

## BIBLE STUDY SYMBOLS.

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Bible study can be done in different ways. One way is to use symbols to immediately be able to see what a certain passage is all about. It is also a way to remember what has been learned in that passage and not lose that insight. Another advantage of using symbols is that it keeps one alert at all times - while listening to a sermon, doing a Bible study or in one's quiet time and all you need is a pencil or pen. It takes just a little practice and time to build it into your lifestyle, but once used to it you will not want to do without. As the symbols act as keys, incorporating them in your Bible study will help open up the Scriptures to you.

































The symbols used below have been developed over a period of many years as I got into the Word of God. Please feel free to use them, change them or add to them as you please. What is important is how it works for you. Basically I have used the alphabet and symbols that were logical to me. Here an explanation of some of the symbols:

- \* **Creation** is a 'C' in the process of becoming a circle for the world.
- \* 'F' = for **faith**. Sin or non-faith is an 'F' upside down.
- \* **Giving** = a coin with a 'G' in it for God.
- \* **Glorifying** = 2 hands lifted with some shout lines in the middle.
- \* A triangle is used for **God**, illustrating the trinity. A letter inside it refers to a specific aspect.
- \* **Marriage** is a heart with a line through it, making the top half into an 'M'.
- \* Christ's return is symbolized by an 'M' with an arrow pointing down for **Maranatha** or an arrow that comes down and up again, taking another arrow with it. (Representing the rapture)
- \* **Persecution** is a circle for the world and an arrow down for pressure or pressing down.
- \* **Relationships** = 2 'R's next to each other.
- \* An 'S' laid on its side is a **sacrifice**.

God bless you as you use these symbols making you more aware of all He says. May they help to make your Bible reading and studying even more meaningful and joyful. Remember that hearing God speak and knowing His desires is more important than praying, for how can you pray if you don't know God's heart.

In Christ's love and grace,

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	= Angels		
	= Baptism		= Giving, Stewardship.
	= Blessing (coming from God).		= Glorifying, praise & worship - resulting in Thankfulness & joy!
	= Christian, Christian living.		= Heaven.
	= Christian living: Obedience.		= Hell.
	= Church (Believers around J.C.), Unity. (Early "Ichthus" symbol of believers in Philippi.)		= God, Heavenly Father, Trinity.
	= Command, Commission.		= God's attribute: (Name it)
	= Confession.		= God's faithfulness.
	= Creation.		= God's glory & / or power & Light.
	= Discipleship.		= God, the Holy Spirit.
	= Lack of discipline.		= God's judgement, punishment for sin, testing.
	= Disobedience, Pride		= God, our Lord. God, the F, S & HS as <u>Lord</u> , <u>leading us</u> .
	= Eternity.		= God's Names & Titles (of the F., S. & H S.)
	= Evangelism, witnessing		= Christ's position.
	= Faith.		= God's presence.
	= Non-faith, sin.		= God, the Savior, Christ
	= Forgiveness, Gospel, Salvation, JC & what		

- ▽ = God, the Son.
- ⚡ = God's sovereignty - in control, ruling, in charge of my life.
- ⚡ = God's will & desire.
- G → = Grace. / mercy GM
- H = Holy, holy living. God's holiness
- H: = Aspect of holy living. Behind the colon the aspect of holy living.
- ⚓ = Hope.
- ☆ = Israel.
- K = Kingdom / Kingship of J.C. or K
- L = Last days.
- ⚖ = Law
- = Leading, falling in line with God's plan.
- ♥ = Love.
- ↻ = Maranatha, Christ's return.
- ↻ = Marriage. / Divorce
- Ⓜ = Missions.
- = Mouth, lips, speak, communicate, teach, preach - words, advice & council.
- N = Reference to New Testament.
- O = Obedience. ⚡ = Disobedience
- Ⓚ = Reference to Old Testament.
- Ⓚ = Persecution, testing, trials.
- ↑ = Prayer. or ↑
- ↑ = Prayer of praise.
- ↑: = Prayer request. or ↑:
- P = Promise.
- P: = Promise made specific.
- P✓ = Promise fulfilled
- P → = Prophecy.

- P✓ = Prophecy fulfilled.
- R = Redemption.
- R = Relationship.
- ↻ = Repentance. / Returning to God
- ↑ = Resurrection.
- ↑ = Return of Christ. W = Rewards, Crown:
- S = Sacrifice.
- S = Salvation.
- S = Satan, Darkness (kingdom of), Demons.
- = Scripture looking forward. (Prophecy.)
- ← = OT scripture used. (Looking back.)
- ♫ = Song.
- T = Time.
- ↔ = Time and direction. → = Give thank Also give
- Ⓜ = Warning, admonishment.
- Ⓜ = Word of God, God speaking, Bible meditation, revelation & study.
- W = Work in us.
- W = Work of Christ (God).
- W → = Work of Christ (A more comprehensive picture.)
- WT = Work finished.

Other aids:

- \* = Special note.
- \*1 = Another special note on the same page, numbered. \*2, \*3
- ①②③ = Sequences noted
- = Circle or underline key words.
- ↓ note... = Always note times, places, numbers, special days, meaning of names and other facts

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