

Glossary

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

		<i>Lesson</i>
access	— right to approach, enter, or use; admittance	5
ambition	— a strong desire to rise to high position or to attain rank, influence, or distinction	4
artificial	— made to imitate and compete with or as a substitute for something natural; not natural	4
atone	— to supply satisfaction for; to reconcile	5
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basilica	— an early Christian church having an oblong plan, with a high central section separated by columns from aisles on each side	4
benefits	— useful aids; helps	10
bondage	— lack of freedom; slavery; condition of being under some power or influence	1
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captive	— a person captured and held against his will; prisoner; owned and controlled by another	2
carnal	— of or connected with the desires and passions of the body; worldly; not spiritual	1

cathedral	— a large or important church; usually elaborate in design and furnishings	4
character	— moral strength or weakness; the special way in which any person feels, thinks, and acts; the estimate formed of a person's qualities; how a person thinks, feels, and acts in the important matters of life, especially in relation to the principles of right and wrong	8
clergy	— persons ordained (set apart) for religious work; ministers, pastors, leaders of the body of Christ, called to full-time service to the Lord	3
climax	— high point	2
commission	— a giving of authority; task given to a person; authority, power, or right given	7
commitment	— a pledge; promise	8
communicate	— give information or news by speaking, writing, etc.; pass along; transfer; send and receive messages	9
community	— all the people living in the same place and subject to the same laws; group of people living together or sharing common interests; ownership together; sharing together	6
complex	— difficult to understand; complicated	4
conduct	— way of acting; behavior	8
consecration	— a dedication; commitment	8

cornerstone	— stone at the corner of two walls that holds them together; something of fundamental importance; foundation; basis	6
corporate	— united; combined; unified body	5
council	— group of people called together to give advice, talk things over, or settle questions; assembly	4
covenant	— a solemn agreement between two or more persons or groups; the solemn promises of God to man	1
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deacon	— officer of a Christian church who helps the minister in church duties not connected with preaching	9
debtors	— persons who owe something to another	7
deliverance	— a setting free or being set free; rescue; release	2
discipleship	— state of being a disciple or follower	8
dispute	— argument; disagreement	1
doctrine	— what is taught as true; principles of Christian faith; belief	7
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edification	— building up; moral improvement; spiritual benefit; instruction	3
edify	— improve morally; benefit spiritually; instruct and uplift	3
eternal	— without beginning or ending; lasting forever	2
evangelize	— preach the gospel; convert to Christianity by preaching	7

fulfillment	— satisfaction; sense of accomplishment	10
generation	— all the people born about the same period; the time from the birth of one generation to the birth of the next; about 30 years	7
herald	— person who carries messages and makes announcements; messenger; one who brings news	9
hospitable	— giving or liking to give a welcome, food and shelter, and friendly treatment to guests or strangers	9
humility	— lack of pride; meekness	6
illumination	— a making clear; explanation	5
imperial	— of or having to do with an empire or emperor; of or having to do with the rule or authority of one country over other countries and colonies	4
incarnation	— a taking on of human form by a divine being; the union of divine nature and human nature in the person of Jesus Christ	2
independence	— freedom from the control, influence, support or help of others	1
inspiration	— influence of thought and strong feelings on actions, especially on good actions; divine influence	5
invisible	— cannot be seen	3
involvement	— inclusion; participation; becoming a part of something	10

laity	— the people who are not members of the clergy; laymen collectively	3
longsuffering	— long and patient endurance of trouble, pain, or injury	6
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manifestation	— a showing; making clear to the eye or to the mind; revelation	3
marred	— spoiled; damaged; injured; ruined	1
mediator	— person or group that interacts between others for the purpose of effecting agreement; a go-between	7
meekness	— condition of being not easily angered; mildness; patience; submissiveness	6
ministry	— office, duties, or service of a minister; that which is done for God	3
moderation	— freedom from excess; avoidance of extremes in behavior or expression; temperance	6
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numerical	— of or relating to numbers	10
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oral traditions	— records of history, stories, or customs which have been kept alive by word of mouth, by being told to each generation that comes along	4
organism	— a living body made up of separate parts which work together	3
origin	— thing from which anything comes; starting point; source; beginning	2
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pagan	— one who worships many gods, or no gods; heathen; person who has no religion; one who does not believe in God	4

participation	— having a share; taking part	7
penalty	— punishment required for breaking a law; something paid by a person to fulfill an obligation	2
perish	— be destroyed; die	5
persecution	— systematic punishment or oppression of a person or group by others who oppose them or their beliefs	4
persuasion	— power of convincing	7
presbyter	— an elder in the early Christian church	8
presence	— fact or condition of being present in a place; in the sight or company of; place where a person is	7
priesthood	— position or rank of priest, or mediator	7
proclaim	— declare publicly	9
proclamation	— an official announcement; public declaration	7
progressive	— moving forward; developing; going from one to the next	8
purification	— making clean, without sin	3
purity	— freedom from anything unclean; freedom from evil; innocence	6
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ransom	— price paid or demanded before a captive is set free	2
rebellious	— hard to manage; disobedient; not willing to do what is commanded	1
receptive	— willing to receive	1

reconciliation	— bringing together again in friendship; settlement of differences	1
redemption	— deliverance from sin; salvation	1
reformation	— change for the better; improvement; the great religious movement in Europe in the 1500s that aimed at reform within the Roman Catholic church and led to the establishment of Protestant churches	4
rejoicing	— expressing joy or great delight	10
restoration	— the act of returning something to its original condition or state	2
resurrection	— a coming to life again; rising from the dead; the rising again of Christ after His death and burial	2
reverence	— a feeling of deep respect, mixed with wonder, awe, and love	5
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sacrifice	— a giving up of one thing for another; that which is given up; giving one's life for another	1
salvation	— a saving; a being saved; person or thing that saves; deliverance from sin and from punishment for sin	2
sanctuary	— the most sacred part of any place of worship; place of refuge or protection	5
secular	— not religious or sacred; worldly	4
submission	— a yielding to the power, control, or authority of another; obedience; humbleness	5

synagogue	— building used by Jews for religious worship and instruction	3
temperance	— moderation in action, speech, habits; self-control	6
temporal	— lasting for a time only; temporary; of this life only; earthly	4
transformed	— completely changed in form, nature, substance, or state	5
uniformity	— sameness throughout; no differences	6
unity	— oneness; singleness; harmony; in one accord	6
universal	— of or for all; belonging to all; existing everywhere	1
urgency	— need for immediate action or attention	7
vital	— necessary to life; very necessary; very important; essential	5
worthiness	— the quality or state of being of great value	5
written traditions	— records of history, stories, or customs that have been written down and passed from one generation to another	4