



PRECEPT Bible Study Terminology

Appendix - Charts, observation worksheets, and other helpful information to be used throughout the course are located in a section at the end of the workbook.

Application -The proper goal of any Bible Study is to know God more intimately and the power of His resurrection. The result is a transformed life, prepared to handle every situation of life in a way that honors God. Application is a personal response of obedience to God's truth. The student may ask the questions, "How can this truth make me more like Jesus?" "What do I need to change in my way of thinking so that this principle of truth can operate in my life?" " Can this truth be a prayer for my life or others? "...but the people who know their God will display strength and take action." Daniel 11:32b

At A Glance Chart – The blank chart located at the end of the first lesson. As you discover and fill in the main ideas/ themes of each chapter, this chart can help you follow the author's progression of thought throughout the book.

Chapter Themes – or "Summary Statement" is the main idea or event of a chapter. (HINT: Use words that the author REPEATS throughout the chapter)

Commentary - A book written by a theologian who is an "expert" on a particular book of the Bible. From his in-depth study, he writes what he believes the Holy Spirit has taught him. Caution: Read these books with a careful, discerning eye because even this learned scholar may have overlooked some other very important Scriptures in drawing his conclusions.

Concordance - A reference book which alphabetically lists each word and its location in the Bible. It assigns a "Strong's" number to each word which enables the student to identify its proper meaning in a Hebrew/Greek dictionary more easily.

Context - The Scriptures surrounding a particular passage which give the student a clearer understanding of the author's original intent. Context always rules interpretation.

Cross-References - Scriptures in other parts of the Bible which may enlighten a particular topic or passage you are studying. These may be available in your Bible's margin notes.

Dictionary -A reference book which defines a word's original Hebrew/Greek meaning. May include some commentary. Recommendation: Zondervan's New Testament (or Old Testament) Word Study/Dictionary or Vine's Expository Dictionary.

Doctrines - Basic teachings of Christianity found in the Word of God. These truths provide a framework for accurately interpreting scripture.

Homework - Each week's lessons are divided into five days/assignments requiring about an hour per day. If you work through your study in this way, you will often find it more profitable than doing a week's study in one sitting. Pacing yourself this way allows time for thinking through what you learn on a daily basis. To do a little is better than to do nothing. Don't be an 'all or nothing' person when it comes to Bible study. *Remember:* Any time you get into the Word of God, you enter into more intensive warfare with the enemy. Why? Every piece of the Christian's armor is related to the Word of God. Our only offensive weapon is the sword of the spirit, which is the Word of God. The enemy wants you to have a dull sword!