

Short Explanation of some Bible Words

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1. **Baptism** -- This word means to submerge, immerse, overwhelm. It refers to immersion in water for the remission of sins, the final act of primary obedience that brings one into Christ.
2. **Christ** -- The Greek translated Christ and the Hebrew word translated Messiah mean the same thing -- "anointed." Jesus was the anointed, the Christ of God.
3. **Church** -- Literally, the original word means the called out. It refers to those who have been "called out" of darkness into His marvelous light (1 Pet. 2:9). It is the spiritual body of Christ, comprised of all that have been redeemed by the blood of Christ. "Those that He saves, He adds to all of the others that were saved by His blood. He has called this "My Church" (Matt. 16:18). Paul said there was only one (Eph. 1:22-23, 4:5).
4. **Conscience** -- An intrinsic part of man no other creature possesses. Its purpose is to weigh our words and/or actions according to that which we believe to be right. The conscience does not *set the standard* -- it *responds* to the standard we have accepted. If the standard is right (God's word), the acceptance or rejection (as the case may be) of an action and/or word by the conscience will be right. If the standard is wrong (other than God's word), the conscience might allow a proposed word and/or action, but such may be wrong -- because the standard is wrong.
5. **Grace** -- As it pertains to salvation, it denotes the free gift of God in offering salvation. It comprehends all that He has done in extending salvation to man. We can say that "Grace is God's part in salvation, obedience is man's part."
6. **Holy** -- When used of man, it refers to one who has been set apart for holy use. The various Greek words translated by our English words *saint*, *sanctification*, *sanctified*, and variations of these words are from the original word translated holy.

7. **Hope** -- Always with "hope," there is *desire* plus *expectation*. Thus, *hope* is the desire for something to be enjoyed in the future based upon reasonable expectation.
8. **Justification** -- This is the state of one who has been declared *just* or *righteous* by God. This includes the grace of God in offering salvation and man's appropriation of the proffered salvation through his obedience.
9. **Mercy** -- Mercy is more than compassion. It has rightly been defined as "pity in action." It might be used of man showing mercy to his fellow man, but often it refers to God's mercy bestowed on man through Christ.
10. **Obedience** -- To do what God said to do, when He said to do it, as He said to do it, for the purpose He said to do it. It is following, without addition or subtraction, God's will.
11. **Reconcile** -- To make one favorable (acceptable) to God. This looks to the death of Christ and includes man's obedience.
12. **Redemption** -- It suggests the *price paid*. It denotes setting a man free from a situation from which he himself was unable to liberate himself. God has done this through Jesus Christ.
13. **Righteous** -- This denotes the state of a man who is as he ought to be before God. He has been declared righteous by God, based upon the forgiveness of sins through the blood of Christ.
14. **Righteousness** -- Righteousness is the state of justification which exists because of the forgiveness of sins. This forgiveness of sins is bestowed upon man by God, conditioned upon their obedience to the will of God.

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