

# Let's Explore Our Faith

## Glossary of Key Words

**Advocate.** Speaks in favor of someone

**Alienate.** To be separated from; to make unfriendly, hostile or indifferent towards

**Ascension.** Refers to when Jesus left earth and returned to the right hand of the Father by being taken up into the cloud

**Atonement/Reconciliation.** Bringing God and man back together by removing man's guilt

**Attribute.** A descriptive character-quality

**Authority.** Person(s) in our lives whom we should obey

**Begotten.** Given life by someone else

**Believe.** To have faith or trust in someone or something; to accept with certainty

**Body of Christ.** Everyone who believes in Jesus as Savior and Lord; another name for the Church

**Building.** A primary duty of the Church to help people grow up healthy in God

**Calvary.** Where Jesus was crucified on the cross; also called *Golgotha* meaning *the place of the skull*

**Choice.** Ability to make decisions; one's will

**Concordance.** An alphabetical list of words with biblical references

**Condemnation.** To pronounce guilty or wrong

**Convict.** To show the people of the world where they are wrong in three areas: sin, righteousness and judgment

**Creation.** God making all things from nothing

**Curse.** The punishment for and consequences of sin

**Deity.** Truly God

**Delude.** Trick

**Discipleship.** Helping new believers in Jesus to grow in knowing and serving Him

**Discipline.** To correct, teach, train or guide; self-controlled

**Divine.** Of God

**Endue.** Describes the Holy Spirit's work to equip believers with power to serve Jesus

**Eternal.** Having no beginning or end

**Eternal Generation.** Jesus always being God the Son

**Evangelism.** Sharing the gospel or good news of Jesus Christ

**Evolution.** The idea that all living things came from one simple life form that changed over thousands—even millions of years—into other kinds of living things

**Exalt(ing).** To lift up, give praise to

**Faith.** Trusting in God to do what He promised

**Fall.** The disobedience of Adam and Eve that brought sin and death to every human being

**Fellowship.** Companionship with other Christians

**God.** Is Spirit; the Creator and Sustainer of all things; exists in three Persons; is eternal

**Gifts (of the Spirit).** Abilities God gives to believers to serve Him

**Glory.** God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit all have the honor of God's greatness

**Grace.** Undeserved favor

**Graces.** Christ-like qualities the Holy Spirit produces in the lives of believers; also called *Fruit of the Spirit*

**Head.** One in control of, responsible for

**Holy (holiness).** Perfect in power, love and purity

**Humanity.** The human nature of Christ

**Illumination.** The Holy Spirit opening hearts and minds of men helping them to understand God's message

**Image.** A person strikingly like another; people having special, God-given qualities that all the other animals don't have; a likeness of

**Imminent.** About to happen

**Inerrant.** As originally given by God and written by the human authors He chose, the Bible is without errors and contains nothing that is not true

**Incarnation.** Christ becoming human

**Infinite.** God is not limited; He's bigger than the universe

**Inspiration.** God's special influence on the writings in the Bible; literally means *God-breathed*

**Judgment.** Punishment for sin

**Kingdom.** To be established when Christ returns to rule upon the earth for a thousand years

**Local.** To meet in a specific location

**Majesty.** Has the power to rule as God

**Manuscripts.** The Bible as it was first written down by God's servants

**Mediatorial.** Go between

**Merger.** Coming together or combining two or more organizations

**Millennium.** 1,000 year reign of Christ

**Missions.** Reaching people—often of a different culture—who don't know Jesus

**Multiplication.** Beginning or planting new churches that will plant more

**Omnipotent.** All-powerful

**Omnipresent.** Present everywhere

**Omniscient.** All-knowing

**Ordinance.** A ceremony commanded by Christ to remind us of a spiritual truth

**Organism.** A living body; used to describe the Body of Christ

**Paraphrase.** The restatement of a Bible text in words easy to understand

**Personality.** The God-given ability to think and reason, feel, know right and wrong, and make choices

**Prayer.** Talking to God

**Preaching.** Sharing the good news of salvation through Jesus usually in a public, large-group setting

**Premillennial.** View that Christ will return immediately before The Millennium

**Purification.** To free from guilt; to make clean from sin

**Rapture.** First part of Jesus' Second Coming which means the *taking up* of Christians

**Redemption.** The act of buying back

**Reference.** The Bible code or address to finding Scripture verses; includes the Bible book name, the chapter and verse number

**Regenerates.** Makes spiritually alive

**Regular.** Have scheduled meetings and activities

**Repentance.** Turning away from sin and going God's way

**Restitution.** Try to make right or repair

**Resurrection.** Return to life

**Rites.** A celebration, ceremony or ritual

**Sacrifice.** Payment for

**Salvation.** The action of receiving Christ which gives new life

**Sanctify.** Growing to be more like Jesus with the Holy Spirit's help

**Satan.** A fallen angel who rebelled against God and leads the forces of evil

**Savior.** One who does for you what you cannot do for yourself

**Second Advent.** When Christ bodily comes back to earth again

**Sin.** Any willful thought, word or act that does not measure up to God's will;  
also called *trespasses*

**Substance.** God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are all by nature God

**Teaching.** Instructing and/or studying

**Temple of God.** Set aside to worship God

**Theory.** Unproven belief

**Transcendent.** Being separate from, much greater than or far above

**Transcends.** Is separate from and greater than His creation, not part of it

**Tribulation.** Seven-year period of deep trouble

**Trinity.** God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit existing as one God

**Unites.** Brings together many individual believers into one body of Christ  
that works well together

**Universal.** Believers worldwide

**Vicarious.** Taking the place of

**Virgin Birth.** Jesus' birth as God' only natural child

**Worship** Adoration of God