

WORDS TO LIVE BY
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I have come to realize over the years as I have taught classes that everyone is not on the same level of knowledge of the scriptures. This is not to belittle anyone. They are in worship every Sunday and they attend Sunday school and Wednesday services. However, there is a lack of knowledge of the Scriptures. Why? Some have not been a believer but a short time. Truth be told, Sunday school lessons, or at least some of them, don't challenge the students to go deeper and learn more.

This does not mean those who teach are not well intended. They teach in an effort to help you grow in your knowledge of the Scriptures. I have found that when asked some basic questions about the New Testament, there are people who have been in attendance for years but lack basic knowledge of the New Testament.

Perhaps since they believe in Jesus and have been immersed, they believe that's all they have to do. Let's face it, that's all some are going to do. If this happens to be you, please consider this passage. ["17 You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, be on your guard so that you are not carried away by the error of unprincipled men and fall from your own steadfastness, 18 but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen."](#) (II Peter 3:17-18) I am going to consider some topics often discussed in Sunday school classes and worship services.

The first topic is **SALVATION**. Salvation is needed because man is lost in sin and cannot save himself. Man needs to be rescued. Jesus paid the price for man's salvation by His death and resurrection. ["9 But we do see Him who was made for a little while lower than the angels, namely, Jesus, because of the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, so that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone. 10 For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things, and through whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to perfect the author of their salvation through sufferings."](#) (Hebrews 2:9-10) ["8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him."](#) (Romans 5:8-9) ["Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus."](#) (Romans 8:1) It's evident that salvation is needed and that salvation is found only in Jesus Christ.

Another word you will hear in Sunday school or a worship service is **REDEMPTION**. Have you ever redeemed a coupon? You received something and someone else paid the cost. Jesus came and paid the price for our redemption from sins. ["13 For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins."](#) (Colossians 1:13-14) ["and not through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood, He entered the holy place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption."](#) (Hebrews 9:12) Man cannot pay the costs for redemption. Only Jesus can and did pay that price on the cross.

Another word you will hear in Sunday school and a worship service is **JUSTIFICATION**. What is justification? It means as a Christian when you stand before God in judgement you appear as if you had never sinned. You have been declared "not guilty" because of the redemptive power we find in Jesus Christ the Son of God. ["5 He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in](#)

righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷ so that being justified by His grace we would be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.” (Titus 3:5-7)

RECONCILIATION is another word heard. What does that mean? It means the relationship between two people, that became broken, has been restored. When man first sinned, he broke the relationship between man and God. Man restores that relationship with God when he accepts Jesus as Lord and Savior, man is redeemed and justified, then man is brought back into fellowship with God. “¹⁸ Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, ¹⁹ namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation.” (II Corinthians 5:18-19)

This word might be one most are familiar with—**FORGIVENESS**. In order for man to appear before God without sins they must be forgiven. Forgiveness happens when you accept Jesus as Lord and Savior. You see, it’s through the blood of Jesus that God forgives and forgets all of our sins. “In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace.” (Ephesians 1:7) When you hear the word remission it means the same as forgiveness.

Salvation, redemption, justification, reconciliation, and forgiveness are words that help lead one to Jesus, live a life justified, reconciled to Jesus and to forgiveness of sins. He desires a relationship with you. He has shown His love for you and has made a way for you to be with Him for eternity. “⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), ⁶ and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.” (Ephesians 2:4-7) These are words of life. Have a blessed week.

Word Of Life:

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