

## Bible Words

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We recently attended my son's graduation from the Air Force training school at Lackland Air Force Base. I was bewildered by all the **terminology**, much of which was simply the first letters in a name or title. But the enlisted men had no trouble with it. They had been properly indoctrinated in two short months. It made me realize that for which I have taken for granted most of my life — the **meaning** of Bible words. Visitors may come to Bible class and worship and not understand the terminology that accompanies Christianity. In Ephesians 1 alone we find these words: "saints," "heavenly places," "holy," "predestined," "redemption," "grace," "redemption," "dispensation," "salvation," etc. The only solution I can think of for our visiting friends is to take the time to *learn* the terminology. It has eternal value and meaning. And don't get caught up in the religious world's definitions! For example, there were "**saints**" in Ephesus to whom Paul wrote — they weren't **made** saints by a pope because no pope existed at the time. Use Bible terms with their Bible definitions.

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