

Chapter 1 : TOP 5 Christianese words, sayings, or phrases - justcorjustcor

The Pesky Cultural Gap Called "Christianese" One of the big cultural gaps that distorts the meaning of language is the divide between people grounded in the Christian faith and those who are discovering it for the first time.

Terms found mostly only in the Bible or Christian conversation To quickly find your word, click the first letter of the word, below: If you are looking for a word that I do not have listed, please post a comment! These are not necessarily terms straight out of the dictionary, so to speak. These definitions are according to the accepted meanings in Christian circles. If you disagree, send me an email and I will make corrections or publish your comments as appropriate. To warn or notify of a fault; to reprove gently or kindly, but seriously; to exhort; To counsel against wrong practices; to caution or advise; to warn against danger or an offense. Usually for a certain task or vocation. See 1 John 2: Joyce Meyer is anointed to teach. What is your anointing? You can do something very easily that most other people cannot, or do with some degree of difficulty. You may also have an anointing in a spiritual gift. In the Old Testament and in the Church, people are physically anointed with oil. A small amount of specially made oil is placed on the forehead or poured over the top of their head. Aaron and his sons were anointed for priesthood. Actually, anyone who is against Christ. See the The End Times and Rapture for more. To make up for or pay the price for bad deeds. A falling away from or abandonment of a godly lifestyle. Someone who was once living a godly lifestyle, but has returned to worldliness " or worse. Baptism in the Holy Spirit: This is usually done in Charismatic churches. More traditional churches do not perform the separate spirit baptism. Biblically, the Holy Spirit is not constrained by our actions. Though Peter told the people to be baptized and then they will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit Acts 2: Shortly afterward, in the same book of Acts, people received the Holy Spirit before they were baptized in water Acts Also the name of a demon " and in some contexts, another name for Satan. Latin for the Hebrew, Golgotha: The name of the hill upon which Jesus was crucified. Of the flesh, physical, not spiritual. A carnal Christian or carnal person spends most or all of their time or thoughts in the physical realm more than the spiritual. From the Greek word charisma in the Bible, usually translated: To admonish , instruct, discipline, correct, chastise. Synonymous with sanctified and holy. You cannot consecrate yourself. This is something we must ask the Lord to do. To be pronounced guilty. The Holy Spirit convicts people of their sins in hopes that they will repent. An anointing or blessing given to an assembly such as in a church or prayer meeting or other group of people usually considered to be a stronger more powerful anointing than one single individual would expect. Or an anointing that an individual would never get if alone. But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell. A belief, but usually a collection of beliefs. Doctrines in normal usage are often a collection of beliefs that separate one denomination from another. Usually a synonym of Doctrine above Edict: A decree or proclamation by an authority " usually by a religious leader or royalty. The study of the end times, end of the world, or end-times prophecy. Also to glorify, praise, or honor. Usually used when somebody is explaining a something from the Bible. In its strongest sense, prearranged unalterably. A trash pile outside the city walls of Jerusalem that was on fire. People kept adding trash to it, and the fire burned 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. It became a metaphor for the gate to the underworld. A statue of any god. People make statues of their gods and worship them. This practice is expressly forbidden in the Bible and is specifically mentioned in Ten Commandments Exodus The abode of the dead in Greek mythology. Taken to extremes, in hedonism, pleasure is considered the highest good. The same Hebrew word is also translated Consecrate and sanctified. Usually another word for sinful practices. The way I understand iniquity, it is behavior that is not expressly forbidden, but still evil. To pray for somebody else. An affectionate poetic name for the people of Israel. Masoretic text comes from a collection of documents that scholars called Masoretes compiled, which sought to properly establish the text of the Old Testament. They had a very difficult time. Especially placing vowels in the Aramaic text. Written Hebrew does not have vowels. Nothing is impossible for God. God spans space and time. There is nowhere or no time that God is not present. All-Knowing " knows all things. For real, not just someone who thinks they know it all " God actually does. A short story containing illustrations of one or more important life truths

Parousia: The belief that everything that will ever happen is determined in advance by a God. This is true in a sense, but can be taken too far. God did not make a race of marionette puppets. We have free will. Though God knows what we are going to do, and He allows what we are going to do, He is not up in heaven pulling strings. He invites us but does not compel us. Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me. To make someone who is angry with you happy again. To bring to life. Being caught up or snatched away. Many believe that believers will be raptured " taken out of the world before any tribulation comes. I do not personally believe this. To scold, chastise, criticize or reprove sharply; reprimand. Biblically, to buy someone out of slavery. Like in the field of medicine when a disease goes into remission " the disease is losing " the body is winning. When dealing with sin: The believer is winning and sin is losing!!! Aphesis, like many Greek words has other uses. To be deeply sorry for your sins and to turn away from them. Rebuke, correction, reproof, punishment, chastisement, conviction Rhema: God talking directly to a person. The spoken word of God. Hallowed " worthy of worship or respect or veneration. Must be kept sacred. Biblically, all believers are saints.

Chapter 2 : List of Words (A-Z)

The Christianese word "evana" has been making the rounds on a few Christian news websites. The term "evana" is a blend of the terms "evangelical" and "anabaptist." It refers to a recently re-organized network of conservative anabaptists.

Foolish guys to confound the wise 1 Cor 1: Like Button Christianese - Sanctification Sanctification, like the others, is a biblical term. Just some references for Just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification Rom 6: Now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life Rom 6: And because of [God] you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption 1 Cor 1: To those who are elect exiles of the dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with His blood 1 Peter 1: In the entry on Justification I said that it was not a synergy. Justification was not a product of cooperation between God and Man, but a divine declaration. It is, in fact, quite a bit more complicated. First, in English, it means "to set apart; to make holy". Paul addresses his first epistle to the church at Corinth this way: That word translated "sanctified" is hagiozo in Greek and the word translated "saints" is hagios in Greek. In other words, they are the same concept. Hagios is the concept of "holy" and holy is not so much the concept of "separated from sin" as much as "set apart" which would include sin, but so much more. Thus, "sanctification" is this process whereby we are set apart to God, declared holy, and move toward holy living. As such, sanctification is both an event and a process. It is an event when we are justified. At the point of justification, we are declared perfectly righteous. That sets us apart. That is an event. However, every practicing Christian knows that this event, while monumental, is just the start. Sanctification is the lifelong process of every believer. It is the process whereby we grow into the perfection that has already been declared. In Philippians 3 Paul says that he has not arrived at perfection Phil 3: In the same chapter he also says, "Let those of us who are perfect think this way" Phil 3: Well, we can learn a lot from the references I referenced above. It is a process of cooperation whereby we present ourselves to righteousness and remove ourselves from sin Rom 6: And sanctification ends with eternal life Rom 6: This process is produced in us by the presence of Christ 1 Cor 1: It is primarily visible in our obedience although obedience is the product of a changed heart 1 Peter 1: Sanctification is quite important to the Christian. It is, in fact, "the will of God" 1 Thess 4: It includes such trappings as avoiding sexual immorality, living holy and honorably, disengaging lust, treating others fairly, and arriving at holiness 1 Thess 4: It is, in fact, one of the main purposes for which God has called us. Sanctification is, then, the process of becoming the genuinely holy person that you are declared to be when you are born again. That, dear reader, is sanctification.

Chapter 3 : Christianese - Wikipedia

The Case for Christianese. Christianese gets a bad rap, but there's a type of Christianese that is good, that sets us apart as the people of God and furthers our witness to the world around us.

Friday, May 12, The Peeve of My Christianese In a blog post a while back, I addressed the uniquely acquired native language of my people. We talk in code to one another. With enough exposure, they pass it back and forth amongst themselves, injecting their own dialect until the words become palatable. One of the more commonly used idioms of Church people and other people has become a pet peeve of mine. Before I tell you my peeve, let me state that I am not caving under unbearable burdens, though I do have some bearable ones. I asked a pastor friend to share his thoughts. He had a different explanation of why people say this. His viewpoint is more sensitive than mine, and I appreciate his sympathetic reasoning. They truly want to believe that a loving God would not allow anything to happen to confessing Christians beyond what they physically or spiritually can handle. Yes, but I think there is more to the issue. If I lost everything as Job did would I be crushed to the point of suicide or would I do a Phoenix and rise from the ashes? And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it. The key here is grace. Without it, we really are completely hopeless. The Bible does portray some as being given more than they could handle on their own. And some verses make it hard to believe we can handle anything considering who we are and who God is: Who can stand before His indignation? Who can endure the burning of His anger? His wrath is poured out like fire and the rocks are broken up by Him. And then he handled it. And so another theme emerges in the Bible: For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts! But then God used him in a mighty way. David was undone before God by his own sin, and yet God loved him. Jonah refused to obey and ended up fish bait, but God saved him. Job, a righteous man, faced greater loss than most of us can imagine, but God restored and blessed him. Scripture is filled with great hope and promise. God will not leave us on our own to face life John Still, situations are sometimes beyond our ability to handle. And it seems like some people, even Christians, give up on life. They give up on God. I know how that appears from the outside looking in. Maybe there should be a big IF at the end of my peeve proclamation. If you follow Him closely. And so perhaps we who speak Christianese should make a slight alteration to our mantra. Maybe we just need to change one word:

Chapter 4 : Commandments of Men: Christianese - If Only Life Had A "Mute" Button

Justify - Refers to the justice accomplished by God so that we can receive the love of God in spite of our debt of love to him. Christ pays the debt for us, if we receive Christ. Christ pays the debt for us, if we receive Christ.

Christianese Without realizing it, Christians often speak in a foreign language. Adam - The name means "Humanity. It is the love God has for us though His emotions and choices always agree. Apostle - "One sent forth. Atonement - Making amends with God. Some describe this restoration of unity as being "at-one-ment" which is memorable, though has nothing to do with the actual word origin. Baptism - the drowning of the old self; emerging of the new self. Behold - There are many Greek words that translate to "behold" that all roughly mean, "check this out", "perceive this, man", "surprise! Beloved - in Semitic discourse in means "preferred" or "favorite" Bethlehem - "House of food. Charismatic - From the Greek word for "gift"; it does not refer to joyful or emotional worship, but the presence of certain miraculous manifestations. Synonyms include Pentecostal, Full Gospel, and Spirit-filled. Christ - "The anointed One. Compassion - "to suffer with" Confess - "Saying the same as. Confidence - "With faith. Consecrate - To perfect by dedication. Contemplation - "To connect in the temple. Covenant - Means "to bind or unite". There is no Hebrew word for family; covenant was really the word. David - "Beloved" Devil - The "accuser" or "slanderer"; one of the names of Satan. Ecumenical - "Inhabiting one house. El Shaddai - "God is more than enough. Epiphany - Often considered merely a realization, but the root is "manifestation" or "presentation" Eternal - "Undefined age. It is like the time in the life of an author vs. Faith - Is "being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. The Hebrew and Greek words for faith mean certain, loyal, reliable. They have a passive connotation and an active one. That is, faith in God connotes both the intellectual belief that he is faithful as well as the response of being faithful yourself. It involves not only the intellect, but the will as well. Both passive and active senses are nicely combined in this verse: God wants us to believe and belong. Flesh - Biblical language for corrupted desires. Forgiveness - "to send forth"; to release. Forgiveness is giving up the right to hold grudges. Hades - "Not to be seen. The equivalent of "sheol" in the Old Testament. This is not Hell , the final destination for the lost. Christ went in and out of Hades, but never went to Hell. Happiness - The delight experienced by the soul vs. See the article on Joy. Heaven - "To heave, to lift. During the reigns of the wicked Ahaz and Manasseh, human sacrifices to the Ammonite god Molech were offered there. Josiah desecrated the valley because of the pagan worship there 2Ki It became a sort of perpetually burning city dump and later a figure for the place of final punishment. The root for this is also the root for the words for sanctity, saint, hallowed and godliness. They all roughly mean "of God" or "set apart for God. Holy Spirit - When Christians refer to the third person of the Godhead they sometimes mean a general representation of God, but more commonly are focusing on the experiential dimension. The Holy Spirit is often associated with unity love , gentleness dove , healing oil , power fire. Hope - Not wishful thinking, but the confident, radiant expectation of good. Being humble means lowering yourself, so that God can raise you. It does not mean denying your gifts, but submitting them to God, like Christ. Humility is not thinking less of yourself, but less about yourself. Not thinking less of yourself; but thinking of yourself less. Idol - "A phantom image. Baal , but any attempted substitute for God: Integrity - Your outside actions and inside words are "integrated". From same word as integer: Israel - "May God show strength. Jerusalem - "Jireh-Salem" means God "provides at Salem. Unlike happiness, Joy is not based on our circumstances. Judah - "Praise" Justify - Refers to the justice accomplished by God so that we can receive the love of God in spite of our debt of love to him. Christ pays the debt for us, if we receive Christ. Note that "justify" usually refers to the part God has played in this vs. For our part see Sanctify. Kerygma - Greek for "preaching" proclaiming Jesus and proclaiming about Jesus; both as subject and object Kindness - means "of the same kin or kind," recognizing others are as you. Logos - A Greek term translated as "word," but more fully defined as "the expression of. Lord - There are two Hebrew words that translate into "Lord"; one means "master" and the other is the proper name for God. Love - A most important word yet, commonly misunderstood. There are four Greek words that translate into the English word "love". Christian love means first agape, which is not an emotion, but a decision of the will. It comes from us, not to us. Perfect agape is

experienced in Christ. For a page about all of this, see Love. Lust - Not sexual desire, but disordered desire any type, sexual or otherwise Mammon - The name of the evil spirit that tempts to idolize money. Man - "Adam" means "mankind" or "humanity. Meekness - Not weakness or gentleness, but controlled power. Moses - "Brought up out of the water. It means "revealed and initiated into by experience. The love of God is a mystery. Old Man - The renewed human nature given to you by receiving Christ vs. Orthodoxy - Means "right belief. It comes from a word that means "to suffer. Peace - Can mean simply "to be silent", but more often means Shalom. Biblical peace is not simply the cessation of war, but is Shalom. Pentecost - "50th day. Pentecostal - a Christian who experiences the charismatic manifestations, first given by God at Pentecost, literally "50 days" after the Resurrection. Prayer - Comes from a word that means "to request", though most use it to mean a more direct relating with God, which may be loud or quiet, vocal or silent etc. Pride - A Christian believes that pride is the worst sin, where "pride" is defined as excessive self-focus or self-promotion. Being proud is saying "my will be done" over "Thy will be done. Purity - Means not simply sexual faithfulness, but "to will one thing," to be authentic, simple, wholly itself, whole-hearted, uncontaminated. A pure love means an undivided love. As in Biblical times, it refers to a message for the present or the future or interpretation of the past. Question - from the same Latin root to be on a quest or seek. Radical - not necessarily something controversial, but "getting to the root". Religion - Most use this to mean external, spiritual traditions; but it comes from the Latin "religare" re-ligament which means re-ligament, re-link, or relate. Repent - "to change". Note that it does not mean the emotion of remorse, though remorse may accompany it. Rhema - A Greek term that translates to "word. Righteousness - From "right-wise-ness"; the state of being right or just. Sabbath - "Cessation or rest" Sacred - That which has been perfected by being dedicated to God.

Chapter 5 : Christianese by Drew Fitzgerald on Apple Podcasts

Christianese is the insider language that church people speak which may sound confusing or odd to non-Christians. To give you an idea of what I'm talking about, watch this video poking fun at the words Christians say.

I saw people make fun of it, mocking those who spoke a faith-based jargon. I heard well-intentioned leaders and pastors caution fellow believers about speaking Christianese; they claimed it could potentially alienate those outside the faith. I would go so far as to argue that Christianese is a biblical thingâ€”something essential to being a faithful disciple of Jesus and a witness to the world. **Christianese as Formation** We often see language as nothing more than a necessary function of being human or as a mere expression of beliefs and information. While those things are true, language is far more than that. The language we learn and speak informs what we know and believe. God gives us Christianese as a means of formation and discipleshipâ€”to mold us more and more into the image of Jesus Christ. It is a world of discourse that comes to us in language of a particular sort. And language, as we discover when we study a foreign tongue, is not simply an instrument for ideas, beliefs, and sentiments. Language defines who we are; it molds how a people think, how they see the world, how they respond to persons and events, even how they feel. Thinking and understanding, like memory, are not solitary acts; they are social, wedded to the language we share with others. As we learn the words, ideas and themes of Scripture, as well as the creeds and catechisms of the historic Church, we develop a new and distinct language that shapes our thoughts, desires and imaginations, changing the way we see God and the world around us. It is characterized by the use in everyday conversation of certain words, theological terms, puns and catchphrases, in ways that may be only comprehensible within the context of a particular Christian sect or denomination. **Christianese as Witness** The idea that Christianese can actually reflect Christ might sound counterintuitive given the typical concern that it alienates non-believers. Yet Christianese can actually be a way that we bear witness when we rightly understand our mission as the Church. He means that we must be intentional and careful to avoid getting so caught up in culture that we lose our identity. This strategy is not only a call to holiness but also a call to mission. As we see with Israel and then the early church, one of the ways that the people of God minister to the world is simply through distinctiveness. Christianese, thus, functions as a way to live out our distinctiveness. As the Church, we are called to walk and talk differently than the rest of the world because, well, we are different than the rest of the world. Through it, we are set apart not for the sake of being set apart, but to be salt and light to this dark and dying world. Yet, there is another kind of Christianese that comes from spending extensive time in the Scriptures, both personally and corporately.

Chapter 6 : Christianese Dictionary

Charismatic churches such as Assembly of God and Pentecostal will be the most common place to find people who speak in tongues. Some people err in thinking that if you do not speak in tongues, you do not have the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Posted on April 16, by TrailDust Leave a comment I am, by choice, no longer fluent in this second language. But in my absence, it has grown considerably, as evidenced by a few phrases I have never heard before. If they are going to reject you, let it be due to the content of your message, not the clown shoes you are wearing. I mean, how hard is it to step over a hedge? Nobody is afraid of bushes. Did we get a vote? I would like a recount, please. This one is kind of gross. You know who would have loved this phrase in the Bible? Not in a serious relationship with a Proverbs 31 woman? Not learning and living the love languages? Maybe you were given a special gift to remain alone forever. Maybe that one was dropped off on the doorstep of your heart this year. The next time someone says you got the gift of singleness, give them the gift of a leg sweep. Probably even lift you up in some fashion. Honest is old news. And yet, we throw this phrase around at church. Fair enough, but just know this: When you say this, everyone will assume some very dark things about you. You stay away from this cookout, devil! Satan hates being put on notice. This is the phrase Christians use to gossip but still look holy. You will often hear this in public prayer circles. And I have just ruined you. Maybe we would could start by putting one of these bandages over our mouths. Technically, it means you went to dinner with someone. Or you talked with your neighbor at the mailbox. Or you waved at someone in traffic. The irony of someone on a Mac laptop in Starbucks taking notes in a Moleskine notebook while wearing an unnecessary scarf judging someone else for having a first world problem makes my teeth hurt. Allow me to demonstrate: Your books are horrible. They are really poorly written and I hope no one buys them. We demand more seasons out of our lives. We are constantly creating our own extra seasons to go through. Got a flat tire on the way to work? Got dumped after one awkward date at Olive Garden? Depressed because you blew through a whole season of TV on Netflix in one night? A guy named Jesus. You should see all the old-school laws he followed in his time here. That had a huge impact in opening my eyes to my need for the forgiving blood of Christ. Echoing things You know who repeats things or seconds them? We have become one big echo chamber. I might go as far as loving on you through this season.

Chapter 7 : Christianese | Fellowship Of The Minds

Christianity is a subculture, and with subculture comes shared phrases, jargon, and lingo. I assume if you've found your way to this blog, you've had some experience with Christianese. I've been homeschooled by Christians, colleged by Christians, and employed by Christians. I've had a pretty.

Butchered, shortcut-laden English and fluent Hillbilly. I pray to God that I never become guilty of adding Christianese as my third. Hate everything about it. For those wondering what exactly I mean by the term "Christianese", this is MY definition All of us have our favorite SA Christianese terms which make us roll our eyes or shrivel away from dialog. The term "godly" is probably the most used, and abused, word in the Christianese language. ALL of us in the Christian faith have used it, and misused it, in our day. She was confusing "godliness" with conformity - expecting me, in her moments of extreme weakness, to conform to the bassackward ways and wishes of her crazy family. Featured prominently on her list was "non-conformist". So, splash a little Christianese on the cognitive dissonance, and viola. How does one become "godly"? Praying 8 hours a day? Memorizing the KJV cover to cover? Belching "Amazing Grace" in three-part harmony? What is the threshold? It covers everything from insider language and cliché to the stuff coaches say out of both sides of their mouths to the media to avoid telling the truth about something. The whole thing with "godly" brings to mind a postgame press conference Bobby Knight had in the NCAA tournament in A reporter asked him if he felt like his players had their "gameface" on. While Knight could be, and often was, a jerk of the highest order, both as a coach and as a man, he hit that nail squarely on the head. And such is "godly". It no longer has any positive value to me. Some of you will likely disagree with me on "biblical worldview". To the vaaaaast majority of those who use it, what they really mean is the conservative, likely Republican, fundamentalist, protestant, trinitarian, white, religious worldview. Where does this "biblical worldview" leave them? Where does this "biblical worldview" leave Preterists, or Universalists, or Apostolics? What about Catholics who use a different bible? Things like biblical worldviews can give the bible a bad name. Yes, the bible does play a significant role in shaping my view of life - past, present, and future. Other things also shape my "worldview". My personal walk with Christ and the experiences therein, human relationships, common sense, history - and my personal interpretations of all those things as lead by the Holy Spirit. To call my worldview "biblical" is just a little too Christianesy and dogmatic for me. Crossing that line produces things like patriarchy, and quiverfull, and all kinds of other little cultic nasties. And sometimes we, as Christians, take ourselves, our "godliness", and our "biblical worldviews" waaaaaay too seriously. If any of you have seen the movie "Talladega Nights: He starts out with "Sweet baby Jesus". That I DO have control over.

Chapter 8 : Winging It: Christianese - Sanctification

Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

Chapter 9 : ™m Turning Christianese | Evangelical Press Association

Overused Christian phrases and Christianese say more about us than we realize. Have fun at your own expense exploring the many clichés Christians say.