



GLOSSARY OF BIBLICAL AND THEOLOGICAL TERMS

Definitions are Essential. If we do not understand what a word means in the context of Scripture, we will never be able to walk in God's intentions for our lives. If we do not know God's intentions for our lives, we can easily be led astray by deceptive doctrines and people who twist and Re-Define God's word to serve their own purposes. If we are led astray from the simplicity of the Gospel, we may miss Heaven!

Accountability: Submitting to God's wisdom in others and their experiences who see beyond our blind spots. All people (including angels) are ultimately accountable to God for how they have lived and for what God has entrusted to them to do for Him. (Prov. 11:14; Rom. 14:12)

Ambassador (Natural and Spiritual): An official representative of a government or a nation who lives in a country that may be hostile to the government that the ambassador represents. The ambassador has the right to give asylum (protection) to an individual who desires to defect (change sides) from a hostile government to the ambassador's government. All Christians are Spiritual Ambassadors who represent Christ's Kingdom in the world and who willingly receive anyone who defects (leaves) the dark Systems of the World to become

part of God's Kingdom of light. (2 Cor. 5:20; Col. 1:12-14; 1 Pet. 2:9) (See Embassy and Systems of the Word)

Angels: Spirit beings created by God to assist Him in providentially caring for His people. People do not become angels when they die. Angels are never to be prayed to or worshiped. (Heb. 1:4-7, 14)

Assignment: A personal God-given mission, calling, and gifting that promotes God's Destiny for their life. (Rom. 1:1, 12:4-8; Eph. 4:8-16; 1 Cor. 12:1-12)

Atonement: The merciful redemptive work of God by which sinful humankind can be reconciled (restored) to God through their faith in the Substitutionary Atonement of Christ. He substituted Himself for all humankind whereby through His death, burial, and resurrection, He took their sins, shame, and punishment upon Himself. Through their faith in Christ's redemptive work, their sins are forgiven, they are justified before Him, and they are restored back to a righteous relationship with God. (Rom. 5:6-12; 2 Cor. 5:18) (See Incarnation and Reconciliation)

Believer: "Anyone who has chosen to believe in the Person and the biblical claims of Jesus Christ." (Bishop LaDonna Osborn, D.Min. "New Miracle Life Now," 2020) (Rom. 10:9-10)

Bible (The Scriptures - Genesis through Revelation): God's self-revelation written by human authors inspired by the Holy Spirit concerning Himself, His love for all people, His plan for the world, and His redemptive work that restores the fallen human race back to Himself through faith in His Son, Jesus Christ. (2 Tim. 3:15-17; 2 Pet. 1:20-21)

Born Again: Literally it means "Born from Above." It is the initial work of regeneration in the heart of a believer who trusts in Christ and His redemptive work. Spiritual rebirth means that the believer has an inner renewal from God based on the saving grace of God in Christ Jesus. The New Birth produces a new relationship with God with sins forgiven and a new beginning as a child of God. (John 3:3-6; 1 Pet. 1:3-5) (See Salvation)

Bride of Christ: The New Testament metaphor for the intense love relationship between Christ and His Church pictured as a bride betrothed to her husband. The Bride of Christ is His Church, which is His Redeemed People! (Rev. 21:2, 9) (See Church)

Character: The distinctive moral and ethical qualities that mark an individual's personality. Character is a person's ethical identity expressed by their life-values, how they treat others, and their reverence toward God. (2 Pet. 1:5-9)

Church: Literally, the "called-out-ones" of Christ. The church is not a building; it is the community of believers in Jesus who are called out of darkness into the marvelous light of Christ and who validates the reality of the redeemed life. The church meets in geographic locations around the world for worship, teaching, fellowship, care for one another, and to proclaim Christ to the world. (Matt. 16:18; Acts. 2:42-47; Col. 1:18; 1 Pet. 2:9)

Conversion: "The change that occurs when a person believes and responds to the good news of Jesus Christ on their behalf." (Bishop LaDonna Osborn, D.Min. "New Miracle Life Now," 2020) (Matt. 18:3; Acts 15:3)

Covenant: God's merciful plan for restoring a fallen world and humankind back to Himself and partnering with His people to represent His righteous rule on earth. Their covenant with God is activated, not by works, but by their faith response to the grace of God in Christ working in their lives. (Heb. 7:22; 8:6-13; 13:20-21)

Deception: Intentionally leading an individual astray by twisting, painfully wrenching scripture out of its proper context, and redefining truth. All deception follows Satan's evil pattern of misrepresenting God to people. (Gen. 3:1-5; 2 Cor. 11:3-4; Rev. 12:9)

Demonstration (Concerning the Witness of Christ's Church): Proven evidence by the actions, faith, and lifestyle of Christians testifying that the reality of God's Kingdom (His righteous rule) is exhibited in their lives. This is the active ingredient in being a witness for Christ. (Acts 17:2-4; 1 Cor. 2:4-5)

Destiny (Spiritual): Destiny is the kind intentions of the loving Creator who knows you and offers you His gracious plan to be His redeemed and adopted child, conformed to the image of Christ. His plan also includes adding His grace to your natural gifts for the benefit of others. Simply stated, your destiny is the final outcome of your influence in people's lives, and it's where you end up in life! (Eph. 1:4-14; Rom. 8:29; 12:6-13) (See Maturity)

Discernment (Spiritual): A spiritual gift of discerning spirits (demonic, angelic, or human spirits). It is also the mark of maturity when believers train their human senses (perceptions) to discern good and evil. (1 Cor. 12:10; Heb. 5:14)

Drama of the Kingdom of God: The dramatic reality of God's power that overthrew Lucifer's rebellion in heaven and that continues on earth with God's power over evil spirits that influence the lives of fallen human beings. Satan's kingdom of evil vies (strives for superiority) over God's Kingdom of righteousness in everyday life. Those who trust in God and His Son are victorious in Christ over the devil and all evil kingdoms of the world. (Is. 14:12-15; Matt. 10:1; Rev. 12:3-11) (See Systems of the World)

Embassy (Natural and Spiritual): The official headquarters of an ambassador who lives in a nation other than his own and represents his country's government. The embassy is the property of the nation the ambassador represents. If a person living in that foreign nation desires to defect (change sides) to the ambassador's nation, he or she would seek asylum (protection) in the embassy. God's Church is His Spiritual Embassy in a Fallen World and Christians are His Ambassadors of Christ. (2 Cor. 5:20-21) (See Ambassador)

Eschatology (the Study of the End Times): There are different Christian teachings concerning the details of this doctrine, but this is the essence: The end of the world is the biblical reality that God brings all things in heaven and earth to a fitting end in accordance with His righteous purposes that He declared from all eternity. It is the finished mystery of God in which everything concludes with Christ and His victorious church ruling together on the New Earth forever. (Rev. 10:7; 21:1-5; 22:3-7) (See New Heavens and New Earth)

Eternity: The realm that exists outside of God's physical creation of time and space. It is the endless realm in which all things are in perpetual present reality. For the Redeemed of the Lord, it is Eternal Life, Joy, Blessing, and Comfort in His glorious Presence. But for the wicked, it is eternal torment apart from God without end. (Luke 16:19-31)

Evil: Any base of authority that rises up against God, His purposes, and His intentions for His angels and for people. Evil began with Satan's rebellion against God, and it continues on earth when Satan (the devil) and his evil angels (evil spirits) were cast to the earth. Evil works through Satan, evil spirits, and wicked people who open their hearts to the devil. (Rev. 12:3-11; John 13:2, 27)

Expiation: Through the Substitutionary Atonement of Jesus, He took upon Himself all the guilt of fallen humanity's sins and pronounced them forgiven, without condemnation, when they believe what Jesus did for them. (Is. 53:4-6; John 8:3-11; Heb. 10:22)

Faith: The Christian belief system that trusts in the redemptive work of God's Son, Jesus. Faith is our response to God's prior action of Saving Grace. It is impossible to please God without faith. (Eph. 2:8; Rom. 10:9-11; Heb. 11:6) "Faith is choosing to trust in the integrity of God by accepting as true and dependable the words of instruction and promise that have been given to us in the Bible." (Bishop LaDonna Osborn, D.Min. "New Miracle Life Now," 2020)

Forgiveness: The act of pardoning sin without condemnation and treating a person as if the offense had never occurred. Forgiveness is the merciful act of God granted to all who have godly sorrow for sins, repent (change), and look to God for His forgiving grace. God requires Christians to forgive all who sin against them. (John 8:3-11; Eph. 4:32; Luke 7:46-50)

Freedom of Choice: It was through the free will choice of Adam and Eve that sin exists in people today. Sin continues because all have sinned against God. Freedom to choose is the power God has granted to both humans and angels to determine how they should live and the decisions they make based on God's will and the options set before them, even if those options oppose God's commands and intentions. Though all are free to obey or reject God's will and His commandments, all will be held accountable for the choices they make. (Gen. 2:16-17; 3:1-19; Is. 14:12-15; Rom. 3:23; 14:12) (See Judgment)

God: God is love (1 John 4:8). The Westminster Confession of Faith defines God as, "Spirit, infinite, eternal and unchangeable in His being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth." God is one, undivided in His essence, and eternally existing in three distinct Persons. (Athanasian Creed – 500 A.D.) (Also, See Lord and Trinity)

1. The Father is God– The “First” Person of the Triune God (in redemptive order). He is the Originator and Creator of all things. (Gen. 1:1; Matt. 6:9; John 3:16)

2. The Son is God – The “Second” Person of the Triune God (in redemptive order). He has always eternally existed as God. In the Incarnation, God’s Son became a flesh and blood man (Jesus) without ceasing to be God (deity), and He was God (deity) without ceasing to be man. Unless people believe in (have faith in) His redemptive work, no one can be saved. (John 1:1-14; John 3:16; 10:30; Matt. 17:5) (See Incarnation)

3. The Holy Spirit is God – The “Third” Person of the Triune God (in redemptive order) who eternally proceeds (is sent forth) from the Father and the Son to be with and live in believers in Jesus Christ. He is God working on earth and in the lives of believers. He is the Administrator of God’s Kingdom. (John 15:26; 16:13-15) (See Holy Spirit)

Gospel: The “Good News” that God and His Kingdom came to earth in Jesus to restore people back to Himself. (Mark 1:15; Luke 4:18-19) “It is the good news of what the Loving Creator did on behalf of all human persons to reverse their hopeless condition and to provide for them His own divine life.” (Bishop LaDonna Osborn, D.Min. “New Miracle Life Now,” 2020)

Grace: Grace is the undeserved power of God’s divine favor operating in believers’ lives. Grace is mercifully given by the offended God to the offending sinner that extends the promise of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ without any merit on his or her part. (Eph. 2:8-10)

Heart: The “inner person” – The heart is center of the human will, desires, affections, emotions, purposes, passions, and courage. With the heart, a person believes all that Jesus did on Calvary’s cross and is saved. (Rom. 10:9-10)

Heaven (Paradise): The spiritual realm of God’s eternal presence and the glorious estate and reward for all believers who die physically while trusting in the redemptive work of God’s Son, Jesus. However, when Jesus returns to the earth, He will renovate the present earth into the “New Earth.” The present heaven will come down (spiritually transported) to the New Earth, which will be the final and forever glorious estate of all the redeemed of the Lord. (Luke 23:43; Rev. 21:1-5) (See New Heaven and New Earth)

Hell: The eternal realm where the wicked are totally separated from God with spiritual darkness, torment, defilement and anguish. God does not take pleasure in the punishment of the wicked, but that they should turn from their ways and live. Hell is the final estate of those who personally choose to reject God's gracious offer of redemption and forgiveness through His Son, Jesus Christ. (Ezek. 18:23; Luke 16:19-31; 2 Thess.1:7-9) (See Judgment)

Holy Spirit: He is the "Third" Person (in redemptive order) of the Triune God. He is the presence and power of God working in the world. He discloses and applies the redemptive work of Jesus to human hearts leading to salvation. The Holy Spirit lives in those who commit their lives to Jesus. He empowers and gives spiritual gifts to believers to be witnesses for Christ in the world. He guides, corrects, and leads believers into all truth. The Holy Spirit is the "Administrator" of the Kingdom of God on earth and oversees God's providential work in human lives. (John 15:26; 16:13-15; Acts 1:8) (See God and Trinity)

Incarnation: The spiritual mystery which is the only way that the redemption of sinful humankind could have been accomplished. God became a flesh and blood human being while remaining fully God (deity). Jesus had to be human because He represented the entire fallen human race as the "Last Adam." Jesus had to be God because mankind's spiritual bankrupt life could neither pay the penalty of sin nor render perfect obedience to God on behalf of all humanity. As God's Son, His sacrifice was of infinite value to redemptively free all who, by faith, accept Him to be who Scripture declares Him to be. (John 1:1-14; Rom. 5:8-11; 1 Cor. 15:45) (See Atonement)

Jesus: He is the Christ (Messiah) who came to save lost humanity. "The name given to the human and divine child born of the Virgin Mary, whom she conceived by the Holy Spirit of the Eternal Creator, and who was God Incarnate, born to fulfill the divine purpose." (Bishop LaDonna Osborn, D.Min. "New Miracle Life Now," 2020. (Luke 1:26-33) (See God)

Judgment: The final decision of God over the lives of all human beings (including angels) that results in eternal consequences for rebellion against God or rewards for obedience to Him and faith in Jesus. All humans are judged based on their response to the redemptive work of God's Son on behalf of fallen humankind. Believers in Christ are saved from eternal judgment, but they will receive or lose rewards based on how they used the gifts He entrusted to them. (Mark 16:16; John 3:19-21; Rom. 14:12; Matt. 25:14-30; 1 Cor. 3:10-15)

Justification: God's unmerited spiritual declaration that believers have been made blameless before God (free from their guilt of sin) based on their faith in Jesus who took their sins, shame, and punishment upon Himself and imparted to them His righteousness. (Rom. 5:15-16; 8:29-30; Jude 24) (See Expiation and Propitiation)

Kingdom of Evil: The wicked rule of Satan's evil influence on earth and in the lives of fallen human beings causing them to revolt against God, His Kingdom, and His righteous purposes for all people on earth. However, the Kingdom of Evil will be utterly destroyed by Christ when He returns to the earth. (Gen. 3:1-5; Is. 14:12-15; Dan. 7:13-14; Rev. 11:15; 12:9-10)

Kingdom of God: The present reality of God's righteous rule and reign in heaven and earth. God is sovereign over all the kingdoms of the world and His Kingdom is forever. The Kingdom of God is equivalent to the King, for wherever Christ is, so is His Kingdom. For the redeemed of the Lord, Christ and His Kingdom dwell in their hearts. Their assignment is to demonstrate His Kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. (Dan. 7:13-14, 18; Matt. 4:17; 6:10; Rev. 11:15) (See Demonstration)

Leaven (Spiritual): Jesus used this term as a teaching point concerning the slow growing influences in people's lives, either for good or for evil. (Matt. 13:33; 16:6-12)

Maturity (Spiritual): The result of the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit (also using the Word of God along with biblical preaching and teaching) that transforms God's people to reflect the redeemed image of God that had been lost because of sin. The end result of maturity will be when hearts and minds begin to think and act more like Jesus. (Eph. 4:11-16; Rom. 8:29; 2 Cor. 3:18; Ps. 90:12) (See Sanctification)

New Heaven and New Earth: This is the final and forever glorious estate of all the redeemed of the Lord when Jesus returns to the earth. The present heaven is also called Paradise, the New Jerusalem, and the City of the Living God, and it is where those who die in the Lord are now. The present heaven will come down (be spiritually transported) to the New Earth and will no longer be in the eternal realm as before. God will purge (not destroy) the present earth of all evil and corruption and He will renovate it for the final dwelling place of God and His glorified humanity. (Rev. 21:1-5; 2 Pet. 3:13; Luke 23:43; Rom. 8:19-22; Heb. 12:22-23) (See Heaven)

Lord: “The title used in reference to God the Creator and Master of all creation.” (Bishop LaDonna Osborn, D.Min. “New Miracle Life Now,” 2020)

Lord (Jehovah also Yahweh): English transliterations for the self-revealing identity and name of God that He gave to Moses. The Hebrew name of Lord is translated, “I am who I am.” The context of this revelation refers to the covenantal relationship that God has to His people as the Eternal Self-existing One who redeems them from bondage. (Ex. 3:13-14)

Love: An additional identity of God (God is Love). God is always self-giving, never self-seeking, and always intending good, not evil, to all people. God’s love is unconditionally extended without regard to the worthiness of its recipient. Yet, God’s unconditional love does not equate to unconditional salvation. God, in His love, sent His Son to fallen humanity so that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life. Thus, the great commandment is to love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. And Jesus commands Christians to love others as He loves them. (Mark 12:29-31; John 3:16; 13:34; Rom. 13:10; 1 John 4:8)

Lucifer: (Translated as “shining one” or “star of the morning.”) He is an angel originally created by God as good. But in the freedom of his will, he challenged God’s authority in heaven and drew away a third of the angels into his rebellion. Lucifer is the fallen angel, called Satan and the devil, who was cast out of heaven and deceives the whole world. However, through Christ’s death on the cross and resurrection, Satan’s power over Christians has been disarmed, and in the end, God will utterly destroy him and all who follow him! (Is. 14:12-15 NKJV; Ezek. 28:13-17; Col. 2:13-15; Rev. 12:3-9) (See Satan)

Miracle: “The intervention of the eternal God in human affairs that cannot be explained by natural reasoning.” (Bishop LaDonna Osborn, D.Min. “New Miracle Life Now,” 2020) (John 2:3-11; 4:46-54; 1 Cor. 12:10)

Mixture (Spiritual): The demonic ploy that clueless Christians fall into by accepting the beliefs of world religions that have been subtly blended into the Christian Faith. The end result of mixture makes their faith worthless! (Luke 21:8; Gal. 1:6-9; Col. 2:8; 1 Tim. 6:20-21)

Peace (Spiritual): A deep spiritual sense of well-being that is imparted to the redeemed of the Lord by their Savior. By this they know they are one with the Father and the Son. They are

confident that God is present and in control of all things, regardless of life's difficulties and imminent dangers. (John 14:27; 16:33; Philip. 4:7; Rom. 15:13)

Power (Spiritual): The dynamic energy and strength of the Holy Spirit to perform God's will in and through believers. He gives power to witness for Christ, to bless others with spiritual gifts, and grace to help those who are suffering. (Acts 1:8; 1 Cor. 12:10; 2 Cor. 12:7-9)

Prayer: "Communication between human persons and God, who welcomes rapport and interaction with people." (Bishop LaDonna Osborn, D.Min. "New Miracle Life Now," 2020) (Matt. 6:9-13; Philip. 4:6-7)

Presence of God: The all-knowing, all-present and all-powerful person of God who is everywhere at the same time in heaven and earth. God's presence is with believers and goes before them to open hearts to the message of the Gospel that is preached. God's presence empowers believers for His work in the world. (Ex. 33:13-16; Acts 1:8; 3:19; 16:14-15)

Promise: "A promise is a word that goes forth into unfilled time. It reaches ahead of its speaker and its recipient, to mark an appointment between them in the future. Unlike men, God knows and commands the future." (The New Bible Dictionary, Third Edition, 1996)

Propitiation: Through the Substitutionary Atonement of Jesus, He became the propitiation (atoning sacrifice that appeased the wrath of God) for the sins of all the world such that by faith in His gracious work, believers are saved from the wrath to come. (Rom. 3:23-25; 1 John 2:2)

Providence: The extraordinary working of God's sovereignty in a believer's life that causes all things to work together for good to those who love Him and who are called according to His purposes. (Gen. 50:20; Acts 10:9-48; Rom. 8:28)

Reconciliation: The redemptive act of God through Christ, whereby He removes the offense of sin, declares the believer righteous by faith in Jesus, and restores the broken relationship between them and God. (Rom. 5:6-12; 2 Cor. 5:18-19)

Redemption: The incalculable cost paid by God's Son to take upon Himself the full penalty of sin that all humanity deserved. All who believe in Him and His redemptive work are forgiven and restored back to right standing with God. (Rom. 3:23-24; Eph. 1:7; Col. 1:14)

Regeneration: "To be spiritually reformed or recreated and restored to a higher state as a member of God's family." (Bishop LaDonna Osborn, D.Min. "New Miracle Life Now," 2020) (2 Cor. 5:17; Rom. 6:4; 8:14-17)

Repentance: (Literally, to change one's mind for the better.) To change or turn away from the way a sinful person thinks, acts and believes. It means to renounce and forsake a faulty belief system and to fully adopt and begin practicing a new way of living in Christ. Without repentance (turning to Christ), there is no forgiveness of sin. (Acts. 2:38; 2 Cor. 7:10)

Restoration: A complete renewal by God, through Christ's redemptive work, back to His original intentions for humanity before their fall into sin. (Rom. 6:4; 2 Cor. 5:17-21)

Resurrection: "After being in a tomb for three days, the power of the Sovereign Lord raised Jesus Christ from the dead. This historical and biblical event sets the Christian faith apart from all religions, for Jesus is alive today." (Bishop LaDonna Osborn, D.Min. "New Miracle Life Now," 2020) (John 11:25; 1 Thess. 4:14-16; 1 Cor. 15:13-17)

Return of Christ: The spiritually cataclysmic event that will occur when Jesus physically returns to the earth to consummate the final redemption of His people through resurrection and glorification (fully conformed to Christ's image). His return will utterly destroy all that is evil and usher in His never-ending Kingdom of righteousness on the New Earth. The Return of Christ is directly tied into witness of God's Church in the earth (Matt. 16:27; John 14:3; Acts 1:11; Matt. 24:14). (See New Heaven and New Earth)

Righteousness: Right standing with God. It results in spiritual purity and full acceptance by God that can only be imputed by Christ to the repentant sinner who has faith in Him. (Rom. 3:21-26; 2 Cor. 5:17-21)

Salvation: All of God's redemptive acts toward fallen humankind by which they are spiritually delivered and rescued from all that would ruin their souls. All who have faith in the redemptive work of Jesus are restored back to their original destiny in God and right relationship with Him. Salvation is comprehensive in that it changes the way a person believes, thinks, and behaves. (Luke 19:10; John 3:16-17; Acts. 4:12; Rom. 10:9-10)

Sanctification: Being "set apart" and "dedicated" by God for His righteous purposes. It is a lifetime process that begins with the New Birth and continues throughout life culminating in heaven when believers die in the Lord. It's the gracious and continuous operation of the Triune God by which He delivers the justified sinner from the pollution of sin, renews their whole nature into the Image of Christ, and enables them to perform His will on earth.

(1 Thess. 5:23; 2 Thess. 2:13; 1 Pet. 1:1-2)

Satan: The fallen angel that rebelled against God and was cast out of heaven to the earth. He is called the devil that deceives the world. (Is. 14:12-15 NKJV; Rev. 12:3-9) (See Lucifer)

Seed: The productive unit of a plant that germinates and grows into a mature plant. It also refers to children of good or evil parents. "Spiritual" seed refers to both Christ and to the word of God implanted in believers bringing salvation. (Matt. 13:3-30, 36-40; Gal. 3:16; 1 Pet. 1:23)

Seeking: Passionately desiring and pursuing with all diligence. This means refusing to stop or relinquish human efforts until the goal has been achieved. (Matt. 6:33; Heb. 11:6)

Sin: "The condition of all human persons born into the consequences of the rebellion of the first human persons, which resulted in the alienation of people from their loving Creator, the one true God." (Bishop LaDonna Osborn, D.Min. "New Miracle Life Now," 2020) Also, any action or intention of fallen humankind that is born out of Satan's evil kingdom. (Gen. 4:7; Rom. 3:23; 5:12; 1 John 3:8) (See Evil)

Spiritual Authority: This is not human organizational power over people's lives to govern and control them. It is the power of righteous rule that emanates from God Himself and that He delegates to His people to represent the righteous cause of His Kingdom and to influence people for Christ in the earth! Spiritual Authority also includes overcoming the devil and evil

spirits. Our spiritual authority is never autocratic or authoritarian. On a personal level, the believer's spiritual authority begins when they take dominion over themselves and govern their own lives in Christ! (Ps. 103:19; Matt. 10:1; 2 Cor. 10:3-5; 1 Pet. 5:1-4; Rev. 12:11)

Spiritual Warfare: Engaging in a spiritual (not physical) war against evil, its concepts, strategies, and practices. On a personal level, this war begins as believers fight against their own fallen nature and satanic influences in their lives! (Eph. 4:14-32; 5:1-21; 2 Cor. 10:3-5)

Strategy: An overarching plan using all available resources working together to accomplish a goal, win a war, or fulfill a desired result. Spiritual prophecies reveal God's strategy for His people (Strategy is the Greek word for "fight"). (1 Tim. 1:18; 2 Cor. 10:4-6)

Subjection: A military term meaning to align and arrange oneself under the command of a leader and submit to his orders for battle. Christians subject their lives to Christ, the King of His Kingdom, and to one another. This includes honoring and accepting God's spiritual gifts that He gives to both men and women. (Eph. 5:21-33; Heb. 12:9)

Systems of the World: World Systems are the organized workings of Satan's kingdom in society promoting self-desire, self-gratitude, and self-exaltation, which enslave and control people to do his will. (John 15:18-19; 17:14-18; 1 John 2:15-17)

Theology (The Study of God): Man's best attempt to study the whole of scripture, synthesize and categorize its truths into logical and organized thoughts and present it as doctrinal statements concerning God, His intentions for humankind and the world. (2 Tim. 2:15; 3:15-17)

Trinity: The central spiritual mystery of the Christian faith concerning the Godhead, which is one God in three persons. God is a complex manifold being who is one undivided essence in which there are three persons (separate, rational, moral identities). To each person belongs the undivided essence and full attributes of God, such that the Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Spirit is God. The Father is the Originator and Creator of all things. The Son is the Instrument through which the Father created all things. The Holy Spirit is the Power that fulfills all that the Father and the Son desires. The reality of the Trinitarian Godhead is essential in God's plan of salvation because all three persons of the Trinity are intimately involved in the process of redemption. Though the word, "Trinity," is not in the Bible, the

evidence of the Great Trinitarian God is throughout God's word. (Gen. 1:26; Matt. 28:18-20; Luke 10:22; John 5:22; 10:30; Acts 16:6-7) (See God)

Vice-Regents (Spiritual): God created humankind in His image and delegated them as co-rulers with Him on the earth to represent His righteous rule (His Kingdom). Christians are God's redeemed spiritual vice-regents who rule with God (always in keeping with His character) in the midst of the world's hostile environment. (Gen. 1:26-28; Ps. 8:6-8; Matt. 25:23; Rev. 5:10)

Witness (Spiritual): One who personally testifies of Christ's saving grace and demonstrates it (gives evidence) with his or her life regardless of the consequences. (Witness is the Greek word from which the English word "Martyr" is derived.) (Acts 1:8; Matt. 28:18-20; Luke 24:46-49) "The words and actions of people who believe in Jesus Christ, who inform others of God's love for them and of His offer of eternal salvation and new life because of His suffering on their behalf, inviting them to enter a personal relationship with Jesus Christ." (Bishop LaDonna Osborn, D.Min. "New Miracle Life Now," 2020)

Worship (Christian): A believer in Christ who expresses deep personal admiration and love for who God is, for what He did, and what He continues to do in their lives and in the world. Worship flows from humble hearts knowing that God rescued them from destruction when they were both helpless and unworthy to receive His help. Only God deserves this kind of worship. (Ex. 12:27; Ps. 95:6-7; Matt. 4:8-10; 14:22-33; Rom. 5:6-11; Rev. 7:9-12)

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