to change your ways; turn away from sin.
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.
sackcloth	rough clothing worn as a sign of grief.
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.
Scripture	God's Words; 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.
sovereign	having complete power and authority.
temptation	anything that attracts a person to do something unwise, wrong, or opposed to God's will.
Truth	God's Word is truth. It comes from God and can be trusted; genuine; honest; reliable; Jesus is called the Truth.
virgin	a person who has not had sexual intercourse.
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.