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**TO QUESTIONS ABOUT THE
CHRISTIAN FAITH & LIFE**

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BIBLE REFERENCES

(Alphabetical list of the abbreviations used for the books of the Bible)

Acts	Acts	1 Kings	1 Kings
Amos	Amos	2 Kings	2 Kings
1 Chron.	1 Chronicles	Lam.	Lamentations
2 Chron.	2 Chronicles	Lev.	Leviticus
Col.	Colossians	Luke	Luke
1 Cor.	1 Corinthians	Mal.	Malachi
2 Cor.	2 Corinthians	Mark	Mark
Dan.	Daniel	Matt.	Matthew
Deut.	Deuteronomy	Micah	Micah
Eccl.	Ecclesiastes	Nahum	Nahum
Eph.	Ephesians	Neh.	Nehemiah
Esth.	Esther	Num.	Numbers
Ex.	Exodus	Obad.	Obadiah
Ezek.	Ezekiel	1 Pet.	1 Peter
Ezra	Ezra	2 Pet.	2 Peter
Gal.	Galatians	Philem.	Philemon
Gen.	Genesis	Phil.	Philippians
Hab.	Habakkuk	Prov.	Proverbs
Hag.	Haggai	Ps.	Psalms
Heb.	Hebrews	Rev.	Revelation
Hos.	Hosea	Romans	Romans
Isa.	Isaiah	Ruth	Ruth
Jas.	James	1 Sam.	1 Samuel
Jer.	Jeremiah	2 Sam.	2 Samuel
Job	Job	S. of Songs	Song of Songs
Joel	Joel	1 Thess.	1 Thessalonians
John	John	2 Thess.	2 Thessalonians
1 John	1 John	1 Tim.	1 Timothy
2 John	2 John	2 Tim.	2 Timothy
3 John	3 John	Tit.	Titus
Jonah	Jonah	Zech.	Zechariah
Josh.	Joshua	Zeph.	Zephaniah
Jude	Jude		





Using the Book

This book should be studied or referred to with the Bible at hand. The concern throughout has been to state what the Bible has to say in answer to each question. Where possible every statement has a Bible reference that should substantiate or illustrate it in some way.

The material has been set out in sections and sub-sections, both numerically and alphabetically, to make it easy for the book to be studied by sections, rather than read through hurriedly. Read without the Bible this book will appear heavy and solid. Read with the Bible it should become alive through the power of Bible-truth.

The endeavour has been made to avoid words that would not be familiar to the reader who is only just becoming acquainted with Biblical language and phraseology. But this is not always possible and the attempt sometimes means that the full force of an idea is lost. Where a word is unusual or has a particular significance in the Bible, a brief explanation of the word and its use will be found at the end of the book in the section entitled *Bible Definitions*.

Finding References

A few hints may be helpful for those not used to finding references in the Bible.

An example: 1 Thessalonians 2: 13. The name 'Thessalonians' refers to the book in the Bible. All Bibles have a list of books in the front and some have an alphabetical list as well. Look up 'Thessalonians' in this list and you will find the page number. The '1' before the name indicates that there is more than one book of this name. 'Thessalonians' has books '1' and '2'.

The figure immediately after the name is the number of the chapter in that book and the last figure is the number of the verse. In the Authorised or King James' Version the verses are all separated, but in the New International Version and other contemporary translations the chapters are usually in paragraphs but the equivalent verse number is placed in the margin, or within the text. A little practice will soon make you familiar with the layout of the Bible.