

Easy Bible meanings

Good News about your personal future

1. Salvation from death

Salvation is a word to describe God's plan to rescue us from permanent death in the grave. God has promised to forgive our sins if we repent and change our ways. He has also promised to resurrect us in the future so that we can be given the free gift of immortality when Jesus returns.

Psa.68:19-20; Luke 1:76-79; Acts 4:10-12; Rom.1:16

2. Sin is the problem

Sin is disobedience to the way that God would have us live. We sin when we fail to control our desires and give in to temptation. Jesus said that sin has its beginnings in our own hearts (minds), so we should be very careful to accept responsibility for our own sins and not blame others.

Psa.32:1-2, ch51; Matt.15:18-20; Rom.ch6; James 1:14-15

3. Redemption is the answer

The word 'redemption' means to be 'delivered', 'released' or 'set free'. God's plan of redemption is the means by which we are set free from the prospect of eternal death by having our sins forgiven. Once our sins are forgiven we are said to be 'reconciled' ie accepted by God.

Isa.62:11-12; Rom.3:23-24, 5:11; 2 Cor.5:18-20; Eph.1:6-7

4. Death is sleep

The Bible tells us that death is sleep. Death is God's punishment for sin, but if we obey God's requirements by following Jesus in our life, He will forgive our sins and bring us back to life from the grave when Jesus returns. This is referred to in the Bible as, 'the resurrection'.

Psa.115:17; Isa.26:19; Acts 13:36; 1 Cor.15:20

5. Resurrection from the dead

Resurrection is when we awake from the sleep of death. Jesus was resurrected from the grave after three days. The Bible says that He is the first of many to be resurrected. When Jesus returns many more of His disciples will be resurrected to be with Him in His kingdom.

Isa. 26:19; Dan.12:2; John 5:28-29; 1 Cor.ch15

6. Immortality is God's gift

Immortality is a gift that God gives his children after the resurrection. To be immortal means that we will never die again. Immortal people do not suffer from the social and health problems that we can have in our mortal lives. Jesus said that we will become, 'equal to the angels'.

Luke 20:34-36; John 3:16; 1 Cor.15:50-54; Rev.21:4

7. Reward or punish

When Jesus returns He will resurrect those who have known His will and reward them according to their faith. Those who have been faithless will be condemned to die again and those who have been good and faithful servants will be rewarded with eternal life.

Matt.16:27, 24:30-31; Acts 17:31; Rom.14:10-12; Rev.11:18

8. True repentance

Repentance means that we are really sorry for what we have done in the past and are prepared to completely change our direction in life to what God requires. The Bible says that part of our repentance is to believe the truth that God has revealed in the Bible.

Luke 13:1-5; Acts 17:30, 26:20; 2 Cor.7:9-10; 2 Tim.2:25

9. Faith, hope and love

Faith is belief and genuine undoubted trust in God and His promises. We will then have a hope of eternal life in God's future kingdom. Faith and hope demonstrate God's love for us. We must learn to share with others these gifts of faith, hope and love that God has given us.

Gal.ch3; Rom.8:23-25; 1 Cor.ch13; Heb.ch11

10. Belief, baptism and forgiveness

After we have believed the Gospel and repented of our past sins we should be baptised. Jesus showed us the example to follow when He was baptised by John in the river Jordan. True Bible baptism is always by full immersion. Our past sins are forgiven when we are baptised.

Matt.3:13-17; Acts 2:37-42; Acts 8:12, 18:8, 22:16; Gal.3:27

11. The Lord's Supper

This feast is otherwise styled, 'communion' or 'remembrance'. We eat bread and drink wine in memory of what Jesus did for us in His life and sacrifice on the cross. The bread represents Jesus' body given for us and the wine represents His blood shed for the forgiveness of our sins.

Matt.26:20-30; Luke 22:15-20; 1 Cor.10:16, 11:23-29

12. Pray for God's blessings

Prayer is when we talk to God, thanking Him for all the good things He has done for us and asking him to bless our future. All our prayers should be offered through Jesus as our Mediator. We should pray for forgiveness and Jesus' soon return so that all people in the world can live in peace.

Matt.6:5-13; Luke 18:1; Eph.5:20; Phil.4:6-7

Jesus' Word on daily living

Worshipping God	First two commandments Matt.22:36-40 Obey God's Word Matt.7:21; Luke 11:28 Fear God Matt.10:28; Luke 12:4-5 Prayer Matt.6:5-13, 21:22; Luke 11:1-4, 18:1-8 Serve God, not riches Matt.6:19-21, 24 Seek God's kingdom first Matt.6:33 One narrow way to life Matt.7:13-14 Childlike faith Matt.18:1-5 Importance of truth John 4:23-24, 8:32, 14:16
Belief Obedience and Love for Jesus	Believing in Him John 3:16, 18, 36 Repentance Luke 5:32, 13:1-5, 15:7, 24:47 Baptism Matt.3:13-16; Mark 16:16; John 3:5, 26 Remembrance Matt.26:20-30; Luke 22:14-20 Love and obedience John 14:15, 21, 15:10 Esteem Christ highest Matt.10:37-39 Treat others as Jesus Matt.25:31-46 Watching for His return Luke 21:34-36 Confess Jesus to others Matt.10:32-33
Love for others	Love John 13:34-35, 15:9-13, 17:26 Prayer and love for enemies Matt.5:43-44 Forgiveness Mark 11:25-26; Luke 17:3-4 Treat others as ourselves Matt.7:12 The servant role Matt.20:25-28, 23:11
Denying self	Deny self to follow Jesus Matt.16:24-26 Humble service Luke 17:10 Don't seek to 'get even' Matt.5:38-39
Relating to others	Generosity Luke 6:38 Don't demand return of goods Luke 6:30 Heterosexual marriage only Matt.19:3-6 Honour your parents Mark 7:10-13 Settle disputes quickly Matt.5:25 Go the 'extra mile' Matt.5:40-42 Don't condemn others Matt.7:1-5; Luke 6:37 Don't judge by appearance John 7:24 Don't lead others astray Matt.18:6-7 Paying taxation Matt.17:24-27, 22:15-21 Honest finances Luke 16:9-13
Personal needs	No anxious worry Matt.6:25-34; Luke 12:22-31 Ask in faith Matt.7:7-11; John 15:7, 16 Spiritual sustenance John 4:14, 6:27
Things we must avoid	Titles of honour Matt.23:8-10 Taking oaths Matt.5:33-37 Self promotion Matt.6:1-4; Luke 14:7-11 Violent occupations Matt.26:52; Rev.13:10 Divorce Matt.5:32, 19:3-9; Mark 10:11-12 Unprofitable speech Matt.12:34-37 Covetousness (opulent living) Luke 12:15-21 Evil from the heart Matt.15:19; Mark 7:21-22

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