

13. The Birth of Christ: Matthew 1:18-25  
(*Memorize Matthew 1:21*)
14. Sermon on the Mount: Matthew 5:1-7:29  
(*you choose a verse to memorize*)
15. Jesus' Miracles: Matthew 8:1-17
16. Palm Sunday: Matthew 21:1-11
17. Jesus' Return: Matthew 24:36-44
18. The Final Judgment: Matthew 25:31-46
19. The Lord's Supper: Matthew 26:17-30
20. Jesus is Arrested: Matthew 26:47-56
21. Jesus is on Trial: Matthew 26:57-68
22. Jesus is on Trial: Matthew 27:11-26
23. Crucifixion and Death: Matthew 27:32-56
24. Jesus' Resurrection: Matthew 28:1-10
25. Jesus Heals a Blind Man: John 9:1-38
26. Jesus' Ascension: Acts 1:1-11
27. The Day of Pentecost: Acts 2:1-41  
(*Memorize Acts 2:38*)
28. Ananias and Sapphira: Acts 5:1-11
29. Stephen is Martyred: Acts 6:8-7:60
30. Paul's Conversion: Acts 9:1-22
31. No One is Righteous: Romans 3:9-20
32. Righteousness Through Faith: Romans 3:21-28 (*Memorize Romans 3:22, 28*)
33. Dead to Sin, Alive in Christ: Romans 6:1-14
34. Marriage Instructions: 1 Corinthians 7:1-40
35. Warnings from Israel's History:  
1 Corinthians 10:1-13
36. One Body, Many Parts: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31
37. The Resurrection: 1 Corinthians 15:1-58
38. Faith or Law: Galatians 3:1-14
39. Made Alive in Christ: Ephesians 2:1-10  
(*Memorize Ephesians 2:8-10*)
40. Live as Children of the Light: Ephesians 4:17-5:21
41. Wives and Husbands: Ephesians 5:22-33
42. The Amor of God: Ephesians 6:10-18
43. Instructions for Holy Living: Colossians 3:1-17
44. Death and Jesus' Return: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
45. Warning Against Falling Away: Hebrews 5:11-6:12
46. Christ's Sacrifice Once for All: Hebrews 10:1-18
47. A Call to Persevere: Hebrews 10:19-39
48. Listening and Doing: James 1:19-27  
(*Memorize James 1:22*)
49. Jesus Calls for Repentance: Revelation 3:14-22

## Conclusion

**God will work through His Word to:**

- † Show us our sins and make us sorry!
- † Assure us of His forgiveness!
- † Guide us in living for Christ!

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# Christian

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## Introduction

*Christians are repentant sinners – sorry for their sins and trusting in Jesus for full forgiveness and free admission into heaven!*

Apply this passage to yourself: "Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you-- unless, of course, you fail the test?" (NIV 2 Corinthians 13:5)

Please read on to ♦discover the saving truth, ♦grow in your faith in Jesus Christ, and ♦read 49 of the most *important* and *interesting* passages in the Bible!

## Realities of a Christian

Look up the supporting passages for clarification and greater understanding.

- ✓ Being “in the faith” – the faith which trusts in Jesus Christ *alone* for eternal life!
- ✓ Having “Christ Jesus...in you” (see John 14:23; Galatians 2:20).
- ✓ Knowing God the Father and Jesus Christ (see John 17:3; Matthew 7:22-23).
- ✓ Having your sins forgiven (Acts 26:17b-18).
- ✓ Being righteous in God’s sight *through faith in Jesus Christ* (Romans 3:22).
- ✓ Being a child of God (1 John 3:1).

## Characteristics of a Christian

- ✓ Continuing in the faith (Colossians 1:21-23).
- ✓ Continuing in the Word (John 8:31).
- ✓ Showing love to others (John 13:34-35).
- ✓ Living according to the Bible (1 John 1:6-7; 2:3-4; 3:7-8).
- ✓ Living for Christ (2 Corinthians 5:15; Philippians 1:21).
- ✓ Living out God’s plan for your life (Ephesians 2:10).

## How to Know You Are a Christian

It must be based on the work of the Spirit through the Word; not on good thoughts, warm feelings, good works, or human opinion – *which are unreliable, uncertain, and potentially deceptive!* The Bible says:

- ➔ “The Spirit himself [working through the Bible] testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children.” (NIV Romans 8:16)
- ➔ “And the witness is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. These things I have written to you **who believe in the name of the Son of God**, in order **that you may know that you have eternal life.**” (NAS 1 John 5:11-13)

When we are in Christ, *we continue in the Word!* As we do so, *the Spirit works through the Word to confirm that we are God’s children*, who have the gift of eternal life!

## Notice How God Works Through His Word to Eternally Bless Us

- ➔ “**He chose to give us birth** [spiritual birth, eternal life] through the word of truth...” (NIV James 1:18)
- ➔ “**...you have been born again** not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, *that is, through the living and abiding word of God.*” (NAS 1 Peter 1:23)
- ➔ “**...faith comes from hearing**, and hearing by the word of Christ.” (NAS Romans 10:17)
- ➔ “**And you also were included in Christ** when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.” (NIV Ephesians 1:13)

## These are Important Ways to Benefit from the Bible

- 📖 **Hear it!** ➔ Listen carefully because God is speaking to you!
- 📖 **Read it!** ➔ Read carefully because God wants to bless you!
- 📖 **Mark it!** ➔ Underline key words or phrases to remember them!
- 📖 **Learn it!** ➔ Begin to apply God’s Word to your daily life!
- 📖 **Inwardly Digest it!** ➔ Allow God’s Word to direct your thoughts, words, and deeds!
- 📖 **Memorize it!** ➔ Write it on your heart to gain many wonderful benefits!

## 49 Important Bible Readings

Read and benefit. Apply the ideas noted above. If you need a Bible, let us know!

1. Creation: Genesis 1:1-2:3 (*Memorize Genesis 1:1*)
2. The Fall and Promise: Genesis 3:1-24
3. The Flood: Genesis 6:1-9:17
4. Sodom and Gomorrah: Genesis 19:1-29
5. The Ten Commandments: Exodus 20:1-20
6. David and Bathsheba: 2 Samuel 11:1-12:14
7. Blessed or Wicked: Psalm 1:1-6
8. The Word of God: Psalm 119:1-176
9. Do Not Reject Wisdom: Proverbs 1:20-33
10. The Suffering Servant: Isaiah 52:13-53:12
11. The Fiery Furnace: Daniel 3:1-30
12. Daniel in the Den of Lions: Daniel 6:1-28