

Glossary

The right-hand column lists the lesson in the Independent-Study Textbook in which the word is first used.

<i>Key Word</i>	<i>Definition</i>	<i>Lesson</i>
AD	an abbreviation standing for the Latin words “anno Domini” (“in the year of the Lord”) and signifying a date after the birth of Christ	1
ancestry	line of descent; list of forefathers	3
antichrists	those who deny that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh	9
apocalyptic	a type of writing in which objects and word-pictures are used to convey meaning	1
apostasy	renunciation or abandonment of religious faith	9
ascetic	marked by strict self-denial	7
BC	an abbreviation standing for the words “before Christ” and signifying a date before the birth of Christ	1
canon	a body of writings that conforms to a certain standard of judgment	10
centurion	a Roman soldier who was in command of 100 men	5
chronology	an arrangement by sequence in time or order of occurrence	1
circumcision	the physical sign of the covenant made on the male organ	1

codex	a book made of manuscript leaves	10
controversy	argument; disagreement	2
deity	the essential nature of a god; a divine being	4
diaspora	the settling of scattered colonies of Jews outside Palestine after they were exiled from it in 587 BC	1
discourse	an extended expression of thought on a subject	4
end-time	having to do with the period of time in the future when the world comes to an end	6
episode	one event in a series of events	3
forecast	prediction or prophecy of the future	9
genealogy	an account of a person's ancestors or line of descent	3
Gentile	a person not of the Jewish race	2
Gnosticism	a belief that matter is evil and that escape from the material world comes through special knowledge	9
Great Commission	the charge or command Jesus gave to His disciples before He ascended to heaven after His resurrection	3
Hellenist	a person who was of the Greek culture, not necessarily Greek by birth	1
heresies	opinions or teachings contrary to the truth	9
heritage	the property that descends to an heir; that which is possessed because of one's birth or situation	8

intercession	the act of making a request in favor of another	7
intertestamental period	the time between the last historical events of the Old Testament and the first historical events of the New Testament, from about 323 BC to 6 BC	1
joint-heir	a person who receives an inheritance along with someone else	6
Judaism	the religion and culture of the Jewish people	1
Judaizers	those who demanded observance of the Jewish Law as a requirement for salvation	8
justification	the act of declaring a person to be righteous on the basis of the righteousness of Christ	6
kerygma	the message concerning salvation through Christ that was proclaimed by the apostles	3
Latin	a language first used in Rome around 900 BC and later throughout Italy, the Western Mediterranean area, and North Africa	3
lectionary	a book of Scripture lessons read during church services	10
legalistic	having a primary emphasis on the keeping of the Law	5
Levitical priesthood	the order of priests from the tribe of Levi that was set apart by God for priestly service (see Numbers 3:5–13)	8
manuscript	a document that is lettered or written by hand	10

martyrdom	the suffering of death because of loyalty to one's religious faith	5
medical	relating to the practice of medicine or the art of treating disease	4
Messiah	title given to Christ showing that He was the one who was chosen by God to do a special work	1
miniscule	a cursive writing style of simplified, small forms	10
monastery	a house for people who have taken certain religious vows	10
pagan	not of the Jewish or Christian religion	1
Palestine	the land of Israel that God promised to Abraham's descendants	1
papyri	manuscripts made of papyrus	10
parable	a story taken from everyday life that illustrates a spiritual truth	2
parallel	extending or lying in the same direction	2
parchment	writing substance made from the skins of sheep or goats	10
Passion Week	the week during which Jesus was betrayed, arrested, tried, and crucified	2
Passover	the Jewish feast held each year to commemorate Israel's deliverance from slavery in Egypt (see Exodus 12)	1
Pastoral Epistles	the letters of 1 Timothy, 2 Timothy, and Titus	8

Pentecost	the Jewish feast that celebrated the giving of the Law to Moses	1
perspective	a view of the relationship between things	2
pervert	to twist or distort the meaning of	9
Pharisees	a sect within Judaism whose members were very strict in following the Law and the traditions of the elders	1
philosophy	a system of thought regarding the nature of reality	1
physician	a person skilled in the art and science of the treatment of disease	4
plateau	a land area of level surface sharply raised above the surrounding land on at least one side	2
poem	a writing that is made to follow certain rules of expression governing its sound pattern, length, or choice of words	4
Prison Epistles	the letters of Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon that Paul wrote during his first Roman imprisonment	7
proconsul	the governor of a Roman province that was administered by the Roman Senate	5
proselyte	a non-Jew who submitted to the requirements of the Jewish Law and was a convert to Judaism	1
purification	the act of cleansing, sometimes by a ceremonial procedure	7

redemption	the act of freeing from what harms or distresses; to buy back	4
remembrance	a practice of thinking or telling about past experiences	8
research	careful investigation for the purpose of discovering facts	3
restitution	the giving of an equivalent for some injury or harm done	7
Sabbath	the seventh day of the week (see Exodus 31:12–17)	1
Sadducees	a sect within Judaism whose members accepted only the first five books of the Old Testament and did not believe in the resurrection of the dead	1
sanctification	the act of separating a believer from evil	6
Sanhedrin	the council of 70 Jewish elders, headed by the high priest, who had authority under overall Roman rule to govern in Jewish affairs	1
scribes	the men who interpreted the Jewish Law and explained how it should be applied to everyday life	1
sect	a religious group with a view that is different from that held by the majority	5
sedition	having the quality of resistance to or rebellion against lawful authority	5
Septuagint	a Greek version of the Old Testament made during the intertestamental time	1

strategy	a careful plan or method for achieving a goal	5
synagogue	a congregation or gathering formed by at least 10 Jewish men in order to read and study the Old Testament Scriptures	1
Synoptic	presenting or taking the same common view; relating to the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke	3
theme	a subject or topic of discourse or writing	2
theological	having to do with the study of God and His relation to the world	4
Travel Epistles	the letters of Romans, 1 and 2 Corinthians, and 1 and 2 Thessalonians	6
tyrannical	characterized by oppressive, unjust control	9
uncial	a writing style of hand-printed, capital letters	10
vellum	a writing substance made from the skins of calves or kids	10
verb	a word that expresses an act, occurrence, or state of being	3
vocabulary	a sum or collection of words used by a group or individual	4

