Definitions

**God:**

The creator of Heaven and all things within; the creator of Earth and all things within; also referred to as Father, Jehovah, and many other names that are given in the Bible’s scriptures.

God is:

* Holy – divine, sacred, blessed, righteous, and unable to look upon sin.
* Immutable - unchanging over time or unable to be changed.
* Omniscient – All knowing
* Omnipresent – Widely or constantly encountered; common or widespread, present everywhere and at all times.
* Omnipotent - Having unlimited power; able to do anything.

**Bible:**

A collection of writings inspired by God to be written by each chosen man, written for instruction and edification (improvement of a person morally and intellectually). The Bible’s scriptures (that have been numbered within each book of the Bible), consists of 66 books split into two sections - Old Testaments and New Testaments. Can be referred to as the B.I.B.L.E. Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth manual. Christians believe that the Bible is the truth in its entirety.

The Bible contains:

* The Pentateuch
	+ Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy
* The Historical Books
	+ Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1 Samuel, 2 Samuel, 1 Kings, 2 Kings, 1 Chronicles, 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther.
* The Poetical and Wisdom Books
	+ Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon
* The Prophetic Books
	+ Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi.

**The Authority of the Bible:**

The term biblical authority refers to the extent to which commandments and doctrines within the Old and New Testament scriptures are authoritative over human belief and conduct, as well as the extent to which their propositions are accurate in matters of history and science.

**The Inerrancy of the Bible**

The Bible is without error or fault in all its teaching; that Scripture in the original manuscripts does not affirm anything that is contrary to fact.

**Holy Trinity**:

The belief in God the father (see above), God the son (Jesus), and God the Holy Spirit; the three in one as being the God-head. While God is one being, He is separate because of manifesting himself.

**Jesus:**

* God who became a human who is Jesus, born into the world to teach man the laws of God in a more simple form that man would be able to understand and obey; Jesus became the sacrificial lamb for the remission of sins for all mankind, and that because of His death He has given believers an eternal gift of salvation that reconciles man back to God through man’s acceptance and open confession of the final sacrifice – that being God’s son given for this purpose;

**Holy Spirit:**

* The third person in the Trinity. He is fully God. He is eternal, omniscient, and omnipresent, has a will, and can speak. He is alive. He is a person in the same way the Father and the Son are persons. He is not a mere force or inanimate presence.
* Who lives within believers of Christ and enables them to live their lives according to the teachings of Jesus. As the third Person of the Holy Trinity, the Holy Spirit is the part of God that dwells on earth, acting as a daily influence on Christians and intercedes on the behalf of man.

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| **His Names** | **His Attributes** | **Sins Against** |
| GodActs 5:3-4 | EternalHeb. 9:14 | BlasphemyMatt. 12:31 |
| Lord2 Cor. 3:18 | OmnipotentLuke 1:35 | Resist (Unbelief)Acts 7:51 |
| Spirit of God1 Cor. 3:16 | Will1 Cor. 12:11 | Lied toActs 5:3 |
| Spirit of TruthJohn 15:26 | LovesRom. 15:30 | GrievedEph. 4:30 |
| Eternal SpiritHeb. 9:14 | SpeaksActs 8:29; 13:2 | Quench1 Thess. 5:19 |

* Gifts of the Holy Spirit
	+ Wisdom, understanding, counsel, knowledge, fortitude, piety, and fear of the Lord (wonder).
* Fruits of the Holy Spirit
	+ The first six fruits of the Holy Spirit in alphabetical order are charity, chastity, generosity, gentleness, goodness and faithfulness. The second six fruits of the Holy Spirit are joy, kindness, modesty, peace, patience and self-control.

**Man, The Sin and The Fall:**

The first man was Adam, made in the image of God; Eve was made from the rib of Adam and together they lived in the Garden of Eden until their sin caused God to cast them out. Adam and Eve were instructed to enjoy the garden and all of its contents except to consume the fruit of one tree. Adam and Eve rebelled against God and consumed the fruit. This being called the original sin, also called ancestral sin, is humanity's state of sin resulting from the fall of man, stemming from Adam and Eve's rebellion in Eden; namely the sin of disobedience in consuming from the tree of knowledge of good and evil. Because of sin, all of mankind is born into sin, with a sinful heart without hope for redemption back to God.

**The Law:**

**Biblical law** refers to the legal aspects of the **Bible**, the holy scriptures of Christianity. The first five books of the Bible are **Genesis**, **Exodus**, **Leviticus**, Numbers and **Deuteronomy**. Collectively, they are called the Pentateuch or the Torah. According to Jewish and Christian oral tradition, they were dictated to Moses by God, also called the Mosaic Law.

**The Ten Commandments (Exodus 20):**

1. I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me
2. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments
3. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.
4. Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work- you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and consecrated it.
5. Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your god is giving you.
6. You shall not murder
7. You shall not commit adultery
8. You shall not steal
9. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor
10. You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

The simplified Law that Jesus commanded does not diminish the 10 Commandments; rather, by obeying the simplified law helps us to obey the 10 Commandments. If we are focusing on verse 37 and 39, we are not focusing on breaking the 10 Commandments and will question our actions and motives based on our love for God and our love for our neighbor.

Matthew 22:37-39

37Jesus declared, “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ 38[This](http://biblehub.com/greek/3778.htm) [is](http://biblehub.com/greek/1510.htm) [the](http://biblehub.com/greek/3588.htm) [first](http://biblehub.com/greek/4413.htm) [and](http://biblehub.com/greek/2532.htm) [greatest](http://biblehub.com/greek/3173.htm) [commandment.](http://biblehub.com/greek/1785.htm) 39And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.

**Jesus Fulfills the Law:**

Matthew 5:17, Jesus said, “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.” His goal was not to prevent its fulfillment. Rather, He revered it, loved it, obeyed it, and brought it to fruition. He fulfilled the law’s prophetic utterances regarding Himself ([Luke 24:44](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Luke%2024.44)). Christ fulfilled the demands of the Mosaic Law, which called for perfect obedience under threat of a “curse” ([Galatians 3:10](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Gal%203.10), [13](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Galatians%203.13)).

* **Luke 24:44** - He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.”
* **Galatians 3:10-13 -** For all who rely on the works of the law are under a curse, as it is written: “Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the Book of the Law.” **11** Clearly no one who relies on the law is justified before God, because “the righteous will live by faith.” **12** The law is not based on faith; on the contrary, it says, “The person who does these things will live by them.” **13** Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: “Cursed is everyone who is hung on a pole.”

**Salvation:**

The deliverance from sin and the consequences of sin; salvation is brought about by the confession of sins to God, faith in Christ Jesus and his crucifixion on the cross as the final sacrifice, for the atonement of sins. By one’s confession of sins and asking for forgiveness, turning from sin and following the law given by Christ Jesus, through our confession, faith and belief we are given salvation.

John 3:16 – 18

* 16 - For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten son, that whosoever should believe in him shall not parish, but have everlasting life;
* 17-For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.
* 18 - He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

**The unpardonable/unforgivable sin:**

The unpardonable/unforgivable sin or “[blasphemy of the Holy Spirit](https://www.gotquestions.org/blasphemy-Holy-Spirit.html)” in [Mark 3:22–30](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Mark%203.22%E2%80%9330) and [Matthew 12:22–32](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Matt%2012.22%E2%80%9332). Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, people can be forgiven all their sins and every slander they utter” ([Mark 3:28](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Mark%203.28)). Jesus gives one exception: “Whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; they are guilty of an eternal sin” (verse 29).

Blasphemy is the act or offense of speaking sacrilegiously about God or sacred things; profane talk.

**Church:** The body of Christ Jesus; the coming together with fellow believers in Jesus name for the worship in song that gives glory to God, the giving of tithes for the purpose of ministering and expansion of ministry and maintaining the ability to minister, and works of man through gifts given to each man by the Holy Spirit in order to spread the Gospel.

The Old Testament of the Bible shows the building of a temple/church where sacrifices would be made for the remission of sins. The New Testament of the Bible shows where Jesus became the ultimate sacrificial lamb for the remission of sins, and the people became the temple/church and was instructed to go and make disciples of all nations; hence, learning the teachings of Christ Jesus, becoming Christ-like through the renewal of the mind, and again going out to make disciples of all nations.

“Or know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit which is in you, which ye have from God? And ye are not your own; for ye were bought with a price: glorify God therefore in your body” (1 Cor. 6:19).

**Non-denominational Church:**

The belief that churches should not subscribe to a religion. A religion is a set of beliefs that conform to a rule or a set of rules that enforce repetitive action; whereas, these rules promotes imprisonment by man, and not the freedom that is offered in Christ Jesus. Freedom in Christ Jesus refers to having a personal relationship with Jesus through faith, prayer and servitude.

**End Times:**

From the time that Jesus was raised up into the cloud until present day, is recognized as the end time; the period leading up to Judgment Day, the day Jesus returns for His people.

* **John 13:36** - Simon Peter asked him, "Lord, where are you going?" Jesus replied, "Where I am going, you cannot follow now, but you will follow later."
* **John 14:2-4** - In My Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? 3[And](http://biblehub.com/greek/2532.htm) [if](http://biblehub.com/greek/1437.htm) [I go](http://biblehub.com/greek/4198.htm) [and](http://biblehub.com/greek/2532.htm) [prepare](http://biblehub.com/greek/2090.htm) [a place](http://biblehub.com/greek/5117.htm) [for you,](http://biblehub.com/greek/4771.htm) [I will come](http://biblehub.com/greek/2064.htm) [back](http://biblehub.com/greek/3825.htm) [and](http://biblehub.com/greek/2532.htm) [welcome](http://biblehub.com/greek/3880.htm) [you](http://biblehub.com/greek/4771.htm) [into](http://biblehub.com/greek/4314.htm) [My presence,](http://biblehub.com/greek/1683.htm) [so that](http://biblehub.com/greek/2443.htm) [you](http://biblehub.com/greek/4771.htm) [also](http://biblehub.com/greek/2532.htm) [may be](http://biblehub.com/greek/1510.htm) [where](http://biblehub.com/greek/3699.htm) [I](http://biblehub.com/greek/1473.htm) [am.](http://biblehub.com/greek/1510.htm) 4You know the way to the place where I am going.

We believe that the prophecies of the Bible have also given us a glimpse of what to expect during the last days, which are the last days just before the arrival of Jesus.

* **2 Peter 3: 8-14** - Beloved, do not let this one thing escape your notice: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. 9The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. 10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare. 11Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives 12 as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. 13But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells. 14 So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him.

**Non-denominational Christian Doctrine:**

We believe that this is a true Christian doctrine and is different than any doctrine that can be found; all subjects within this doctrine are biblical and line up with the nature of Jesus. We have not seen any doctrine that has not added to the Words in the Bible, and believe what John has said in Revelation about adding to the Word.

* Only God has the book of life where names are written who are receiving eternal salvation; Man cannot determine who receives salvation through temple membership and keeping record;
* Man is to confess sins to God and ask for forgiveness; is to be accountable to members of the body of Christ in their dealings but that man cannot “save” an individual, only confession of Jesus and making Him Lord of one’s life is able to do that;
* We are not to pray to the dead, nor are we to pray to idols in the form of the dead;
* We are not to pray repetitious prayers, nor pray in a way that is displeasing to God in any other way;
* We are to learn from Paul’s letters to the churches and be diligent in self-discipline.

**Revelation 22:17-20**

* The Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” Let the one who hears say, “Come!” And let the one who is thirsty come, and the one who desires the water of life drink freely. 18[I](http://biblehub.com/greek/1473.htm) [testify](http://biblehub.com/greek/3140.htm) [to everyone](http://biblehub.com/greek/3956.htm) [who](http://biblehub.com/greek/3588.htm) [hears](http://biblehub.com/greek/191.htm) [the](http://biblehub.com/greek/3588.htm) [words](http://biblehub.com/greek/3056.htm) [of](http://biblehub.com/greek/3588.htm) [prophecy](http://biblehub.com/greek/4394.htm) [in this](http://biblehub.com/greek/3778.htm) [book:](http://biblehub.com/greek/975.htm) [If](http://biblehub.com/greek/1437.htm) [anyone](http://biblehub.com/greek/5100.htm) [adds](http://biblehub.com/greek/2007.htm) [to](http://biblehub.com/greek/1909.htm) [them,](http://biblehub.com/greek/846.htm) [God](http://biblehub.com/greek/2316.htm) [will add](http://biblehub.com/greek/2007.htm) [to](http://biblehub.com/greek/1909.htm) [him](http://biblehub.com/greek/846.htm) [the](http://biblehub.com/greek/3588.htm) [plagues](http://biblehub.com/greek/4127.htm) [described](http://biblehub.com/greek/1125.htm) [in](http://biblehub.com/greek/1722.htm) [this](http://biblehub.com/greek/3778.htm) [book.](http://biblehub.com/greek/975.htm) 19And if anyone takes away from the words of this book of prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book 20He who testifies to these things says, “Yes, I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus

**Marriage:**

We believe marriage is between one man and one woman.

* **Genesis 2:22-24** – Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. 23The man said “This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called woman, for she was taken out of man. 24That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.
* **Mark 10:6-9** – “But at the beginning of creation God ‘made them male and female.’ 7For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife 8and the two will become one flesh. ‘So they are no longer two, but one flesh. 9Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”
* **Proverbs 19:14** – He who finds a wife finds what is good and receives favor from the Lord.
* **Ephesians 5:22-28, 31** – Wives submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. 23For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. 24Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything. 25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her 26 to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, 27and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. 28In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. 31For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.
* **Matthew 19:4-6** – Haven’t you read, he replied, that at the beginning the Creator made them male and female, 5and said, for this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh? 6So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.
* **Hebrews 13:4-7** – Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. 5Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said “Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.”

**Discipline:**

**Church discipline** is the practice of censuring church members when they are perceived to have sinned in hope that the offender will repent and be reconciled to God and the church. It is also intended to protect other church members from the influence of sin.

* **Job\_36:10-12 -** He makes them listen to correction and commands them to repent of their evil.
11 If they obey and serve him, they will spend the rest of their days in prosperity and their years in contentment. 12 But if they do not listen, they will perish by the sword and die without knowledge.
* **2Ti\_3:16 -** All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:
* **Matthew 18:15-17 -** “If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. 16 But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses. 17 If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

**Membership:**

Jesus does not require that one be a member of a church to be saved or to get into Heaven. Each believer in Jesus becomes a member of the “Body of Christ,” each with gifts given by the Holy Spirit and should offer those gifts to the Church in order to build stronger family ties within the church body however; it is also important to commit to a local church where we can give of our resources, serve others, and be accountable. The most important reason for attendance is to learn the Word of God, build each other through prayer, and to spread the Gospel to the lost and dying in order that they may attain salvation. The purpose of membership is for religious entities to approximate tithes to forecast funding of future ministries, and outreach events.

**The Christian’s duty in response to salvation:**

**1 Peter 1:13** - Therefore, prepare (literally means “gird up”) your minds for action; refers to tightening a belt, cinching up a cord or rope.

**GOD WANTS US TO BE GOOD CITIZENS. (Verse 1)**

We must be in subjection to government.

* **Romans 13:1** - "Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God."
* **1 Peter 2:17** - Honor all people. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king.

Even bad rulers deserve respect for their office sake.

* **Acts 23:5** - Then Paul said, "I did not know, brethren, that he was the high priest; for it is written, 'You shall not speak evil of a ruler of your people.'"

There is only one modifying principle.

* **Acts 5:29** - But Peter and the other apostles answered and said: "We ought to obey God rather than men.
* Doesn't give us the right to disobey any law we simply don't like.

**WE ARE TO BE READY "FOR EVERY GOOD WORK." (Verse 1b)**

This can sum up our whole mission.

* **Matthew 5:16** - "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.
* **Ephesians 2:10** - For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

There must be a "pattern" of good works in our lives.

* **Titus 2:7** - in all things showing yourself to be a pattern of good works; in doctrine showing integrity, reverence, incorruptibility,
* A person who is busy in good works has no time for fighting and
fussing.

**WE ARE TO BE CAREFUL WHAT WE SAY (Verse 2).**

Our tongues can hurt others and ourselves.

* **James 3:5-6** Even so the tongue is a little member and boasts great things. See how great a forest a little fire kindles! 6 And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity. The tongue is so set among our members that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire by hell.

The tongue causes strife!

* **James 3:14**-16 But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth. 15 This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, and demonic. 16 For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there.

We are to put away such sins.

* **1 Peter 2:1** - Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking,
* We should also be careful about what we say even when it is true.

**WE MUST BE PEACEABLE:**

* "Not brawlers"
* "Not Contentious"

Strife and contention are easy to spread.

* **Proverbs 17:14** - The beginning of strife is like releasing water; Therefore stop contention before a quarrel starts.

We should strive to make peace and life at peace ourselves.

* **Matthew 5:9** - Blessed are the peacemakers, For they shall be called sons of God.
* **1 Thessalonians 5:13** - and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. Be at peace among yourselves.
* **Romans 12:18** - If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men.

**WE MUST SHOW A SPIRIT OF GENTLENESS AND HUMBLE TO ALL:**

Gentleness

* "Forbearing, moderate, patient"
* **Philippians 4:5** - Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand.

Meekness

* Being willing to sacrifice self-interest.
* Strength under control
* **1 Peter 2:23** - who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously;

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