

GLOSSARY

(These are not exhaustive definitions. They tell how the words are used in this manual.)

ADORATION	Great love, devotion and respect. You can adore God in prayer by focusing on all that He is and all He has done and by honoring Him.
ASCENSION (OF CHRIST)	Name describing what happened following the Resurrection when Jesus Christ publicly and visibly left earth and entered heaven where He acts on our behalf.
BODY OF CHRIST	A group which includes all those who have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and are believers in Him. Christ is the Head of the Body and individual believers are various members of it. This term is sometimes used to refer to the Church.
CHURCH	A group of people who know and love Christ; a local congregation.
COMMITMENT	A pledge or a promise of faithfulness; the entrusting of oneself into the charge or keeping of another.
CONFESSION	To acknowledge sin and guilt before God.
CRUCIFIXION	A very painful form of death used frequently in Roman times; a person was nailed or bound to a cross. Christ's death on the cross was to reconcile man with God.
DEVIL	Chief opponent to God, His plans and His people; a real being referred to in the Bible as Satan, god of this world, adversary, enemy.
ETERNAL	Having no beginning and no end.
FAITH	Synonyms include trust, belief, hope. Having faith in God involves abandoning trust in one's own resources and relying on God.
FELLOWSHIP	A group of people mutually sharing experiences, activities and interests. Christ is the unifying bond in Christian fellowship.
GRACE	The undeserved love and mercy of God towards man.
HOLY	1. Spiritually perfect or pure; 2. Set apart for God's use.
IMMUTABLE	That quality of God's perfection whereby He does not change.
IMMORTAL	Enduring, deathless, living forever.
INFINITE	Having no limits or boundaries; extending beyond measure or comprehension.
JUSTIFICATION	God's declaration of guilty men as righteous because of their faith in Christ. Simply put, God pardons my sin so that I am <u>just-as-if-I'd</u> never sinned.I
MEDITATE	To reflect or think deeply on something.
OMNIPOTENCE	A word describing God's ability to do whatever He wills or desires.
OMNIPRESENCE	God's presence everywhere at once. He fills the universe in all its parts; not a part, but the whole of God is present in every place.

OMNISCIENCE	God's perfect and eternal knowledge of all things: past, present and future.
PERSEVERANCE	Continuing to strive toward a goal in spite of difficulties, obstacles or opposition.
PRAISE	An expression of joy to God in response to who He is and what He's done.
PRAYER	Talking with God and expressing our love, needs and thanksgiving.
PRIORITIES	People or things in a person's life which are most important to him.
PROPHECY	Used two ways in the Bible: 1. the proclamation of God's message; 2. predictions concerning the future.
RESURRECTION	Christ's bodily return to life after His death. Because of Christ, Christians will also experience resurrection, a bodily return to life after death.
SALVATION	To be rescued or saved from something. For Christians, salvation especially refers to being saved from God's judgment.
SANCTIFICATION	A process of inward change whereby the Holy Spirit makes the believer more and more like Christ. It results in a life of more goodness and godliness
SERVANT	One who is ready to do whatever is needed or wanted by another person. Jesus Christ is the model for each believer of giving totally of oneself to others.
SIN	Any failure, error, transgression, unrighteousness which separates us from God.
SUPERNATURAL	Something which exists or occurs outside the normal experience or knowledge of man and is caused by other than the known forces of nature.
SUPPLICATION	Asking God for something in prayer.
WITNESS	One who gives a firsthand account of something that has occurred; also, to testify or give evidence. A believer witnesses when he tells what he knows and is experiencing in Christ.
WORSHIP	The expressing to God of love and devotion.