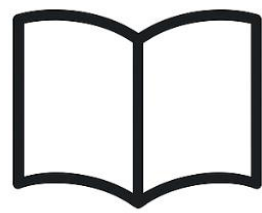


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WORDS OF LIFE

A GUIDE TO KEY
CHRISTIAN TERMS

Introduction

When you first step into the Christian faith, you may hear words that sound new, big, or even confusing - words like redemption, sanctification, or justification. These aren't just "church words", they carry the weight of the Gospel and help us understand who God is and what He has done for us through Jesus Christ.

This guide is designed for new believers and for those helping them. It isn't an academic dictionary. Instead, think of it as a compass — short, simple definitions with a verse to ground you in Scripture. Read through it slowly. Highlight the words that stand out. Look up the Bible verses. Use it in conversation, in Bible study, or in mentoring someone who is new to the faith.

Tip: Each word points back to Christ. Let this be a starting point for worship, prayer, and deeper study.

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Key Terms Every New Believer Should Know

Atonement

Jesus paid for our sins through His death on the cross, taking the punishment we deserved so we can be forgiven.

 Romans 3:25

Baptism

An outward sign of being united with Christ, symbolizing death to sin and new life in Him.

 Romans 6:4

The Bible (Scripture)

God's Word, written by human authors under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, true and authoritative in all it teaches.

 2 Timothy 3:16

The Church

The family of believers in Jesus across the world and throughout history, expressed locally in gatherings of Christians.

 Hebrews 10:24–25

Faith

Trusting fully in Jesus Christ for salvation and living daily in reliance on Him.

 Hebrews 11:1

Grace

God's undeserved kindness toward sinners. We are saved by grace, not by our works.

 Ephesians 2:8–9

The Gospel

The "good news" that Jesus lived a perfect life, died for sinners, and rose again, bringing forgiveness and eternal life to all who believe.

 1 Corinthians 15:1–4

Holiness

Being set apart for God, both in our position (through Christ) and in our daily life (by the Spirit).

 1 Peter 1:15–16

Justification

God declaring a sinner righteous because of Christ's perfect life and sacrifice — not because of anything we do.

 Romans 5:1

Lord's Supper (Communion)

A remembrance of Christ's sacrifice through bread and wine (or juice), symbolizing His body and blood.

 1 Corinthians 11:23–26

Mercy

God not giving us the judgment we deserve, but showing compassion instead.

 Titus 3:5

Prayer

Talking with God — praising Him, confessing sins, giving thanks, and asking for His help.

 Philippians 4:6

Redemption

Being set free from sin and death because Christ purchased us with His blood.

 Ephesians 1:7

Repentance

Turning away from sin and turning toward God in faith and obedience.

 Acts 3:19

Resurrection

Jesus rising from the dead in victory over sin and death, and the promise that all believers will also be raised.

 1 Corinthians 15:20–22

Salvation

God's rescue of sinners through Jesus Christ — freeing us from sin, death, and judgment.

 Titus 3:5


Sanctification

The lifelong process where the Holy Spirit makes believers more like Christ in holiness.

 1 Thessalonians 4:3

Sin

Anything we think, say, or do that breaks God's law or falls short of His holiness.

 Romans 3:23

Substitution

Jesus took our place on the cross, bearing the penalty we deserved.

 Isaiah 53:5

The Trinity

One God in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

 Matthew 28:19

Closing Encouragement

This is just a starting point. Each of these words is a doorway into a deeper understanding of God's character and His work in the world. As you grow, don't be afraid to ask questions, study Scripture, and lean on mature Christians around you.

Remember: Christianity isn't about mastering terms, it's about knowing Christ Himself!

Colossians 2:6–7 (ESV)

“Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.”