

# GLOSSARY

*Selected Words from the Writings of Otis Q. Sellers*

## **A PATTERN OF SOUND WORDS FOR THE ACTIVE BELIEVER** by **M. B. Hammond**

### **INTRODUCTION**

The Word of God provides many paths of pertinent study for the interested believer. One of those paths is responsibly learning and using the proper definitions of many words, terms or phrases used throughout God's Word.

The true believer in the Lord Jesus Christ needs to have a pattern of sound words to understand Scripture. As it says in **2 Timothy 1: 13**, "**Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.**" This glossary is designed to provide an index of words used in Scripture that have given translators difficulty, or words that have changed in their meaning with continual usage. The glossary form is also used to provide the reader quick alphabetical access to the words and references to SEED & BREAD articles for more in-depth explanations.

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One important point to note is that English is a living language and that its words are subject to changing meanings. However, words in ancient Hebrew and Greek are fixed in the past. Our job is to understand them. Since much of the Bible, especially in prophecy and in parables, is written in figurative language, both literal and figurative meanings are considered, stressing the contexts in which the words appear. Refer to SB99 Positive Biblical Theology.

By way of background, Sellers accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Savior in 1920, when he was 19 years old. He went to Moody Bible Institute and became pastor of various Baptist churches in the 1920s. Being an ardent student of the Bible, he came into scriptural disagreement with the practices of "baptism" and "the Lord's Supper."

He came to the belief that continued study of the Scriptures required developing a strong basis in progressive revelation. The effort throughout the remainder of his life was designed to reveal the truth of God.

Sellers was meticulous in his methods and wrote a magazine entitled, *The Word of Truth*, of which 16 volumes and two additional issues were completed. At the age of 67, he decided to record his latest truth on Biblical subjects in the terse format of the four-page SEED & BREAD articles. Before his death, he completed 196 of the articles, publishing the first 100 in a single volume, and after his death, the additional 96 were published in a second volume. **Included in this Glossary is also an INDEX to using those volumes.**

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**ACTS DISPENSATION** -- The *Acts* period was a unique period of about 33 years following Christ's death and resurrection, which was actually the blade and ear stage of the Kingdom of God (Mark 4:2630). This period was marked by many marvelous features, such as the visible gifts of the Spirit including the ability to heal the sick, to raise the dead, to cleanse the lepers, and to speak in tongues. See **SB006** The Biblical Gift Of Tongues, **SB007** The Acts Dispensation, **SB009** Truth Concerning Acts, **SB019** The Charismatic Dispensation, **SB044** Israel In The Acts Period, **SB052** Tongues Are Languages, **SB067** A Foretaste Of The Kingdom, **SB177** Rightly Dividing Romans, **SB178** Rightly Interpreting Romans, **SB191** Examination Of Acts 3:19.

**ANGEL/MESSENGER** -- *Angels* consist of three special classes of created beings with superhuman and supernatural powers. Wherever you see the word *angel* think of them as messengers. The Bible describes them to be in appearance like men; however they do not seem to be subject to death. Paul describes *angels* in Hebrews 1:14 as "ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be the heirs of salvation." See **SB050** The Powers That Be.

**ANTICHRIST** -- The Greek prefix *anti* has the real meaning of "in place of" or "instead of" Even today there are *antichrists*, in which people step in and take the place of Christ. Anybody setting up themselves as an intermediary between God and man takes from the honor and respect due our Messiah. Also activities, religious events and other things are substituted by men for real study of and belief in Jesus Christ. See **SB161** The Antichrist.

**APOSTLE** -- This word (*Greek-apostolos*) has a verb form, meaning to send. The word refers to one commissioned with authority, such as an ambassador from a foreign country. The disciples, for example, became *apostles* when commissioned (sent with power) to do His will. See **SB005** What Does Apostello Mean, **SB010** From Cana To Calvary, **SB013** The Divine Commissions, **SB116** I Will Build Me, **SB131** Truth From Matthew 10:1-10, **SB148** How Then Shall They Hear, **SB149** Apostolic Expectation.

**APPEARING** -- The word *appearing* means to blaze forth (*Gk.epiphaneia*, from the Greek word *phaino* meaning to shine forth, with the accelerative prefix *epi*). See **SB037** What Does "Epiphaneia" Mean?, **SB101** God Must Intervene, **SB194** The Kingdom Is Coming.

**APPOSITION** -- This is a grammatical tool in which a second noun is set beside another noun so that it explains and defines the first. See **SB122** The Kai Explicative Principle.

**BAPTISM** -- This word means identification resulting in a merger. The word is not a translation, but a transliteration of the Greek word *baptizo*, which comes to us from the old dyer's art. It identifies the believer with Jesus Christ, in His death and His resurrection. For further material, see **SB134** Concerning Baptism, **SB135** What Does Baptizo Mean?, **SB136** Baptism Means Identification, **SB137** The Baptism Of John, **SB138** Identification With The Holy Spirit, **SB139** Identification With Jesus Christ, **SB143** Baptism In Matthew, **SB144** Baptism In Mark And Luke, **SB145** Baptism In John And Acts, **SB146** Baptism In The Epistles.

**BELIEF/FAITH** -- See FAITH

**BODY** -- The word *body* (*Gk.-soma*) refers to organized substance. The key to its meaning is found in Colossians 2:17, where *body* is contrasted with the word "shadow." See **SB119** Body, A Word Study, **SB147** Members Of His Body.

**BORN AGAIN** -- *Born again* (*Gk.-genao anothen*) refers to divine generation and literally means "generated from above." For more, see **SB093** Concerning "Born Again," **SB094** Generation From Above, **SB095** Lessons From Nicodemus, **SB103** Divine Election.

**CALLED/CHOSEN** -- To be *called* may mean to name, or to command or to sound. But in many Scriptures, to *call*, (*Gk.-kaleo*) means to position, to appoint, to place, to name, or to designate. All these terms are synonymous, agreeing in the sense of declaring a person's calling as being God's choice for an office or position. See **SB087** What Does Kaleo Mean?, **SB123** Call His Name Jesus.

**CHRIST /MESSIAH** -- These two words both mean the same thing: "the Anointed One." The Israelites looked for their *Messiah* (Heb.*messiach*) who is the same One as the *Christ* (Grk. *-christos*) of the New Testament. See JESUS, IMMANUEL,

**MEDIATOR, JEHOVAH and GOD/LORD.** Also see **SB012** This Generation Shall Not Pass, **SB096** God's Presentation Of Christ.

**CHURCH** -- As much as we may be conditioned to it, this word *church* is not in Scripture. It is a bad translation of the Greek word *ekklesia*, which Young's Analytical Concordance defines as "that which is called out." It is derived from the Greek root verb, *kaleo* (to call), and in its simplest form means "out-called" or "out-positioned" for special service. See **SB087** What Does Kaleo Mean?, **SB097** What Does Ekklesia Mean?, **SB115** Ekklesia Men, **SB120** Ekklesia Truth, **SB131** Truth From Matthew 10:1-10, **SB141** More About Ekklesia, **SB158** Those Turning From The Church, **SB198** You've Gotta Have A Ceremony.

**COMING** -- When we think of the Lord Jesus Christ returning to this earth, we think of it as Him *coming* to take His place as king. The normal word (Gk. *-erchomai*) just means to come, but the special word "personal coming" (Gk. *-parousia*) is said to be "a being alongside" or "a presence" (Young's Analytical Concordance, p.188). This word *parousia* really is a personal presence, an appearance in an official capacity because of who He is and what He can do. For more detail, see **SB020** The Jigsaw Puzzle Of Prophecy, **SB024** What Does Parousia Mean?, **SB025** The Parousia Of Jesus Christ, **SB066** When He Shall Come, **SB133** The "Parousia" In Matthew 24, **SB192** Puzzling Parousia Passages.

**COVENANT** -- A *covenant* is an agreement, and is a legal term to this day. It is an agreement between two people, but in God's case, when Israel broke its *covenant*, He still confirmed it for His name's sake (Ezek. 36:22). There are many *covenants* in scripture, from the first one made with Abraham in Genesis 12:1-3 in which He promises, "to bless all the families of the earth through Abraham's seed," to God's promise to raise David to be the king of the Kingdom when Jehovah raises and regathers Israel (Ezek. 37). See **SB165** God's Law To Israel, **SB166** The Ten Commandments, **SB167** The Terms Of The Covenant, **SB168** Misconceptions Concerning The Law, **SB169** The Broken Covenant, **SB170** We Establish The Law, and **SB171** Abraham's Seed Today.

**DAY OF CHRIST** -- This is the Kingdom of the Heavens or the premillennial Kingdom also known as the "Day of the Eon." Paul says in Phil. 2: 16 how proud he is of these gentiles that he may rejoice in the *Day of Christ*. See **SB054** Four Great Days, **SB111** Before The Day Of The Lord, **SB142** The Day Of The Eon.

**DAY OF THE LORD** -- This refers to the time of the tribulation through the thousand year reign of Christ. It is the time of the end, when the indignation of God is poured out upon all the people of this earth who do not know their God, even after several hundred years of blessing in the premillennial Kingdom. In 1 Thess. 5:2, Paul warns them, even as does Peter in 2 Peter 3:10, that "the *Day of the Lord* comes as a thief in the night," and they must be ready. See **SB039** The Great Tribulation, **SB040** The Great Testing, **SB054** Four Great Days, **SB110** The Lord's Day In Revelation 1:10, **SB111**. Before The Day Of The Lord, **SB 151** Six, Sixty, Six, **SB161** The Antichrist, **SB162** The Mark Of The Beast, **SB193** The Consummation Of The Eon.

**DEATH** -- The principle of death (*Gk. -thanatos*) is a return to the former state. The body returns to the dust and the spirit (breath of life) returns to God who gave it (Eccl. 12:7). See **SB079** What Is Death?, **SB082** What Does Sheol Mean?, **SB083** If A Man Die, **SB084** Is It Gain To Die?, **SB085** Paul's Desire To Depart, **SB104** The Dying Malefactor.

**DESTRUCTION** -- *Destruction* is the final end of the wicked man (Phil. 3: 19), "They are enemies of the cross of Christ whose end is *destruction*". This means the same thing as perishing. **John 3:16** says, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." See DEATH and PERISHING. For more see, **SB079** What Is Death?, **SB083** If A Man Die, **SB184** What Does Gehenna Mean, **SB185** More About Gehenna, **SB186** What Does Destruction Mean.

**DISPENSATION** -- This word means an administration, stewardship or method of dealing (*Gk. -oikonomia*). See **SB023** New Testament Time Periods, **SB056** Dispensational Truth, **SB129** The Order Of Events, **SB180** A Study In Dispensational Truth. **DISPENSATION OF GRACE** -- God's present dispensation of grace lies between Acts 28:28 and the *epiphaneia* or "blazing forth" of Jesus Christ which signals the beginning of the Kingdom (Titus 2:13, 2 Tim. 4:1). It is the time, today, in which we live and a time in which a silent God exhibits only love and favor, as divine intervention, to the undeserving, namely, all mankind. See **SB004** Interpretation Of Philippians 1:6, **SB011** The Importance Of Acts 28:28, **SB023** New Testament Time Periods, **SB053** A Psalm For Today, **SB056** Dispensational Truth, **SB057** The Dispensation Of Grace, **SB058** Ephesians 1-Translation, **SB059** Ephesians 2, **SB060** Ephesians 3, **SB061** Ephesians 4, **SB062** Ephesians 5, **SB063** Ephesians 6, **SB064** God's Present Purpose, **SB065** Christian Individualism, **SB129** The Order Of Events, **SB179** The Gospel Of John

**EARTH/WORLD** -- See WORLD.

**ELECT/ELECTION** -- This word (*Gk.-eklektos/eklegomai*) means "out-positioned" for a special service. God can *elect* or choose any man, but the man must submit to His call and follow Him. See CALL/CHOSEN, CHURCH. Also see **SB065** Christian Individualism, **SB103** Divine Election.

**EXPECTATION/HOPE** -- See HOPE. ETERNAL/FOREVER -- See FOREVER.

**EVERLASTING** -- This is the adjective of the noun "forever" and has the same root which is "eon" (*Gk.-aion, Heb.-olam*, which means "to flow"). The term "eonian" (adj.) may refer often to that which is perpetual, but more than that it has the idea of that which "flows out" of God. See **SB126** The Problem Of Aion, **SB127** Olam And Aion, **SB128** What Does Aion Mean?

**EVERLASTING LIFE** -- This is defined as life flowing directly out of God.

**FAITH/BELIEF** -- In today's English, we can have *faith* or *belief* in a person, we can believe a fact, but we cannot say we are "faithing" in it. The words *faith* and *belief* are the same in the original language (*Gk.-pistis, -eo*). *Faith* is taking God at His word and responding accordingly. See **SB100** The Glory Of Believing, **SB105** What Is Faith, **SB109** Faith Exemplified, **SB112** The Centurion Of Capernaum., **SB179** The Gospel Of John.

**FIRSTBORN** -- *Firstborn* refers to the ancient custom of sonship. It can be the male child born first, or the one positioned first and having the birthright (e.g. Jacob and Esau, Gen. 27). It can also describe an exalted position such as the sovereignty and preeminence of Jesus Christ. See ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, SON OF GOD and **SB190** Firstborn Of Every Creation.

**FOREVER/ETERNAL** -- This concept is the same as "everlasting" and refers to the outflow of God, e.g. *eternal life* refers to the quality of God given life (*Gk.-aion, Heb.-olam*). See **SB126** The Problem Of Aion, **SB127** Olam And Aion, **SB128** What Does Aion Mean, **SB142** The Day Of The Eon.

**GENTILES** -- The term *gentiles* (*Gk.-ethnos, Heb.-goi*) always stands for the nations, while Israel, or the Jews, are the future nation-the people of God. See **SB153** Cornelius, The Centurion, **SB157** The Nations-Now Joint Bodies.

**GLORY** -- The Greek noun *doxa* has many meanings and is derived from the verb meaning, "to recognize or esteem a person or thing for what it is." This word stands for a condition or state, and not praise. Thus *doxa* can mean appearance, or reputation. See **SB071** Earth's Glorious Future, **SB100** The Glory Of Believing.

**GOD/LORD** -- *God* has many names in Scripture. Many of His names are connected with Jehovah in the Old Testament, as well as compounds of *El* and *Jah*. In the New Testament, He is known as *God* (*Gk. -theos*) and *Lord* (*Gk. -kurios*), but all of these really refer to Jesus Christ who expresses the invisible, inaudible *God* the Father to us mortals (psa. 145:10-12, Isa. 40:5--the Jehovah of the Old Testament is the Jesus Christ of the New Testament). See JEHOVAH and JESUS. Also see **SB003** The Father And The Son, **SB010** From Cana To Calvary, **SB051** The Biblical Concept Of God, **SB187** The Rights Of God, **SB188** What Does "Ginomai" Mean, **SB196** The Days Of God Upon The Earth.

**GOSPEL** -- The word *gospel* (*Gk. -euagglion [evangelion]*) means "good tidings" or "good news." This is the right message and a "good message" which fills a need. See **SB163** The Divine Arrangement, **SB179** The Gospel Of John, **SB181** The Confirmation Of The Gospel.

**GRACE** -- This is a love and favor that is totally undeserved (Eph.3:2). See **SB060** Ephesians 3--Translation, **SB065** Christian Individualism.

**GREEK ALPHABET** -- The *Greek alphabet* is useful for working with the Greek interlinear Bibles (as the New Testament is in Greek) and has been included in **SB117** The Greek Alphabet.

**HEAD** -- In the past, the *head* of a column of numbers was the sum, likewise, the *head* sums up the human body. This term can also mean the front of a line or the leader of a group, but in Scripture, the word *head* is used most often figuratively where it means an outflowing source from God. See **SB118** Head: A Word Study.

**HEAVEN** -- The term *heaven* (*Gk. -ouranos*) refers to everything that is over or above, whether it is the earth, men, governments and even God. It often is a title for "God," and in the plural form may also mean the beings of that exalted place, "the heaved ones." See **SB034** The Word "Heaven," **SB058** Ephesians 1-Translation.

**HELL** -- This is a King James Version rendering, and study of the original words (*Heb. -sheol*, *Gk. -hades*) indicates that they mean the place of the dead (old *Eng. -hell* = grave, pit, hole). Another word for *hell* is (*Gk. gehenna*) a burning refuse dump (in the days of King Josiah outside Jerusalem) and is used as a figure for the second death. See **SB082** What does Sheol Mean?, **SB184** What Does Gehenna Mean?, **SB185** More About Gehenna, **SB186** What Does "Destruction" Mean?

**HOPE/EXPECTATION** -- These words are the explanations of a single word (*Gk.-elpis, Heb.-tiqvah*) which contains the idea of being confident, to trust, and to expect confidently. In the *KJV* the word *hope*, like *expectation*, had its basis in fact, while today *hope* is only a wish. See **SB071** Earth's Glorious Future, **SB073** Inheriting The Earth, **SB004** The Believer's Destiny, **SB075** The Earth—Our Future Home.

**IMMANUEL** -- This is another name for Jesus Christ and it literally means "God with us" (Matt. 1 :23). It is also spelled *Emmanuel*. See **SB010** From Calla To Calvary, **SB196** The Days Of God Upon The Earth.

**IMMORTALITY** -- The word *immortality* (*Gk.-athanasia*) signifies that death is not working in us, just as the word "mortal" (*Gk.thanetos*) signifies being subject to death. See **INCORRUPTIBILITY** and **SB132** Concerning Immortality.

**INCORRUPTIBILITY** -- This means that without death working in us, we are incapable of being corrupted, (*Gk.-aphthartos*) i.e. not perishable.

**JEHOVAH** -- This is the Hebrew name of Jesus Christ in relation to the covenant people of Israel (*Yaweh* or *Jehovah*). See **GOD/LORD** and **SB002** The Lord Jesus Is Jehovah.

**JESUS** -- The human name of our Savior *Jesus* Christ. It is a Greek form of the Hebrew *Jehoshua/Joshua* which means "savior" or "deliverer." *Jesus* is the primary personality revealed in the Bible. He is the Creator, Elohim, the God of Israel, Jehovah, the Word or Expression of God, the Son of God, the King of the Kingdom of God, and for us today, the one Mediator, and propitiation for our sins. See **CHRIST**,

**GOD/LORD, IMMANUEL, JEHOVAH.** Also see **SB018** Jesus Only, **SB021** God Our Savior, **SB123** Call His Name Jesus, **SB159** The Deity Of Jesus Christ, **SB163** The Divine Arrangement, **SB171** Abraham's Seed Today, **SB172** How Can A Man Be God?, **SB176** The Complex Of The Deity.

**JUDGMENT** -- The word *judgment* (*Heb.-mishpat, Gk.-krisis*) has to do with God establishing His righteous order in the world. It is a blessing to good men, but punishment to the wicked. See **SB033** The Word Judgment, **SB036** The Kingdom Judgment, **SB197** God's Judgments.



**KINGDOM** -- The word *kingdom* (*Heb.-malkuth, Gk-basilea*) means "government." The term "the *Kingdom* of God" or "the *Kingdom* of the Heavens" refers to the next step in God's plan; a future grand period of blessing that will engulf the whole earth. See **SB026** The Divine Purpose, **SB027** The Kingdom Of God, **SB028** The Kingdom: Why Two Names, **SB029** Kingdom Means Government, **SB030** Kingdom Truth, **SB031** The Kingdom: Present Or Future, **SB032** Kingdom Blunders, **SB035** The Kingdom In Reality, **SB038** A Neglected Prophecy, **SB041** God's Next Move, **SB045** The Most Important Parable, **SB047** Questions And Objections, **SB048** The Most Important Parable, **SB049** A Psalm Of Divine Government, **SB055** The Kingdom Titles, **SB075** The Earth Our Future Home, **SB091** The Mission Of Elijah, **SB101** God Must Intervene, **SB113** The Kingdom Restraints, **SB114** The Kingdom Rebellion, **SB121** The "Not Being" But "As Being" Principle, **SB142** The Day Of The Eon, **SB150** The Kingdom Within Men, **SB154** Israel's Prophesied Return, **SB155** Ezekiel's Amazing Prophecy, **SB156** King David's Glorious Future, **SB194** The Kingdom Is Coming.

**LAST DAYS/LATTER DAYS** -- The term, the *last days* is used to describe the "resultant or concluding days" (*Heb.-acharith yam, Gk.eschatos hemeron*). This often refers to the sequel of the days of this present evil eon. However, the term "the end time" (*Heb.-kehetz*) is reserved for that final period of the indignation of God. See **SB014** What Are The Last Days, **SB015** What The World Needs Now, **SB016** The Character Of The Last Days, **SB053** A Psalm For Today, **SB124** At Such A Time, **SB193** The Consummation Of The Eon.

**LAW** -- The word *law* (*Heb. -torah* and *Gk. -nomos*) means "a precept, teaching, ordinance, or custom." This word reflects a word from God, and relates His mind on what is His righteous order. See **SB165** God's Law To Israel, **SB166** The Ten Commandments, **SB167** The Terms Of The Covenant, **SB168** Misconceptions Concerning The Law, **SB169** The Broken Covenant, **SB170** We Establish The Law.

**LIFE** -- The *life* (*Heb.-chaiyim, nephesh, Gk.-bios, zoe, psuche*) within us is the result God breathing the "breath of *life*" into the body He created. Today it results from the natural process of fertilization, gestation and birth. Scripture often uses *life* and soul interchangeably. The concept of "eternal life" is not just a perpetual *life*, but rather *life* that stems directly from God. See **SB077** What Is The Soul, **SB078** The Breath Of Life.

**LIGHT** -- This word (*Gk.-phos, Heb.-or*) has a very literal meaning of that which stimulates our visual senses. In Scripture *light* represents enlightenment, therefore relating to the understanding, personification, and perception of or from God. See **SB125** The Divine Interchange Principle, **SB164** Fearing God And Working Righteousness.

**LOVE** -- The Scripture says "God is *love*" (1 John 4:8). The definition of *love* used by OQS is: "*Love* is that principle or attitude that seeks the highest good for the one that is loved." The word *love* in Scripture translates into two words in the Greek: *agape*, which means a *love* that is offered without condition or reservation; and *phi/eo*, which means a strong friendship or brotherly *love*. See **SB069** The Love Of The Truth.

**MEDIATOR** -- Sometimes considered a middleman or go-between, (*Gk.-mesites*); Moses was a *mediator* in Israel, and there were many *mediators* during the Acts period. However, the truth for today is **there is one mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus (1 Tim. 2:5)**. See **SB017** The One Mediator.

**MESSIAH/CHRIST** -- See CHRIST, JESUS.

**MILLENNIUM** -- This non-scriptural term refers a time period, the thousand-year reign of Christ on earth after His personal return at the end of the Great Tribulation, as mentioned in Rev. 20:8. See **SB025** The Parousia Of The Lord Jesus, and booklet, **SS012**, The Thousand Year Reign of Christ, by OQS, 1957.

**MORTAL** -- This is the condition of man today. The fact that man is capable of dying means he is *mortal*. It is the act of resurrection that gives man life again. See DEATH, and IMMORTALITY. **SB163** The Divine Arrangement, **SB174** The Savior Of The World, **SB182** Future Punishment, **SB195** Universalism Examined.

**MOUNTAIN** -- A *mountain*, in Scripture symbolism, e.g. the Hebrew poetry in the prophets, means "a kingdom or a government." See KINGDOM and **SB029** Kingdom Means Government.

**MYSTERY/SECRET** -- The word translated *mystery* in Scripture means a *secret* and is a transliteration of the Greek word *musterion*. It means that which was "hidden" (and is now revealed), and not that which is "mysterious and unknowable." See **SB056** The Dispensation Of Grace, **SB090** The Truths God Calls Secret.

**NATIONS/GENTILES** -- See GENTILES.ONLY BEGOTTEN SON -- This is an adjective (*Gr.-monogenes*) which means literally "one of a kind, or unique." In Scripture it means Jesus Christ is the "only Authorized Son/Expression of God," implying there is no other. It has nothing to do with human birthright. See **SB173** What Does "Monogenes" Mean?

**OUT -CALLED** -- See CHURCH.

**PERISH** -- This means the same thing as "destruction." See **DESTRUCTION, SB182** Future Punishment, **SB186** What Does Destruction Mean?

**PRAYER** -- *Prayer* is our means of communicating with God. We can talk with God any time, anywhere, through the Holy Spirit who dwells within us. See **SB152** Concerning Prayer.

**PREDESTINATION** -- This word, translated from the Greek word *proorizo* means that which is "determined beforehand." (*pro*, which means before, in front of, or prior to; and *horizo*, which means to mark out, or to designate). See **SB130** Does God Know?, **SB160** Concerning Predestination.

**PUNISHMENT** -- The future *punishment* has to do with destruction, or perishing (John 3:16). See **DESTRUCTION, PERISH**. Also see **SB182** Future Punishment.

**RAPTURE** -- This is not a scriptural term, while the rescue of Christians by resurrection is. The indignation is actually over when He returns. See **MILLENNIUM**,

**TRIBULATION**. Also see **SB039** The Great Tribulation, **SB040** The Great Testing, **SB041** God's Next Move.

**RELIGION** -- This word has a thousand meanings and as many different sacraments and rituals attached to it. The word *religion* (*Gk.-threskia*) really refers to outward service to a deity, hence idol worship, in reference to "superstition and magic." Our experience is that all men's *religions* are men's attempts to control God, in contrast to the fact that God gave only one *religion*, that of the Hebrews. See **SB022** Let Us Go Also, **SB042** The Inherited Lie, **SB043** Who Crucified Jesus?, **SB045** The Theological Conspiracy, **SB046** The "Jews" In John's Gospel, **SB068** The Christian Fakers, **SB092** The Seven Millennium Theory, **SB098** What Does "Ta Panta" Mean?, **SBI40** Religionless Christianity, **SBI41** More About Ekklesia, **SB198** You've Gotta Have A Ceremony.

**REPENTANCE** -- This very broad word in Greek (*metanoeo*) means to "submit, yield or ease" (relieve of burden). *Metanoeo* literally means "the after-mind," but has no reference to being sorry for sins or doing penitence over. See **SB106** What About Repentance?, **SB107** What Does Metanoeo Mean?, **SB108** Metanoeo-Problem Passages.

**RESURRECTION** -- This word (*Gk.-anastasis*) literally means "a standing up or a rising up," hence reflecting the positive act of God to bring man to life again. See **SB080** Concerning Resurrection, and a booklet, **SS006** The Resurrections, by OQS, 1955.

**SABBATH** -- The first definition of the *Sabbath* is the seventh or last day of the week, Saturday. However, it is also used of special high holy days which in the land of Israel might last for several days. The *Sabbath* was made for Israel and no other nation (Ezek. 20:20). See booklet, **SS016** The Sabbath and the Sunday Question, by OQS, 1944.

**SAINT/HOLY ONE** -- The term *saint* (*Gk.-hagios*) means one who has been set apart or separated for special service for God. It has nothing to do with being especially pious or religious. Just as the Holy Spirit is separated for service (*Gk.-pneuma hagion*) for God, so are men who are believers in Jesus Christ. See **SB058** Ephesians 1-Translation.

**SAVIOR/SALVATION** -- *Salvation* basically means "safety, ease, rescue and deliverance" (*Heb.-yeshuah, yasha, and Gk.-soteria, soterion*). The word *soterion* has a further idea, that of the "saving health" the *Savior* Jesus Christ provides. See **SB001** You Need A Savior, **SB008** What Does Soterion Mean?, **SB021** God Our Savior, **SB065** Christian Individualism, **SB072** The Salvation of The World, **SB140** Religionless Christianity, **SB163** The Divine Arrangement, **SB174** The Savior of The World.

**SECRET/MYSTERY** -- See MYSTERY.

**SIN** -- This word (*Gk.-hamartia, hamartano*) simply means "missing the mark." The mark is always a goal. For Adam and Eve, *sin* was to eat of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, a rebellion against God's command. See **SB001** You Need A Savior, **SB016** The Character Of The Last Days, **SB114** The Kingdom Rebellion.

**SON OF GOD** -- The Hebrew concept of a *son* (*Gk.-huios*) is that of the offspring or assigned servant who legally controls the family wealth and persons in the absence or death of the father. A male child (*Gk.-technon*) is not truly the *son*. Christ is the *Son of God*, the one who expresses the invisible, inaudible, almighty God, the Father, to men who would not know Him otherwise (John 5:37). See also booklet **SS030** FIRST-BORN OF ALL CREATION and **SB003** The Father And The Son.

**SOUL** -- The word *soul* (*Heb.-nephesh, Gk.-psuche*) means that aspect of a being which refers to his possession of senses and feelings. Man does not have a soul, rather, man is soul, the composite of the body God gave him and the breath of life (Gen. 2:7). See **SB076** What Is Man?, **SB077** What Is The Soul, **SB081** The Interpretation Of Matthew 10:28.

**SPIRIT** -- The word *spirit* (*Heb.-Illach, Gk.-pneuma*) means "breath or wind," and is that aspect of man that cannot be seen, but that God places in each and every one of us that gives us life. It can refer to that aspect of God who is described as *spirit*. See **SB078** The Breath of Life, **SB176** The Complex Of The Deity.

**SPIRITUAL** -- This word is an adjective (*Gk.-pneumatikos*) which is used specifically by the Spirit to designate things produced by the Spirit of God, which come directly from God without any human intervention or instrumentality in the process. It is contrasted with the Greek *psuchikos* which means "the natural man," hence that produced by natural processes, literally meaning "soulish." See **SB088** What Does "Spiritual" Mean, and **SB089** "Spiritual" A Word Study.

**TABERNACLE/TENT** -- A *tabernacle* is a tent and a dwelling place (*Gk.-skene*). God's divine purpose is to dwell (*tabernacle*) with men and make His *tabernacle* His center of activity. See **SB026** The Divine Purpose. For more details, see the booklet, *Absent From The Body*, OQS, 1966, in which *tabernacle/tent* are carefully compared with house (*Gk.-oikia*).

**TRIBULATION** -- This word (*Gk.-thlipsis*) refers to the end of the Kingdom when some men rebel against God (sometimes called "the time of Jacob's trouble"). This becomes a time of testing, hence pressure on mankind, a time of God pouring out His indignation upon those who rebel against Him (Matt. 24:21). See **SB039** The Great Tribulation, **SB040** The Great Testing, **SB114** The Kingdom Rebellion, **SB151** Six, Sixty, Six, **SB161** The Antichrist, **SB162** The Mark Of The Beast. **SB182** Future Punishment, **SB183** What Does "Torment" Mean?

**TRUTH** -- The word *truth* (*Gk.-aletheia*) is defined as that which accords with the facts in the case. In the Gospel of John, we are told that "God is Spirit" and we must worship Him in "spirit and in *truth*" (John 4:24). To do this we are responsible to know the facts. See **SB069** The Love Of Truth, **SB86** The Signs Of The Times, **SB125** The Divine Interchange Principle.

**UNIVERSALISM** -- This is a religion which claims that all people, including Satan, are to be saved by the work of Jesus Christ. See **SB189** Universalism Disavowed, **SB195** Universalism Explained.

**WORLD/EARTH** -- The basic meaning of this word (*Gk.-kosmos*) is "system, order or arrangement." The word *earth* (*Gk.-ge*) is synonymous in most respects. Without the ecosphere that surrounds our *earth*, this *world* would not be inhabitable; in fact, it would not be our *world*. This *world* began when, in the beginning God created the heavens and the *earth*. See **KINGDOM, ETERNAL/FOREVER**. See also **SB067** A Foretaste Of The Kingdom, **SB070** God's Earth, **SB071** Earth's Glorious Future,

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**WORD** -- When we speak a *word*, we are expressing ourselves. It can be literal, meaning groups of letters we use for communication and containing many meanings in the English dictionary, i.e. a brief remark, an expression, a declaration, a pledge, a saying, a dispute, an articulate sound, etc. In Scripture, a figurative sense of the *word* is often used to impart the idea of a saying or speech (*Heb.-emer, imrah; Gk.-logos, rhema*). For example, the Greek word *logos* means the Expression of God (John 1: 1), where it is personified, referring to the Lord Jesus Christ (John 1:14). See **SB012** This Generation Shall Not Pass, **SB102** Who Is "The Word" In John 1:1-14?

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