

13. The Birth of Christ: Matthew 1:18-25
(Memorize Matthew 1:21)
14. Sermon on the Mount: Matthew 5:1-7:29
(Memorize what you choose)
15. Jesus' Miracles: Matthew 8:1-17
16. Palm Sunday: Matthew 21:1-11
17. Jesus' Return: Matthew 24:36-44
18. The Final Judgment: Matthew 25:31-46
19. The Lord's Supper: Matthew 26:17-30
20. Jesus is Arrested: Matthew 26:47-56
21. Jesus is on Trial: Matthew 26:57-68
22. Jesus is on Trial: Matthew 27:11-26
23. Crucifixion and Death: Matthew 27:32-56
24. Jesus' Resurrection: Matthew 28:1-10
25. Jesus Heals a Blind Man: John 9:1-38
26. Jesus' Ascension: Acts 1:1-11
27. The Day of Pentecost: Acts 2:1-41
(Memorize Acts 2:38)
28. Ananias and Sapphira: Acts 5:1-11
29. Stephen is Martyred: Acts 6:8-7:6
30. Paul's Conversion: Acts 9:1-22
31. No One is Righteous: Romans 3:9-20
32. Righteousness Through Faith: Romans 3:21-28 (Memorize Romans 3:22, 28)
33. Dead to Sin, Alive in Christ: Romans 6:1-14
34. Marriage Instructions: 1 Corinthians 7:1-40
35. Warnings from Israel's History: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13
36. One Body, Many Parts: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31
37. The Resurrection: 1 Corinthians 15:1-58
38. Faith or Law: Galatians 3:1-14
39. Made Alive in Christ: Ephesians 2:1-10
(Memorize Ephesians 2:8-10)
40. Live as Children of the Light: Ephesians 4:17-5:21
41. Wives and Husbands: Ephesians 5:22-33
42. The Amor of God: Ephesians 6:10-18
43. Instructions for Holy Living: Colossians 3:1-17
44. Death and Jesus' Return: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
45. Warning Against Falling Away: Hebrews 5:11-6:12
46. Christ's Sacrifice Once for All: Hebrews 10:1-18
47. A Call to Persevere: Hebrews 10:19-39
48. Listening and Doing: James 1:19-27
(Memorize James 1:22)
49. Jesus Calls for Repentance: Revelation 3:14-22

Conclusion

Remember, God will work, by the Spirit through the Word, to:

- † Show you your sin!
- † Connect you to your Savior!
- † Assure you of your salvation!
- † Guide you in living for Christ!

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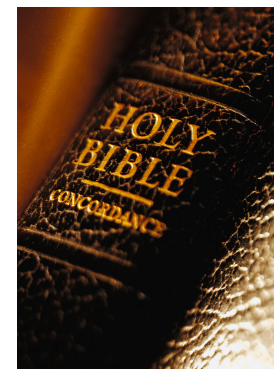
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Christian

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Introduction

Christians are repentant sinners – sorry for their sins and trusting in Christ Jesus for full forgiveness and free admission into heaven!

Apply this passage to yourself: “Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you-- unless, of course, you fail the test?” (NIV 2 Corinthians 13:5)

Please read on to ✦ discover the saving truth, ✦ grow in your faith in Jesus Christ, and ✦ read 49 of the most *important* and *interesting* passages in the entire Bible!

What it Means to be a Christian

- † To be “in the faith” – the faith which trusts in Jesus Christ *alone* for eternal life!
- † To *have* “Christ Jesus ... in you” (see John 14:23; Galatians 2:20).
- † To *know* God the Father and Jesus Christ (see John 17:3; Matthew 7:22-23).
- † To *have* your sins forgiven (Acts 26:17-18).
- † To be righteous in God’s sight *through faith in Jesus Christ* (Romans 3:22).
- † To be a child of God (1 John 3:1).

The Characteristics of a Christian

- † *Continuing* in the faith (Colossians 1:21-23).
- † *Continuing* in the Word (John 8:31).
- † *Showing* love to others (John 13:34-35).
- † *Living* according to the Bible (1 John 1:6-7; 2:3-4; 3:7-8).
- † *Living* for Christ (2 Corinthians 5:15; Philippians 1:21).
- † *Living* out God’s plan for your life (Ephesians 2:10).

How to Know You are a Christian

It must be based on the work of the Spirit through the Word; not on good thoughts, warm feelings, good works, or human opinion – which are unreliable, uncertain, and potentially deceptive! The Bible says:

- 📖 “The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.” (NIV Romans 8:16) (*The Spirit works through the Word!*)
- 📖 “And the witness is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, in order that you may know that you have eternal life.” (NAS 1 John 5:11-13)

When we are in Christ, *we continue in the Word!* As we do so, *the Spirit works through the Word to confirm that we are God’s children*, who have the gift of eternal life!

Steps to Take for All Who Desire to Receive God’s Blessings

❶ Get into the Word in a serious manner!

These verses describe *God’s work* through the Word to make a person *alive in Christ*:

- 📖 “He chose to give us birth [*spiritual birth, eternal life*] through the word of truth...” (NIV James 1:18)
- 📖 “...you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, *that is*, through the living and abiding word of God.” (NAS 1 Peter 1:23)
- 📖 “...faith *comes* from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.” (NAS Romans 10:17)
- 📖 “And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.” (NIV Ephesians 1:13)

❷ Do the following to benefit from the Word!

- 📖 **Hear it!** → Listen carefully because God is speaking to you!
- 📖 **Read it!** → Read prayerfully because God wants to bless you!
- 📖 **Mark it!** → Underline key words or phrases to remember them!
- 📖 **Learn it!** → Begin to apply God's Word to your daily life!
- 📖 **Inwardly Digest it!** → Allow God's Word to direct your thoughts, words, and deeds!
- 📖 **Memorize it!** → Write it on your heart, so you can ✦ think about it, ✦ better understand it, ✦ live it, and ✦ share it!

❸ Follow the steps noted above as you read these 49 Bible passages – (even memorizing the suggested passages; if you need a Bible, please ask):

1. Creation: Genesis 1:1-2:3
(*Memorize Genesis 1:1*)
2. The Fall and Promise: Genesis 3:1-24
3. The Flood: Genesis 6:1-9:17
4. Sodom and Gomorrah: Genesis 19:1-29
5. The Ten Commandments: Exodus 20:1-20
6. David and Bathsheba: 2 Samuel 11:1-12:14
7. Blessed or Wicked: Psalm 1:1-6
8. The Word of God: Psalm 119:1-176
9. Do Not Reject Wisdom: Proverbs 1:20-33
10. The Suffering Servant: Isaiah 52:13-53:12
11. The Fiery Furnace: Daniel 3:1-30
12. Daniel in the Den of Lions: Daniel 6:1-28