



Dictionary Essentials

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 message of redemption, as well as our instruction book for life.
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.
Christian life	a living, daily relationship with God through Christ.
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.
darkness	absence of light; symbol of all that is evil, wrong, or opposed to God; characteristic of sin.
deceive	to mislead; lie; cause someone to believe something that is not true.
disciple	"student"; a learner. Disciples of Jesus Christ want to think and live like Him.
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.
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. Loyal to Christ.
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.
flesh	sinful condition of humans; anything worldly in contrast to anything Biblical or godly.
freedom	from sin, through Christ; He sets believers free from the power of sin, death, guilt, shame, all accusations and condemnations.

glorify	public display of the infinite beauty and worth of God; our praise and worship; our lives living for Him, His way.
glory	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.
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. Eternal separation from God by rejecting Him.
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.
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	having a realistic view of self in relation to God. Choosing to be modest instead of prideful,
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	refers to all descendants of Abraham; Israelites; Hebrews.
judgment	act or process of condemning - only God's to eternally 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, Old Testament (OT)	regulated almost every aspect of Jewish life. God gave the Law to help His people survive and to keep a relationship with Him. Jews created and added many man-made laws. People thought they were living holy lives by just obeying all these rules.
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.

light	opposite of darkness; makes things visible and clear to see; represents what is good, pure, true, and holy.
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 One chosen by God to die for our sins.
obey/obedience	believing and doing what God says; living like Him; pleasing Him; serving Him; getting to know Him better through His Word. Obeying God shows our trust in Him and His will.
Paul	originally Saul, a Pharisee and leader of anti-Christian movement. Met Jesus and became Paul, the apostle to the gentiles. Acts 20.
peace	God-given contentment resulting from having total confidence in God for everything.
persecution	treating someone in a cruel way because of faith in Christ, race, religion.
power	strength; authority. God revealed His power through history, acts of nature, individual lives, and the Holy Spirit.
prophet	a person who speaks for God to His people; one who gives God's message to the people.
reconciled	restored relationship; bring back together again.
redeem/ redemption	buy back; to rescue with a ransom; Jesus paid the price for our release from sin - He redeemed us by His blood.
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.
saint	a person who is saved by the blood of Christ.
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.
sanctify	God's cleansing process to make a person whole and like Jesus in both character and conduct.
Satan	God's enemy; powerful angel who rebelled against God and was cast out of heaven; tempts people to sin. Father of lies. Deceiver.
Savior	Jesus Christ is "The Savior" because He died in our place on the cross, delivers us from eternal death.
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 the holy and perfect God. Sin shows contempt for God and keeps the world from working as God originally intended it to.
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.
temptation	anything that attracts a person to do something unwise, wrong, or opposed to God's will.
transformation	God's promise and His work through the power of the Holy Spirit in believers' lives - radical and thorough change, both outward and inward to be more like Jesus.
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/ worldliness	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