Notes For The Margin Of Your Bible

“But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear…” (1 Pet 3:15)

I have always been a strong advocate for writing notes in the margins of your Bible. Unfortunately, many of the notes we make lack meaning several years later. This small collection of Bible references might be helpful to you in future Bible studies.

For seven years, Harry Lewis and I hosted a call-in radio program in Evansville, Indiana. When a caller asked a Bible question, I needed to find related passages for the topic under consideration. At the bottom of this page, you will find a representation of the notes I placed around John 3:16 in my wide-margin Bible. Callers often went to this passage to prove “salvation by faith alone.” In the margin of my Bible, I noted several other verses dealing with salvation. If I could not recall these verses from rote memory, I could always remember to turn to John 3:16 and find a ready set of notes for discussion.

The list of scriptures you will find inside this handout is for those who want to “always be ready” to answer Bible questions. I suggest you write the related references in the margin of your Bible. For example, next to Galatians 5:4, a well-known passage dealing with apostasy, write down Ezekiel 18:24, James 5:19, 1 Timothy 1:9, 2 Timothy 2:16–18, Acts 8:22, and Hebrews 6:4–7. It would help if you did the same thing for all topics. You might want to cut out the index found on page three and tape it to the inside of the front cover of your Bible.

4 But Jesus did not commit Himself to them, because He knew all men, and had no need that anyone should testify of man, for He knew what was in man.

5 The New Birth

3 There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews.

2 This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, “Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him.”

13 “No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven.

14 “And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up,

15 “that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

16 “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Where is:

Repentance? Love? Preaching? Confession?

We Are Saved By:

Faith — Acts 16:31
Confession — 1 John 4:2
Repentance — Acts 11:18
Grace — Eph 2:8
Gospel — Rom 1:16
Blood — Rom 5:9
Works — James 2:24
Baptism — 1 Pet 3:21
Hope — Rom 8:24

Heb 11:6 — Believing and coming are not the same!
Bible Topics And Key Passages

Abortion (Exodus 21:22–27)
- Psalms 139:13–16
- Ecclesiastes 11:3–5

Apostasy (Galatians 5:4)
- Ezekiel 18:24
- James 5:19–20
- 1 Timothy 1:19, 4:1
- 2 Timothy 2:16–18
- Acts 8:22
- Hebrews 6:4–7

Apostles (Acts 1:12–14)
- Matthew 10:1–4
- 2 Corinthians 12:12
- Revelation 2:2
- Galatians 2:6, 11–14

Baptism (Mark 16:16)
- Acts 2:38
- Acts 22:16
- Romans 6:3–4
- 1 Peter 3:21
- Titus 3:5

Benevolence (1 Timothy 5:3–16)
- Romans 15:22–33
- 1 Corinthians 16:1
- 2 Corinthians 8:4
- 2 Corinthians 9:1

Blessings In Christ (Ephesians 1:3)
- Ephesians 1:7
- 2 Corinthians 5:17
- Matthew 26:28
- Hebrews 13:12
- Romans 5:9
- 1 John 5:11
- Hebrews 9:14
  *How to get “into” Christ:
  - Believe “unto” (Romans 10:10)
  - Repent “unto” (Acts 11:18)
  - Confess “unto” (Romans 10:10)
  - Baptized “into” (Romans 6:3–6; Galatians 3:26–27)

Call On The Name (Romans 10:13)
- Joel 2:32
- Acts 2:21, 36–38
- Acts 9:14

Capital Punishment (Exodus 21:12)
- Highlight Exodus 21:14–17, 29
- Romans 13:1–7
- Acts 25:11, 25
- Ecclesiastes 8:11
- Exodus 31:14
- Leviticus 20:10, 13

Christians (Acts 11:26)
- Galatians 6:1
- 1 Corinthians 1:2

Church Of Christ (Romans 16:16)
- 1 Corinthians 1:2
- 1 Timothy 3:15
- Ephesians 2:19
- Acts 28:23, 31
- Galatians 6:10
- Hebrews 12:28

Civil Government (Romans 13:1–7)
- 1 Peter 2:13–14
- 1 Timothy 2:1–3
- Titus 3:1
- John 19:11
- Luke 3:14
- Acts 23:11–35

Coniah (Jeremiah 22:24–30)
- 1 Chronicles 3:16–17
- Matthew 1:12
- Luke 3:27

Divorce (Matthew 19:1–9)
- Malachi 2:16
- Mark 6:17–18
- 1 Corinthians 7:10–15, 39
- Col. 3:5–7 ("Live in" fornication)
- Ezra 10:10–11

Elders (1 Timothy 3:1–7)
- Titus 1:5–9
- 1 Peter 5:1–4
- Acts 20:28–31

False Teachers (1 John 4:1)
- Jeremiah 23:25–27
- Ezekiel 22:28
- 2 Corinthians 12:12
- Revelation 2:2–3

Future Recognition (Genesis 25:8)
- Genesis 25:17
- Genesis 35:29
- Genesis 49:33
- Deuteronomy 32:50
- Judges 2:10
- 2 Kings 22:20
- Genesis 35:18
- Philippians 1:23

Giving (1 Corinthians 16:1–2)
- 2 Corinthians 9:7
- 2 Corinthians 8:1–5
- Malachi 3:8

Homosexuality (1 Corinthians 6:9–11)
- Genesis 19:1–11
- Leviticus 18:22
- Leviticus 20:13
- Romans 1:26–32

Judging (Matthew 7:1)
- John 7:24
- 1 John 4:1
- 1 Corinthians 5:12
- Revelation 2:2
- Romans 16:17

Kingdom (Colossians 1:13)
- Mark 9:1
- John 6:15
- Acts 8:12
- Revelation 1:9
- Jeremiah 22:24–30

Lord’s Supper (1 Corinthians 11:17–34)
- Acts 20:7
- 1 Corinthians 10:16
- Matthew 26:26–30

Marriage (Matthew 19:1–9)
- Hebrews 13:4
- Proverbs 5:15–20
- Ephesians 5:22–33
- The Song of Solomon
Mary (Luke 1:46–47)
Mary only appears four times in the New Testament after the beginning of Christ's earthly ministry:
• Cana (John 2:1–11)
• Capernaum (Matthew 12:46)
• Cross (John 19:25)
• Upper room (Acts 1:14)
Attitude (Luke 11:27–28)
Children (Matthew 13:55–56)

Prayer (Matthew 6:5–15)
John 9:31
1 Peter 3:12
James 1:5–8
Psalms 66:18
Romans 10:1
1 Thessalonians 5:17
1 Timothy 2:1–3

Restitution (Leviticus 6:1–5)
Numbers 5:5–10
Luke 19:8
Matthew 7:12

Sabbath (Leviticus 23:1–44)
Note the various Sabbaths:
• The Sabbath (Leviticus 23:3)
• Passover & Unleavened Bread (Leviticus 23:4–8)
• Feast of Firstfruits (Lev 23:9–14)
• Feast of Weeks (Lev 23:15–22)
• Feast of Trumpets (Lev 23:23ff)
• Day of Atonement (Lev 23:26–32)
• Feast of Booths (Lev 23:33–44)
• 7th Year Sabbath (Lev 25:1–7)
• Year of Jubilee (Lev 25:8–17)

Related Verses:
Hosea 2:11
Numbers 15:32–26
Ezekiel 20:10–12
Exodus 31:17
Exodus 35:2–3

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Singing (Ephesians 5:19)
Matthew 26:30
Acts 16:25
Romans 15:9
1 Corinthians 14:15
Ephesians 5:19
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Hebrews 2:12
Hebrews 13:15
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Solomon’s Sin (Nehemiah 13:26)
Deuteronomy 7:1
1 Kings 11:1–8
Ezra 9:1–9

Hebrews 9:16–17
Matthew 9:6
Matthew 19:21
Luke 24:47

Origin Of Catholic Doctrines
Copy onto title page of your Bible
Holy Water (ad 120)
Penance (AD 157)
Latin Mass (AD 394)
Extreme Unction (AD 588)
Transubstantiation (AD1000)
Celibacy (AD 1015)
Indulgences (AD 1192)
Auricular Confession (AD 1215)
Sprinkling (AD 1311)
Papal Infallibility (AD 1870)

Signs In Heaven (Matthew 24:29)
Acts 2:17–20
Joel 3:50
Isaiah 13:1 (Babylon)
Jeremiah 4:23 (Judah)
Ezekiel 32:1–8 (Egypt)

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Baptized “Into”
Romans 6:3–6
Galatians 3:26–27

Confess “Unto”
Romans 10:10

Repent “Unto”
Acts 11:18

Believe “Unto”
Romans 10:10

“In Christ”

Redemption
Ephesians 1:7

New Creation
2 Corinthians 5:17

Remission of Sins
Matthew 26:28

Sanctification
Hebrews 13:12

Justification
Romans 5:9