Using the New Testament Recovery Version®
An Illustrated Guide

God desires all men to be saved and to come to the full knowledge of the truth
1 Timothy 2:4
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The Recovery Version—A Unique Study Bible

The word *Bible* comes from the Greek word *biblos*, which means “the book.” This means that the Bible stands as the unique book among all the books in the world. Although it was written by men in human language, it is unique because its nature is divine. The apostle Paul’s word to Timothy tells us that “all Scripture is God-breathed” (2 Tim. 3:16). This indicates that the Scriptures did not come out of man’s thought, man’s mind; rather, God breathed His thought and His word through His Spirit into and out of the writers. Thus, the Bible contains God’s elements and carries His flavor. The greatest blessing and joy in human life is to contact God and taste Him through the words of the Bible (Psa. 119:103).

As the unique book, the Bible is a book of divine truth. The truths contained in the Bible concern God and His eternal plan, man and his destiny, Christ with His person and work, the Holy Spirit in man’s experience of God, the complete salvation of God for man, the church as God’s corporate people, the kingdom of God, and the New Jerusalem in the new heaven and new earth.

According to the facts of history, after the writing of the Bible was completed, over the succeeding centuries the truths in the Bible gradually became lost or misunderstood. For many years the Bible was even locked away so that the common people could not read it. In the sixteenth century, at the time of the Reformation, God began to recover the lost truths of the Bible. In the following centuries, God used a number of His servants to progressively recover the truths in His Word. Those used by God in each generation inherited the truths recovered by their predecessors and went further to receive more light from God through His Word. Eventually, at the end of the twentieth century the recovery of the biblical truths was essentially complete.

The Recovery Version is unique among all of the study Bibles available today. More than being an accurate and readable translation of the biblical text, the Recovery Version contains additional elements that
convey the full breadth of the divine truths breathed out by God through the original writers of the Bible and recovered by God’s people over the past five hundred years. The outlines, footnotes, and cross-references in the Recovery Version unveil the divine revelation in the Scriptures and guide the reader into a discovery of the rich treasures hidden below the surface of the printed pages. Now, in the twenty-first century, the Recovery Version stands out as the Bible for our generation.

The Recovery Version is also unique because it relates all the divine truths in the Bible to one crucial matter—the economy of God. The Bible uses the word economy to describe God’s great enterprise in the universe, which is to dispense Himself into man so that He and man may be one (Eph. 1:10; 3:9; 1 Tim. 1:4). God can be likened to a wealthy businessman who has an enormous amount of capital. God has a “business” in this universe, and His vast wealth is simply Himself. Because God has the desire to distribute Himself with all His riches into man, He has a plan, a divine arrangement, a divine economy. This economy is the central theme of the Bible. The truths of the Bible are like the pieces of a jigsaw puzzle. In order to interlock the scattered pieces of a puzzle correctly, we need to be guided by the picture on the box. Likewise, in order to understand the various truths in the Bible in their proper context, we need to look at the “picture on the box” of the Bible, that is, at the central theme of the Bible unfolded from Genesis to Revelation. Everything God did in the past, is doing in the present, and will do in the future is for the accomplishing of His economy. The revelation of God’s economy puts all the biblical truths into their proper perspective. The unveiling of the truth in the Bible from the perspective of God’s economy is the foundation of all Christian experience.

It is God’s desire that all men come to the full knowledge of the truth according to His divine economy (1 Tim. 2:4). We sincerely hope that all God’s seekers will benefit from the unveiled truth in the Recovery Version and, even more, that the truth will become their experience as their personal reality.
The remainder of this booklet contains three sections to show you the features of the Recovery Version and how they can be used.

First, we have included an illustrated guide to introduce you to the main **FEATURES OF THE RECOVERY VERSION** and to give you an idea of how to use them in your study of the Bible. The better you can use the features of the Recovery Version, the more you will be able to receive new light and be inwardly supplied by God’s Word.

Second, because one of the best ways to study the Bible is by topic, we have included a **TOPICAL DIRECTORY**, a concise presentation of the major topics in the New Testament. As we have seen, the central theme of the Bible is God’s eternal plan and His economy to carry it out by dispensing Himself into man. All fifteen subjects in the Topical Directory were purposely selected because of their direct relationship to this central theme. The fifteen topics are: The Word of God, God, The Economy of God, Christ, The Spirit, Eternal Life, Divine Truth—Reality, Man, The Gospel, Salvation, Christian Experience, The Believers, The Church—the Body of Christ, The Kingdom, and The New Jerusalem.

If you study all these topics with a prayerful spirit and an open heart, your understanding of the Bible will be increased and your spiritual experience will be enriched.

Third, a brief **SAMPLE STUDY USING THE TOPICAL DIRECTORY** is illustrated on pages 12–13.

May God bless you richly through His Word!
THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

Author: Matthew, also called Levi, formerly a tax collector, later an apostle (9:9; Luke 5:27), as indicated by the omitted reference to him as the tax collector in 10:3.

Time of Writing: Approximately A.D. 37–40, shortly after the Lord’s resurrection (28:15) and prior to the destruction of the temple (24:2; 26:17, cf. Mark 14:12).

Subject Statements
The subject statements at the beginning of each book give you a clear and concise understanding of the focus of each book.

CHAPTER 1

I. The King’s Antecedents and Status 1:1—2:23

A. His Genealogy and Office—Called Christ 1:1–17

1 The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham:

Footnotes
Superscript numbers in the text refer to footnotes. Use the footnotes to tap into the revelation of the truth, the spiritual light, and the life supply conveyed in the Word of God.
FEATURES OF THE RECOVERY VERSION

REVELATION

Author: The apostle John (1:1, 9).
Time of Writing: Approximately A.D. 90, while John was on the island of Patmos.
Place of Writing: The island of Patmos (1:9).
Recipients: The seven churches in Asia (1:4).

Subject: Christ as the Center of God’s Administration according to God’s Eternal Economy

CHAPTER 1

1. Introduction—
The Revelation of Christ and the Testimony of Jesus
1:1-4

1 The revelation of Jesus Christ which God gave Him to show to His servants the things that must take place; and He made it known by sending His angel to His slave John,

1 As the last book of the Bible, Revelation is the conclusion, completion, and consummation of the entire divine revelation, the whole Bible. The seeds of most of the truths of the divine revelation were sown in Genesis, the first book of the Bible. The growth of all these seeds is progressively developed in the succeeding books, especially in the books of the New Testament, and the harvest is reaped in the book of Revelation. Hence, most of the things covered in this book are not absolutely new but are in the preceding books and are perfected in this book, the focus of which is the unique, ultimate revelation of Christ, the particular, consummate testimony of Jesus, and the universal, eternal economy of God.

This book is a book of prophecy—not prophecy merely in words but in visions revealed to the seer. In the eyes of God, all the things in this book have already happened. Thus, all were shown to the seer, vision after vision. Therefore, most of the verbs used in this book are in the past tense.

The whole Bible reveals Christ; the book of Revelation especially, as the conclusion, completion, and consummation of the whole Bible, is “the revelation of Jesus Christ.” Although this book also reveals many other things, the focus of its revelation is Christ. Several aspects concerning Christ, such as the vision of Christ as the High Priest in the midst of the churches, caring for them in love yet with a judging attitude (vv. 13-16), the vision of Him as the Lion-Lamb in the midst of God’s throne and of the four living creatures and in the midst of the twenty-four elders of the universe, opening the seven seals of God’s
I. Introduction—1:1-2

II. Living Christ to magnify Him—1:3-30
   A. Fellowship for the furtherance of the gospel—vv. 3-18
   B. Magnifying Christ by living Him—vv. 19-26
   C. Striving along with the gospel with one soul—vv. 27-30

III. Taking Christ as the pattern and holding Him forth—2:1-30
   A. Joined in soul, thinking the one thing—vv. 1-4
   B. Taking Christ as the pattern—vv. 5-11
   C. Working out our salvation to hold forth Christ—vv. 12-16
   D. A drink offering upon the sacrifice of faith—vv. 17-18
   E. The apostle’s concern for the believers—vv. 19-30

IV. Pursuing Christ to gain Him—3:1-21
   A. Serving by the Spirit and not trusting in the flesh—vv. 1-6
   B. Counting all things loss on account of Christ—vv. 7-11
   C. Gaining Christ by pursuing Him—vv. 12-16
   D. Awaiting Christ for the transfiguration of the body—vv. 17-21

V. Having Christ as the secret of sufficiency—4:1-20
   A. Thinking the same thing and rejoicing in the Lord—vv. 1-4
   B. Excellent characteristics in living—vv. 5-9
   C. The believers’ fellowship with the apostle and the apostle’s secret of sufficiency—vv. 10-20

VI. Conclusion—4:21-23
Using the Topical Directory

- Topics are divided into small study units by faint lines attached to check boxes (□). Each study unit can be completed in 15-30 minutes.
- Verses with footnotes that give a good overview of a topic are highlighted.
- Study units may be completed by yourself and/or with others.
- Set aside regular time to prayerfully read and study the Bible.
- A referenced footnote may not be entirely on the study topic; find the part of the footnote that is related to the topic.
- Read consecutively through the verses and footnotes in a study unit.
- Be sure to utilize the cross-references and outlines as well as the footnotes.
- After completing a study unit:
  - Try to put into your own words the new light you received.
  - Memorize a key verse or phrase.
  - Speak prayerfully with the Lord about what He has shown you in His Word and ask Him to make it your experience.

THE WORD OF GOD

The written Word

**Essence:** 2 Tim. 3:16; Titus 3:5
**Origin:** 2 Pet. 1:20, 21; Heb. 1:1, 2; 1 Thes. 2:13; Rev. 22:6
**Content:** Matt. 1:11 (para. 1-2); Luke 24:44; John 17:17-3; Phil. 2:16; 1 Thes. 1:6

The spoken Word

John 6:63; Heb. 1:3; Matt. 4:44; Eph. 5:26; 6:17; Heb. 6:5

The living Word

1 John 1:15; John 1:12-5, 14; Rev. 19:13; Rom. 10:8

The functions of the Word

**Testifying concerning the Lord Jesus:** John 5:39; Luke 24:44
**Making men wise unto salvation:** 2 Tim. 3:15
**Causing men to be regenerated:** 1 Peter 1:23
**Being the believers’ spiritual milk:** 1 Peter 2:2; Heb. 5:12
**Being the believers’ bread of life:** Matt. 4:4; 1 Tim. 4:6
**Making the believers complete:** 2 Tim. 3:16, 17; Titus 2:3

Receiving the Word

*With understanding:* Luke 24:45
*With a spirit of wisdom and revelation:* Eph. 1:17; 3:5
*By praying in spirit:* Eph. 6:18
*By singing:* Col. 3:16

GOD

Triune—three yet one

2 Cor. 13:14 (para. 1-4)
2 Cor. 13:14 (para. 5 to end)
Matt. 28:19-6; 3:17; John 14:7
John 14:26; 5:43; 15:26; 10:30
1 Pet. 1:2, 13; Eph. 1:3, 6; 4:4; 6:3;
Rev. 1:4-5; 22:15
2 Pet. 3:16 (para. 2)

His nature and attributes

**Spirit:** 1 John 1:5; John 4:24
**Love:** 1 John 4:8, 16
**Light:** 1 John 1:5-4, 7
**Holiness:** Eph. 1:4; 1 Pet. 1:15-2, 17;
1 Thes. 5:28; Heb. 12:29
**Righteousness:** Rom. 1:17;
1 John 3:10; 2 Pet. 1:19; 1 Tim. 6:11
**Glory:** Rom. 3:23; Titus 2:3; Rev. 21:11
### THE ECONOMY OF GOD

#### His will and good pleasure
- Eph. 1:9-24, 54; Rev. 4:11; Rom. 12:26; Phil. 2:13; Col. 1:9, 10

#### His hidden mystery
- Mark 4:11; Eph. 1:9; Rom. 16:25; Col. 2:2; 1:27-3, 5; Matt. 16:18; Eph. 3:3, 4; 9, 2; 5:32; Rev. 10:7

#### His household administration
- Eph. 1:10; 1 Tim. 1:4; Eph. 3:2

#### His divine dispensing
- John 14:7; Eph. 1:3; 16:27; Rev. 22:15

#### In faith
- Heb. 11:1; 1 Tim. 1:4-3; Gal. 1:23

#### Revealed in our spirit
- Eph. 3:5; 1:17-4, 18-2; Col. 1:9; 1 Cor. 2:10-3, 14-5, 15; Rev. 1:10

### CHRIST

#### His person
- **God:** John 1:14-5, 2; 8:24; Heb. 1:8; Rom. 9:5; 1 John 5:20-8
- **Man:** Matt. 26:64; 4:4; Rom. 1:3-4-5; 5:15; Heb. 2:6, 9; 1 Tim. 2:5

#### His natures
- Both human and divine: Rom. 1:31-4, 4-2-4; Matt. 22:45; 1 John 1:74; John 1:51; Heb. 3:3

#### His process and work
- **Incarnation:** Luke 1:35; Matt. 1:18; John 1:14-2 (para. 1-2); Col. 2:9; Rom. 1:3-4-5; 8:3; Phil. 2:2
- **Human living:** John 1:14-3; 7:1, 6; 10, 15, 41; Matt. 11:29-3; Mark 10:45; Heb. 2:9; 10-5; Eph. 4:21; 1 Pet. 2:21
- **Death:** Mark 14:36; 1 Pet. 2:24; 3:18-2; 2 Cor. 5:21-4; Heb. 2:14; John 12:31; 24; 32; Mark 10:1; John 19:30, 34; Heb. 10:20

#### Resurrection
- Mark 16:6; Matt. 28:1; Rom. 4:25; Acts 2:24-1; 13:33; 1 Cor. 15:45; 1 Pet. 1:3
- John 20:17-3; Rom. 8:29; 1 Cor. 15:3; 17-1; 54; 57

#### Ascension
- (Secret) John 20:17
- (Public) Mark 16:19; John 6:62; Luke 24:51; Heb. 7:26; Phil. 2:9-3, 112

#### Consummating in the Spirit
- John 7:39; 1 Cor. 15:45; 2 Cor. 3:17-3; Rom. 8:10

#### Second coming
- Matt. 24:33, 27; 43; Acts 1:11-5; Rev. 10:12; 14:14-2

#### His being all-inclusive
- Matt. 1:11, 174; Heb. 1:24, 34; 51; 12:25; 1 Cor. 1:9-2; Col. 1:12-1; 2:6, 164, 173

### THE SPIRIT

#### The Holy Spirit
- John 20:22; Luke 1:15
- John 14:26-3; Acts 2:4; 38; Titus 3:5; 6; 1 Thes. 4:8; Heb. 6:4; 2 Tim. 1:14

#### The Spirit of reality
- John 14:17-3; 15:26; 16:13; 1 John 5:6-5; 1 Cor. 2:10-3

#### The life-giving Spirit
- 1 Cor. 15:45; 2 Cor. 3:64; John 6:63

#### The Spirit of Jesus, of Christ, and of Jesus Christ
- Acts 16:7; Rom. 8:9; Phil. 1:19

#### The Lord Spirit
- 2 Cor. 3:18

#### The Spirit
- John 7:39; 2 Cor. 3:173; Gal. 3:2; 5; 143; 5:22; 1 John 3:24

#### The seven Spirits of God
- Rev. 4:15, 143; 4:5; 5:6
ETERNAL LIFE

The divine, uncreated life of God
John 3:15\(^1\); 17:3\(^1\); Rom. 6:23\(^3\); Eph. 4:18\(^2\); 1 Tim. 1:16\(^2\); 6:12\(^2\); 2 Tim. 1:10\(^3\); 4\(^4\); 1 John 2:1\(^6\)

Different from the physical or soulish life
Rom. 5:17\(^4\); John 10:11\(^1\)

The life of the tree of life
John 1:4\(^1\); Rev. 2:7\(^6\); 22:21, 14\(^4\)

A living person, Christ Himself
John 14:6\(^1\); 1 John 5:11\(^1\), 12\(^1\); 2:25\(^1\); 3:4\(^2\)

The life which regenerates the believers to be God’s children
John 1:12\(^2\); 3:3\(^3\), 6\(^2\), 16\(^1\)

The life which we should lay hold on and hope in
1 Tim. 6:12\(^2\); Titus 1:2\(^1\); 1 Pet. 1:3\(^6\)

The way we can experience life and grow in life
1 Pet. 2:2\(^4\); John 6:57\(^1\), 63\(^1\)-3; Rom. 8:2\(^2\); 3\(^2\), 4\(^2\), 6\(^1\); 1 John 1:7\(^2\); 3\(^2\)

DIVINE TRUTH—REALITY

All the realities of the divine economy
1 John 1:6\(^6\)
1 John 1:8\(^3\); 1 Tim. 2:4\(^2\); 3:15\(^5\); 2 Tim. 2:15\(^2\), 25\(^1\); Titus 1:1\(^3\)

The divine reality embodied, revealed, and expressed in Christ
John 18:37\(^1\); 1:14\(^6\); 14:6\(^2\); Eph. 4:21\(^1\)

The reality which is the Spirit
John 14:17\(^1\), 26\(^1\); 15:26\(^1\); 16:13\(^1\); 1 John 5:6\(^4\); 5\(^5\)

The substance of God’s word
John 17:17\(^2\); Col. 1:5\(^3\); 2 Cor. 4:2\(^2\)

The truth which we must hold to, obey, and walk in
Eph. 4:15\(^1\); 1 Pet. 1:22\(^2\); 3 John 3\(^2\)-3

The reality in our living
John 4:24\(^5\); Eph. 6:14\(^3\);
1 John 1:6\(^6\) pt. 7; 2 John 1\(^3\), 13\(^1\)

MAN

Created as a vessel to contain God
Rom. 9:21\(^1\); 2 Cor. 4:7\(^1\); 2 Tim. 2:20\(^3\), 21\(^3\); 1 Pet. 3:7\(^3\); Acts 9:15\(^1\)

With three parts
1 Thes. 5:23\(^4\); Heb. 4:12\(^2\)-3

Spirit:
John 3:6\(^2\); 4:24\(^2\)-4; Rom. 1:9\(^2\); 8:10\(^3\), 5\(^7\), 16\(^1\); 2 Cor. 5:2; 6:17\(^2\); 11\(^2\), 14\(^6\), 15\(^1\); 2 Tim. 4:22\(^1\)

Soul:
Acts 14:22\(^1\); Rom. 8:6\(^1\); 12\(^2\); 1 Cor. 2:14\(^2\); 4; Matt. 16:24\(^1\); Heb. 10:39\(^3\); Phil 1:27\(^1\)

Body:
Rom. 8:10\(^3\); 11\(^4\), 13\(^3\), 23\(^2\); 2:14\(^2\); 12:14\(^5\); 1 Cor. 6:13\(^2\), 15\(^1\), 19\(^1\)

THE GOSPEL

Good news, glad tidings
Mark 1:12, 14\(^2\); Rom. 1:19, 22

Of Jesus Christ, the Son of God
Mark 1:15\(^2\), 13; Rom. 1:31, 5; Gal. 1:16\(^4\)

Of the kingdom
Luke 4:43\(^1\); 5:1; 26\(^1\), 3; Matt. 4:23\(^2\); 24:14\(^1\)

Its main points, focus, and blessing
John 16:8\(^2\); 1 Cor. 15:31; Eph. 3:8\(^3\), 13\(^2\); 1 Cor. 12:14\(^3\); 1 Thes. 2:5; 1 Tim. 1:16\(^2\); 6:12\(^3\); Gal. 1:6\(^4\); 3:14\(^2\); 4:19\(^3\)

The power of God unto salvation
Rom. 1:16\(^2\), 17\(^1\)

Received by repenting, believing, and calling on the Lord
Mark 1:15\(^2\)-3; Rom. 1:5\(^3\); 10:8\(^1\)-14\(^1\)

Gospel service or priesthood

Of Jesus: Mark 1:40\(^1\); 2:1\(^1\); 4:3\(^2\)

Of Paul: Rom. 15:16\(^3\); 1 Cor. 4:15\(^2\); 1 Thes. 2:1\(^1\), 8\(^1\); 11\(^1\)

Of the believers: 1 Pet. 2:9\(^4\), 5\(^8\)

SALVATION

Assurance and security
1 John 5:13\(^1\); 4:13\(^1\); Rom. 8:16\(^3\);
1 John 3:24\(^4\), 14\(^1\); John 10:28\(^1\)

Aspects of God’s salvation
Selection: 1 Cor 1:27\(^1\); Eph. 1:4\(^1\); 3\(^3\); 1 Pet. 1:2\(^1\); 4\(^6\); 2 Thes. 2:13\(^1\)
**Predestination:** Rom. 8:29; 1:5; 11:4; Titus 1:2

**Redemption:** Rom. 3:24; Eph. 1:7; Mark 14:36; Matt. 27:45; Col. 1:14; Titus 2:14; 1 Pet. 1:18; 19; Heb. 9:12; 14; 2:9

**Propitiation:** Luke 18:13; Rom. 3:25; Heb. 2:17; 1 John 2:1

**By the blood of Christ:** Heb. 9:14; 3:22; Matt. 26:28; Heb. 9:12; Eph. 1:7; 2:13-4; 1 Pet. 1:28; 18; 19; Acts 20:28; 1 John 1:7-5; Heb. 12:24-3; Rev. 12:11; Heb. 13:12; 10:29-4; John 6:53; 54; 1 Cor. 10:16

**Forgiveness:** Acts 2:38; Eph. 1:7; Heb. 9:22; 1 John 2:12; 19:2-4

**Justification:**
- **(Objective)** Acts 13:39; Rom. 3:24; 26; 30; 5:18; 2; 8:30
- **(Subjective)** Rom. 4:1; 3; 25; 5:18; 19; 1 Cor. 6:11; Phil. 3:9-6; Matt. 5:20

**Reconciliation:** Rom. 5:10; Eph. 2:16; 18; Col. 1:20; 2 Cor. 5:20

**Regeneration:** John 3:2; 3:1; 5:2; 6:2; John 3:14; 30; Gal. 3:2; Titus 3:5
- 1 Pet. 1:3; 7; 23; 24; 1 John 2:29
- 1 John 3:9; 4:7; 5:1; 4:1-3, 19

**Sanctification:** 2 Thes. 2:13 (Before believing) 1 Pet. 1:2 (At the time we were saved)
- Heb. 13:12; 1 Cor. 6:11; 1:1-4; 6 (After believing) Rom. 6:19; 22; Acts 26:18; 1 Thes. 5:23; 1 John 2:11-2; Eph. 5:26; 1 John 17:11-2

**Transformation:** Rom. 12:2-4; 2 Cor. 3:18; Col. 3:10; Titus 3:5

**Renewing:** Rom. 12:2; 2 Cor. 4:13; Eph. 4:23; 2; Col. 3:10; Titus 3:5

**Conformation:** Rom. 8:28; 29; Phil. 3:10

**Glorification, transfiguration:** Heb. 2:10; Phil. 3:21; 2 Thes. 1:10; Rom. 8:30; 17; Rev. 21:11

**Three stages, two sections**
- 1 Pet. 1:5; Rom. 5:10; Luke 15:23

**Daily, constant salvation**
- Rom. 5:10-5; Phil. 1:9-13; 2:5; 12-3, 16

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**Christian Experience**

**Called by God**
- 2 Tim. 1:9; 2:1; Acts 7:22; 2 Pet. 1:3; 1 Cor. 12; 6; 9; Eph. 1:18

**Repenting**
- Matt. 3:2; 3; Mark 1:15; 1 Thes. 1:9; Acts 5:19

**Believing into Christ**
- Mark 1:15; Rom. 3:22; 1 John 1:12; 3:16; Col. 2:6; Rom. 10:9; 10; 1:53; 4; Gal. 3:26; Phil. 1:29

**Calling on the name of the Lord**
- Acts 2:21; 9:14; Phil. 2:11-3
- Rom. 10:8; 9; 10; 12; 13; 14; 1 Cor. 1:28; 12:3; 2 Tim. 2:22

**Baptism**
- Mark 16:16; 2; Matt. 3:6; Mark 1:8
- Acts 8:36; 1 Cor. 10:1-3; Eph. 4:5; Matt. 28:19; 35; Rom. 6:3; 5
- Gal. 3:27; 1 Cor. 12:1-5; Acts 2:38; 1 Pet. 3:20; 21; 3; 4; Acts 16:33

**Living and walking by the Spirit**
- Col. 2:6; 1 Cor. 6:17; 2: Rom. 8:1; 2; 5-3; 6-3; 14; 15; 16; Gal. 5:16-1; 25-1; Eph. 3:16-6

**Prayer**
- Eph. 6:18-6; John 15:7; 16; 1 John 5:14; Heb. 4:16; Phil. 4:6-4; 7

**Confession of sins**
- 1 John 1:9-2

**Enjoying grace**
- John 1:14; 17; Rom. 1:7; 5:2; 17; 1 Cor. 15:10-2; Gal. 2:1; Eph. 2:8
- Rom. 12:6; Eph. 4:7; Heb. 4:16-2; 1 Pet. 4:10; 5:10-2; 4; Rev. 22:21
Walking in love
1 Cor. 2:9; 8:14; 13:4; 8:1, 13;
Rom. 13:8; Gal. 5:6; 2 Tim. 3:2
Eph. 1:4; 3:17; 5:2; 25;
6:23; 24
2 Pet. 1:7; John 15:17; 21:15; Fr.
Rev. 2:4; 1 John 2:5

Serving the Lord
Luke 10:42; 16:1; Matt. 20:26;
25:14; 15; Rom. 1:12-4, 9:1-2;
12:15-7, 11; 1 Pet. 4:11

THE BELIEVERS

Christians
Acts 11:26; 1 Pet. 4:16

Saints
Eph. 1:3; 5:3; 1 Cor. 1:2

Children of God
1 John 3:14, 2; 2:29; Rom. 8:16

Sons of God
Rom. 8:14; 15; Gal. 3:26-2; 4:6

Brothers of Christ
John 20:17; Rom. 8:29; Heb. 2:11, 12

THE CHURCH—THE BODY OF CHRIST

A called-out congregation
Matt. 16:18; Eph. 1:22

The church of God
1 Cor. 1:2; 1 Tim. 3:15

The house of God
1 Tim. 3:15; 1 Pet. 2:5; Eph. 2:19;
20:1-2, 21; 4, 22

The Body of Christ
Rom. 12:5-2; Eph. 1:23-3; 4:41, 16:19;
1 Cor. 10:17; 11:29; 12:13

The corporate Christ
1 Cor. 12:12; Acts 9:4; Rom. 1:13;
Matt. 9:17

The new man
Gal. 3:28; Eph. 2:15; 4:24;
Col. 3:10; 11:19-10; 4:7

The bride of Christ
John 3:30; 2 Cor. 11:2; 3; Eph.
5:25; 26; 27; 32; Rev. 19:7

The golden lampstands
Rev. 1:12; 13; 20 (para. 2)

The local churches
Rom. 16:4; Titus 1:5; Acts 14:23;
Rev. 1:11; 4
Acts 8:1; Phil. 1:1; 1 Cor. 1:2;
Matt. 18:17; Rom. 16:1 (para. 2)

The unique oneness of the church
John 17:11-2, 21, 22; 23;
Eph. 4:3; 4; 6; 13; 14

Meetings
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**Believing into Christ**

Below is a sample of how you can use the Topical Directory to get the most benefit from the features of the Recovery Version. Let’s use a couple of well-known verses, John 1:12 and John 3:16, under the topic *Christian Experience*, subtopic *Believing into Christ* on page 10.

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1. Pray to prepare yourself to receive the Word.
2. Read John 1:12.

**John 1:12**

12 But as many as 1 received Him, to them He gave the authority to become 2 children of God, to those who 1 believe into His name.

3. After reading this verse, look at footnote 12 to help you understand the relationship between the words “received” and “believe into.”

**Footnote 12**

12 To believe into is to receive.


**Colossians 2:6**

6 As therefore you have 1 received the Christ, Jesus the Lord, 2 walk in Him.

5. Read the corresponding footnote 6 on Colossians 2:6.

**Footnote 6**

6 Christ is the allotted portion of the saints (1:12) for their enjoyment. To believe into Him is to receive Him. As the all-inclusive Spirit (2 Cor. 3:17), He enters into us and dwells in our spirit (2 Tim. 4:22) to be everything to us.
Now, let’s look at John 3:16, the next verse in our subtopic.

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that everyone who believes into Him would not perish, but would have eternal life.

Then read footnote 16² to see more clearly what it is to believe into Christ.

Footnote 16²

Believing into the Lord is not the same as believing Him (6:30). To believe Him is to believe that He is true and real, but to believe into Him is to receive Him and be united with Him as one. The former is to acknowledge a fact objectively; the latter is to receive a life subjectively.

Finally, cross-reference 16ᵈ directs you to two other verses in John which speak of believing into Christ.

John 3:36

He who believes into the Son has eternal life; but he who disobeys the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides upon him.

John 6:40

For this is the will of my Father, that every one who beholds the Son and believes into Him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up in the last day.

After studying this topic in God’s Word, it is clear that to believe into Christ is to receive Him. The result of believing is that we receive eternal life, the life of God, and become children of God who are born of Him. If you have not already done so, we urge you to make this truth your personal reality by praying this simple prayer:


Having received Christ by believing into Him, you now have the full assurance that you are a child of God.
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Bring Forth the Children of God

Time of Writing: Approximately A.D. 90.
Place of Writing: Perhaps Ephesus.

Recipients: All believers, both in Judea and throughout the Gentile lands,
2b, 5c) inspired by the translations offered by John in 1:38; 5:2; and

Subject:
The Gospel of Life—

Proving That Jesus Christ Is God the Savior

Coming as Life and Light to Bring Forth the Children of God

The Word of life began in the communication between
2 heaven and earth for the union of
3 God and man in eternity. After this,
4 ch. 2 shows that the principle of the
5 Triune God as life is to change death
6 into life (2:1–11) and that the purpose
7 of life is to build the house, the tem-
8 ple, of God (2:13–22). In chs. 3—11,
9 the communication between
11 God and man is in eternity. In the beginning means in eternity past. As the introduction to this
10 Gospel, this chapter begins in eternity past with God, who had divinity
11 but not humanity (v. 14), His creation of all things
12 (v. 3), His incarnation (v. 14). His be-
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