

Bible word	or / which means / which is	Alternative
Abba (Father)	dad, daddy	
Abide	living in one place	staying day after day
Adultery	when a married person has a close (sexual) relationship with someone who is not... her husband / his wife	when a man and a woman who are not married live together as though they are
Altar	[usually] a heap of large stones on which a sacrifice is placed	a place marked with stones where God did something great
Angel	a holy, spiritual being created by God	a messenger of God
Anoint	to pour oil on someone	to mark something with oil as a sign of it being used only for God
Apostles	what some of Jesus' disciples were called after He went back to heaven	leaders of the first church who saw and heard Jesus; a special messenger of God
Baptize	to dip a person under water as a sign of his new life in Christ	
Bless	to wish God's goodness on someone	to ask God to show His favor on someone
Bondage	being held tight by a sin so that I cannot escape	when I am tied up in sinful habits
Born again	when we ask Jesus to save us and we are born into God's family	when we ask Jesus to forgive us and to make us new on the inside
Chariot	a two-wheeled cart pulled by a horse	
Church	all those who believe in God	a group of believers who meet together
Cloak	a coat	
Commandments	God's laws	the rules God has given us
Commitment	a firm decision	making a promise and keeping it
Communion (Lord's supper)	when we eat bread and drink wine to remember the death of Jesus	
Condemn	to declare someone guilty of a crime or sin	to say that someone must be punished
Confess	saying sorry for our sins	admitting that we have done wrong
Conscience	the feeling that warns us when we are doing something wrong	a feeling of guilt inside when we know we have done wrong
Consecrate / dedicate	to set something aside for God's use only	to give something to God for Him to use
Convict	to make someone feel guilty for a wrong they have done	find someone guilty

Counselor	someone who helps by giving advice	
Covenant	a serious promise between two people	an agreement between God and His people
Covet	to long for something that belongs to someone else	
Creation	everything that God has created (made)	
Crucify	nail to a wooden cross	
Curse	to say (to wish) that something terrible will happen to a person	
Deacon	a servant or leader in a church	
Demon	an evil spirit	an unseen being who serves the devil
Disciple	a follower of Jesus	
Doctrine	truths taught in the Bible	what we as Christians believe
Elder	a leader in the church	a wise experienced person who helps the pastor of a church
Evangelist	a person who tells people the good news of Jesus	
Everlasting / Eternal	for ever and ever	never ending
Evil	very bad; sinful; wicked	very wrong in God's eyes
Faith	believing something we cannot see	relying on God; trusting what God has said in the Bible
Faithful	loyal and dependable	caring and loving no matter what happens
Famine	when there is not enough food to eat (usually because it hasn't rained for a long time)	
Fasting	deciding to go without food (or water)	not eating to show one's need for God
Fellowship	a close friendship between two or more people	
Flesh	our physical bodies	the sinful nature in us
Foolish	not wise; not caring about the future	doing something without thinking about the problems it will cause
Forgive	to let off someone who hurt you	to not keep reminding someone of what they did to you; to set someone free
Gentile	a person who is not a Jew	
Gift (of the Spirit)	a special ability (like a talent) given by the Holy Spirit	an ability we are given to serve others in a special way
Glory	the beauty and greatness of God	
Gospel	the good news of Jesus	the message that Jesus saves
Grace	free, undeserved favor	

Greed	wanting more than we need	
Guilt/y	the bad feeling we have inside when we have sinned	being responsible for something we have done wrong
Hallelujah	[Hebrew for] "praise the Lord"	
Hallow	to respect and honor greatly	
Heaven	the perfect place where God and His angels live	the place where we will go when we die if Jesus is our Lord
Hell	a place of punishment	
Holy	perfect and sinless	pure and good (like God)
Holy Spirit	the Spirit of God in us	
Hosanna	[Hebrew for] "save us now"	a word used to praise Jesus
Hypocrite	a person who says one thing and does another; someone who pretends to be good	a person who sees faults in others but does not see his own
Idol	a statue of a false god	something that takes God's place in our lives
Idolatry	worshiping images and statues	believing in man-made gods
Incense	a mixture that gives off a sweet smell when it is burned	
Iniquity	when a person sins against someone else	a very wrong attitude or a sinful habit; evil deeds
Intercede	praying on behalf of someone else	praying for someone as if that person were praying
Judge (person in OT)	a person who was chosen to help people settle their differences	a person who was chosen to help the Israelites fight their enemies
Justice	the punishment of evil and the reward of righteousness	treating others fairly
Justify	to declare a guilty person innocent	to set someone free from the punishment he/she deserves
Kingdom	the people and land ruled by a king	
Leper	a person with a terrible skin disease	
Manger	a food box for sheep and cattle	a place that holds hay for the cattle
Manna	the special food God sent from heaven to feed the Israelites	flaky, white food that lay on the ground
Meek	gentle and kind	
Mercy	showing pity on someone who doesn't deserve it	Helping the weak and needy
Miracle	an amazing act of God that goes against the laws of nature	something God does that cannot be explained
Mourn	to be very sad	
Obey	to do what we are told	to do what God has said (in the Bible)

Parable	a short story that teaches an important truth	a story from everyday life to help us understand God's ways
Passover	the night the Angel of Death passed over all the houses with lamb's blood on the door frame	a Jewish feast to remind them how God rescued them from the Egyptians
Pastor	the leader of a church	a shepherd of God's sheep (those who belong to Him)
Pasture	an open, grassy field where cattle and sheep can eat	
Pentecost	a Jewish feast to celebrate the beginning of harvest	the day on which the Holy Spirit was sent to come and live in all believers
Perish	to die	to be separated from God forever
Persecuted	when people are mocked, tortured or killed for their faith	
Pharisees	leaders in the Temple who cared more about keeping the law than about people	religious leaders who made up their own laws
Plague	a disease or other kind of suffering sent as a punishment from God	
Praise	to honor the Lord with prayers and songs from our hearts	to give God the glory for what He has done
Prayer	talking to God (aloud or in our thoughts)	a time of talking to God and listening to Him
Preach	to speak to a group of people about God	to help people understand the Bible better
Priest	someone who 'stands' between God and the people	a person chosen to do certain tasks in the Tabernacle or Temple
Prophecy	an important message from God, often about the future	
Prophet	someone who gets a special message from God and tells people what God said	someone who speaks for God
Psalm	a poem, a prayer or a song that praises God	
Rabbi	master; teacher	a teacher of the Jewish law
Reconcile	to make a relationship right (with God)	to make peace with someone or with God
Redeem	to buy back something; to pay for something that one owned	to pay for someone to be free; to set someone free from the trap of sin
Redeemer	a person who sets someone free from a bad situation	

Relationship	friendship	closeness to someone
Repent	to be sorry for one's sin; to ask for forgiveness and turn from sin	to decide not to live in sin any longer and to live for God
Repentance	showing a godly sadness for having done wrong	turning away from sin and turning to God
Revelation	a spiritual eye-opening experience	a God-given understanding of a 'hidden' truth
Revenge	wanting to get even	getting a person back for a wrong he/she has done to us
Sabbath	the day of rest (the seventh day)	
Sackcloth	scratchy cloth that people put on to show that they are sad or sorry for their sin	
Sacred	having a very special purpose	holy
Sacrifice	an offering placed on an altar	something valuable given to God (e.g. a living sacrifice)
Sadducees	a religious group of people who did not believe in eternal life	
Saint	someone chosen to do God's work	someone made holy by God (all believers)
Salvation	being saved from sin and eternal punishment	being saved from death and given eternal life
Sanctify	to make holy (free from sin)	to purify
Sanctuary	a tent or building where God meets with His people	a place where people get together to worship God
Sanhedrin	the top religious leaders	a group of top Jewish leaders in charge of religious matters
Saved	to be born into God's family; to become a child of God	to have eternal life
Savior	Jesus, the One who saves us	Jesus, who died in our place
Scripture	the Bible	God's written Word
Scroll	a long piece of paper (papyrus) rolled onto a wooden rod	a rolled-up piece of writing
Seer	a prophet	someone who can see into the future
Sin (v)	doing what is wrong	disobeying God
Slave	a person who is owned by someone else	
Sling	a simple weapon to fling a stone	a strip of leather with a pouch that holds a stone
Soul	the part inside us that thinks and feels	
Spirit	the part of us that lives forever; the unseen part of us that connects us with God	the life that God breathed into man

Synagogue	a building where Jews gather to worship God	
Tabernacle	a tent where God met with His people	a holy tent (used by the Israelites in the desert)
Tax / Taxes	money paid to the government	
Tax collector	someone who collects money for the government	
Temple	the House of God	a place of worship
Temptation	the thoughts that 'tell' you to do something wrong	wanting to do what we know is wrong
Testament	an agreement between God and man	God's written will to man
Throne	a special seat on which only a king is allowed to sit	
Tithe	a tenth (one for every ten...)	an offering to God to show our thankfulness
Tomb	a place where a dead person is laid	a hollowed-out place (cave) where someone's body is placed
Treaty	an agreement between two nations	
Tribe	descendants of the sons of Jacob (Israel)	a group of people that have the same great-great-grandfather
Trinity	God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit	One God, as Father, Son and Holy Spirit
Unclean	not pure	something the Israelites were not allowed to use or touch
Veil	a curtain	a head covering
Vineyard	a place where grapes are grown	
Widow	a woman whose husband has died	
Will	the part of us that makes a decision (we have a free will)	
Wisdom	to be able to understand the way things are and do (or say) the right thing	to know the difference between right and wrong (and choose what is right)
Witness	to tell others what you know about Jesus	to tell others that God loves them
Worship	to praise, honor and glorify God	
Wrath (of God)	the anger of God over sin	God's fierce anger against the wicked