Glossary

The right-hand column lists the lesson in the study guide in which the word is first used.

	Less	on
abandon	 to withdraw protection, support, or help from 	3
accountable	— responsible, answerable	5
acquits	 releases or frees from an obligation or accusation 	8
alien	 foreign; outside; belonging to another person, place, or thing 	3
apostasy	 the act of forsaking completely a previous loyalty, such as a religious faith 	4
appease	 to bring to a state of peace; pacify; conciliate 	1
appropriate	— to take for oneself; use as one's own	7
appropriation	 the act of taking possession of something for a specific use 	7
arbitrary	 selected at random or without reason; selected without a plan, purpose, or pattern 	5
assent	— agreement	3
atonement	 reconciliation of God and mankind through the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ 	1
belittle	 to cause a person or thing to seem little or less 	1
cancellation	 — the act of destroying, of bringing to nothingness 	7

carnal	 relating to or given to bodily pleasures and appetites; fleshly; relating to humanity's lower nature 	10
chain reaction	 a series of events so related to each other that each one initiates the next 	10
citizen	 an inhabitant; a resident; a person who owes his or her loyalty to a government and receives protection from it 	3
climactic	— of or relating to a major turning point	10
compassion	 — sympathetic awareness of another's distress with a desire to lessen or relieve it 	1
compromise	 to make a shameful or disreputable concession 	3
concept	 something conceived in the mind; idea; notion; a class of objects or events 	1
condemnation	— blame; the act of pronouncing guilty	10
conditional	 dependent upon the terms of an agreement 	3
conditioned	 brought or put into a specified state; produced by conditioning 	3
confrontation	 the clashing of forces or ideas; a face-to- face meeting 	4
consequences	— results; effects	2
consuming	 using up; wasting; doing away with completely 	6
conversion	 the act of turning from sin to the Lord Jesus for forgiveness of sins, which includes a complete turnabout involving every part of a person's being 	4
converted	 one who has experienced conversion is said to have converted; in this sense, one who has changed from unbelief to faith in the Lord Jesus for salvation has converted 	3

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conviction	— the act of convincing a person of error; a strong persuasion or belief	7
corruption	 decay; departure from what is pure or correct 	6
credit	 the balance in a person's favor; something entrusted to another 	7
crisis	 an emotionally significant event or radical change in a person's life 	6
decisive	 marked by determination or firmness; implies the ability or intent to settle an undecided matter once and for all 	4
depreciated	 spoke slightingly of; belittled; disparaged 	10
destined	 that which is decreed beforehand; predetermined; that which is set apart for a specific purpose or end 	6
destiny	 something to which a person or thing is destined; predetermined course of events held by some to be an irresistible power or agency 	5
deterministic	 view which holds that God determined in eternity past that some should be saved and have eternal life and some should be eternally lost 	5
disembodied	— separated from the body	8
dominant	 most powerful or influential; controlling; governing 	5
doomed	 condemned to eternal punishment: separated from God's presence and consigned to hell 	5
down payment	 part of the full price paid at the time of purchase or delivery, with the balance to be paid later 	8
dynamic	— active; marked by energy; forceful	3

earnest (noun)	 money given or something done at the time of a bargain as a pledge that the bargain will be carried out; thing that shows what is to come; pledge; token 	8
elect (the)	 refers to those who are selected by God for special office, work, honor 	5
election	 refers to the divine choice of nations or communities for the possession of special privileges with reference to the performance of special services; the divine choice of individuals to a particular office or work; the divine choice of a corporate group of individuals to be the children of God, and therefore heirs of eternal life 	5
elements	 the basic parts of which anything is made up 	3
endurance	 the ability to withstand hardship, adversity, or stress; power to put up with, bear, or stand 	3
enlightened	 freed from ignorance and misinformation; based on a full comprehension of the problems involved 	4
ethical	 having to do with standards of right and wrong; of ethics or morals 	9
exalt	 make high in rank, honor, power, character, or quality; elevate 	1
externally	— on the outside; coming from without	8
fatalism	 a doctrine that teaches that events are fixed in advance for all time in such a manner that human beings are powerless to change them; a belief in or attitude determined by this doctrine 	5

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fatalistic	 accepting things and events as inevitable; of or having to do with fatalism or fatalists 	5
fate	— one's lot or fortune; final outcome; destiny	7
foreordain	— means to decide upon beforehand	5
foreordination	 refers to God's determination in eternity to carry out His purpose to save those who accept His Son and the offer of salvation; an ordaining beforehand 	5
forfeit	 lose or have to give up by one's own act, neglect, or fault; loss or giving up of something as a penalty 	8
forsake	 to renounce (as something once cherished) without intent to recover or resume 	2
glorification	 God's act to complete our salvation, making us morally perfect for eternity, and bringing us into His presence in a body like Christ's glorious body (Philippians 3:21) 	10
Graeco-Roman	 having characteristics that are partly Greek and partly Roman 	8
grief	 great sadness caused by trouble or loss; heavy sorrow 	2
grieve	— feel grief; be very sad	2
heir	 person who receives or has the right to receive someone's property or title after that one dies; person who inherits property 	8
humiliation	 a lowering of pride, dignity, or self-respect; state or feeling of being humiliated 	10
idolatry	 the worship of a physical object as a god; immoderate attachment or devotion to something 	2

implantation	 instilling or fixing securely or deeply; to set permanently in the consciousness or habit patterns 	6
imputation	— the act of imputing	7
impute	 to credit to a person or cause: attribute to lay responsibility or blame for, often falsely or unjustly 	7
incarnate	 embodied in flesh; in Christian theology the union of divine nature and human nature in the person of Jesus; the Son of God taking upon himself human form 	1
incriminating	 the kind of evidence that indicates involvement in a fault or crime 	0
inheritance	 to get as one's own a possession, condition, or trait from past generations; something that is or may be inherited 	8
intellect	 power of knowing, understanding; mind; the power of knowing as distinguished from the power to feel and to will 	3
intellectual	 of or relating to the intellect or its use; developed or chiefly guided by the intellect rather than by emotion or experience 	3
intercession	 the act of interceding; prayer, petition, 1 or entreaty in favor of another 	0
internally	— inside; inside the body	8
irresistible	 impossible to resist successfully; overwhelming; too great to be withstood 	4
irresponsible	 — said or done with no sense of responsibility; untrustworthy; unreliable 	5
judicial	 of or by judges; having to do with the administration of justice 	8

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justification	 the act of God's free grace by which He pardons sin and declares that the repentant sinner is righteous on the basis of Christ's righteousness 	7
liable	 obligated according to law or equity; responsible; exposed or subject to usually adverse action 	8
liberation	— the state of being liberated	8
majestic	 having or exhibiting majesty; stately; sublime; glorious 	9
merit	 something that deserves praise or reward; commendable quality 	5
meritorious	 deserving of reward or honor; having merit; worthy; commendable 	7
moral	 of or relating to principles of right and wrong in behavior 	9
motivating	 providing with a motive or incentive; inducing one to act 	5
motivation	 the act or process of furnishing with an incentive or inducement to action 	6
negative conversion	 refusal to follow any further one's religious faith or moral principles; abandonment of previous loyalty; desertion 	4
objective standard	 refers to the use of the Bible to verify the reality of one's conversion experience; involves the use of scriptural facts rather than personal feelings or prejudices to judge spiritual experiences 	4
obstacle	 something that stands in the way or stops progress 	3

offenders	 persons who do wrong or break the law; those who transgress the divine or moral law 	7
passive	 being acted on without itself acting; not acting in return; not resisting; yielding or submitting to the will of another 	6
passively	— inactive; inert; submissive	3
paternal	 of or like a father, fatherly; received or inherited from one's father 	8
patriarchal period	— the period of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob	8
penalty	 punishment imposed by law; disadvantaged attached to some act or condition; something forfeited by a person if an obligation is not fulfilled 	1
persecutor	 one who annoys others with persistent or urgent approaches; one who harasses others in a manner designed to injure, grieve or afflict them: specifically because of their beliefs 	4
perverted	 corrupted; those who have been turned away from what is true, desirable, good, or morally right 	10
philosophy	 study of the truth or principles underlying all real knowledge; study of the most general causes and principles of the universe 	4
pilgrimages	 journeys to sacred places as acts of religious devotion; long journeys 	7

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positional	 of, having to do with, or depending on the position a believer occupies in relation to God; in sanctification, referring to the change of position by which a corrupt sinner is changed into a holy worshiper. 	9
potential	 capable of coming into being or action; possible as opposed to actual 	3
predestined	 that which has been destined, decreed, determined, appointed or settled before hand; foreordained 	5
predicament	 a difficult, perplexing, trying, or dangerous situation 	1
profane	 not sacred; worldly; secular; not holy because unconsecrated, impure, or defiled 	9
progressive	 of, relating to, or characterized by progression; moving forward or onward: advancing; developing 	9
propitiation	 the act of reducing the anger of, winning the favor of, appeasing one who has been offended 	1
quicken	 to make alive: revive; to cause to be enlivened intensely 	6
ransom	 price paid or demanded before a captive is set free 	1
rebellion	 opposition to one in authority or dominance; resistance against any power or restriction 	1
reconciliation	 a reconciling; bringing together again in friendship; settlement or adjustment of differences 	1
re-creation	 the act of creating anew; a thing created anew 	6

redemption	 deliverance from certain evil by the payment of a price 	1
renovation	 act of restoring to life, vigor, or activity: revive 	8
repentance	 may be defined as the experience in which one recognizes that he or she has sinned, feels sorry about the sin, turns from it, and gives it up completely 	2
resources	 supplies that will meet needs; stocks or reserves upon which to draw when necessary 	3
restitution	 act of making good any loss, damage, or injury; reparation; amends; restoration of something to its rightful owner 	2
restrain	 hold back; keep in check or keep within limits: repress, curb 	9
righteousness	 condition of one who does right, behaves justly and acts virtuously; one whose actions are proper, just, and right 	1
rites	 prescribed forms or manners governing the words or actions for ceremonies 	7
ritual	 form or system of rites; a prescribed order of performing a ceremony or rite 	7
sacraments	 formal religious acts that are sacred as signs or symbols of spiritual reality; something especially sacred; baptism and communion are two sacraments with which most Christians are familiar 	6
sacrificial	— having to do with or used in sacrifice	1
sanctifies	 makes holy; makes legitimate or binding by a religious sanction; sets apart as sacred 	5
secular	- not religious or sacred: worldly	9
sovereign	 above all others; supreme; greatest; very excellent or powerful 	1

sovereignty	— supreme power or authority	2
subjection	 bringing under some power or influence; condition of being under some power or influence 	9
symbolize	 to serve as a symbol of; to represent, express, or identify by a symbol 	6
transcendent	 surpassing ordinary limits; excelling; superior; extraordinary 	10
transformation	 condition brought about in a thing or a person because of a thoroughgoing or fundamental change in appearance, shape, or nature 	4
unconditional	— not limited: absolute, unqualified	3
unmerited	- not merited; undeserved; unearned	1
unreconciled	 not reconciled; not restored to friendship; state in which differences between two or more parties have not been adjusted 	7
unregenerate	 not born again spiritually; not turned to the love of God; wicked; bad 	6
upright	— good; honest; righteous	9
uprightness	 state of being good, honest, and righteous 	7
verdict	 the finding or decision of a judge or jury on a matter submitted for trial 	7
verify	 prove to be true; check for accuracy; confirm 	8
vitality	 strength or vigor of mind or body; energy 	3
yoke	 — something that holds people in slavery or submission; rule; dominion 	2
zeal	 eager desire or effort; earnest enthusiasm; fervor 	2