

You Lost Me at Omniscient: Making Meaning Out of Biblical Words by Pastor Mark Carson

Salvation: Eternal life through Jesus' sacrifice. When Jesus rescues us from **wrath**, sin, death, and Hell. **John 3:36** "...believe in Jesus, you'll have eternal life, don't believe and the wrath of God is on you." , **Romans 5:9** "...we shall be saved from wrath through Jesus." The free gift that God gives us when we **believe** that Jesus died for our sins and gives us eternal life. Salvation is only given through Jesus Christ. **John 14:6** Jesus had to die on a cross for our sins so we could be forgiven. God doesn't accept any other payment for our sin than Jesus' death on the cross. **Acts 4:12**.

Sin: All the bad things we say, think, and do that go against God's word, God's design, and God's heart. Sin is our biggest problem. We are all sinners, (less than perfect). **Rom. 3:23** "For all have sinned and fall short of the Glory of God." Sin separates us from God. **Isa. 59:2** "But your sin has separated between you and your God,..." God cannot allow us to come near Him as unforgiven sinners. Sin must be punished. Jesus paid for all our sins on the cross. Only Jesus can forgive us from sin. **John 1:29** "...Behold the Lamb of God Who takes away the sin of the world."

Faith: Trusting the character of God. Knowing God's working for our good and His glory. Believing God when He tells us something before it happens. When we trust God through believing His promises/words we grow in our relationship with God. Faith is relational. **Prov. 3:5-6** It builds our trust in God. Faith is the only way to please God. **Heb. 11:6** Faith grows when we read the Bible. Faith is designed to grow. **Rom. 10:17**

Mercy: Not getting what you deserve. God's compassion on guilty sinners. God's mercy never ends it is new every day. **Eph. 4:2, Titus 3:4-7, Lam. 3:22-23**

Grace: Getting what you don't deserve. God's free love and generosity. God's grace is given to you because of who God is, not because of who you are. You can't earn God's grace it is a free gift. **Eph. 2:8** "By grace you have been savedit is the gift of God."

Messiah: The promised Savior of the world, Jesus. The Chosen One of God. The anointed One of God, Jesus. **John 4:25-26, Matt. 16:16**

Gospel: The good news. The story of what God has done for us through Jesus. Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection to forgive our sins and give eternal life. **1 Cor 15:3-5**

Conviction: Feeling bad for our sin. Seeing sin, the same way God does. When we feel bad for our sins and want to change. God convicts those He loves. Godly conviction produces repentance leading to salvation. **2 Cor. 7:10, John 16:8**, The Holy Spirit convicts of sin.

Repentance: Change of mind about your sin. Turning away from sin, turning to God. Leaving sin and running to God. Changing our mind about sin and living for God. **2 Cor. 7:10** John the Baptist and Jesus' first recorded words are "Repent!"

Confession: Telling on yourself to God. Freedom from lying and hiding your sin from God. Confession allows you to ask for forgiveness and let God know you're sorry. It empties your guilty heart and frees you from becoming a slave to sin. **1 John 1:9, Prov. 28:13**

Forgiven: When God removes your sin. When God washes your sin away. We must be forgiven through Jesus to have a relationship with God. God wants to forgive you more than you want to be forgiven. **Psalm 86:5** “For You Lord are good and ready to **forgive** and abundant in mercy to all those who call upon You.” **Psalm 103:12** God removes our sins as far as east is from west.

Born Again: Jesus brings your spirit alive. When you believe in Jesus and He brings your spirit to life for the first time. We are spiritually dead when we are born physically alive. We must be born twice to enter God’s kingdom. Once as a baby and once spiritually. No one enters God’s kingdom without being “Born Again.” How? By receiving Jesus as your Savior. **John 3:3, John 3:16**

Justification: Past. Freed from the **penalty** of sin. God calls forgiven sinners righteous. God calls us justified even though we are still in sinful bodies. Only people who believe in Jesus are justified. When God says you’ve been saved from the penalty of sin. **2 Cor. 5:21** “For God made Jesus Who knew no sin to become sin for us that we might become the righteousness of God in Jesus.” **Rom. 5:18** “Adam’s one sin brought condemnation; Jesus’ one righteous act brought justification to all.”

Sanctification: Present. Freed from the **power** of sin. Becoming more like Jesus every day. **Rom. 8:29** “..To be conformed to the image of His Son.” We are now free from the power of sin so we can obey God. This happens through the power of the Holy Spirit working in our lives and knowing God’s word. **Rom. 6:6** “If the Holy Spirit dwells in us, He enables us to put to death (sin).” **2 Peter 3:18** “Grow in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.” **James 4:7** “Submit to God, resist the devil, he will flee.”

Glorification: Future. Freed from the **presence** of sin. Transformed, perfected and sinless state/body. After we get our new bodies, and we are perfect with Jesus forever. God will glorify every believer in Jesus. **Phil. 3:20-21** “Jesus transforms us into new bodies like His.”

Resurrection: Coming back to life forever. When God brings us back to life and we live with Him forever. Jesus gives every believer eternal life. We are brought back to life to live with God forever. **John 11:25-26** “I am the resurrection and the life,..whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die.” **Phil. 3:21** “Jesus will transform our lowly body to be like His glorious body..”

Omniscience: God knows everything. God is the smartest being in the universe. He can’t learn anything. God can answer all your questions/problems. **1 John 3:20** “..and God knows everything.”

Omnipresence: God is everywhere and sees everything. God is with you. **Psalm 33:13-14**

Omnipotence: God is all powerful. Nothing is too hard for Him. God can always help you. **Eph. 3:20, Jer. 32:27**

Worship: Expressing your love for God. A heart of love, thanks, and praise toward God. Worship God in truth, say things that are true. Worship through singing, praying, giving, serving. “God is Spirit and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and in truth.” **John 4:24** “And whatever you do in word or deed do everything in the name of Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.” **Col. 3:17**

Prayer: Talking with God. Prayer is to the Father, through Jesus by the Holy Spirit. **Eph. 2:18, 5:20, Rom. 8:26** A conversation with God where we thank God, seek God’s wisdom and will, ask God to help and heal others. God has three answers to prayer: Yes, no, and later. Prayer is trusting in God’s will not our will. “..Not My will but Thy will be done.” **Luke 22:42, “Pray without ceasing.” 1 Thes. 5:16**