52 Key Verses to Memorize in 2023

The Word of God is powerful. Read it daily, memorize it weekly, and meditate on it always. Listen to it. Study it. Pray it. Obey it. Share it. Proclaim it.

First Quarter - Jan-March

Jan 1 – Philippians 4:6-7

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

Jan 8 – Hebrews 4:12

For the word of God is living and powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to dividing the soul and spirit, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Jan 15 – Ephesians 6:16-17

Above all take the shield of faith, wherewith you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one, and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God.

Jan 22 – 2 Timothy 3:16-17

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. —

Jan 29 - Galatians 5:22-23

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

Feb 5 – Colossians 3:16

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in Psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your heart to the Lord.

Feb. 12 - Mark 2:17

They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

Feb 19 - Mark 6:5-6

And he could there do no mighty work, except to lay his hands upon a few sick folk, and healed them. And he marveled because of their unbelief.

Feb 26 - Mark 8:34

Whoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

Mar. 5 - Mark 12:30

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength: this is the first commandment.

Mar. 12 - Mark 13:31

Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.

Mar. 19 - 1 John 1:8-10

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Mar. 26 - 1 John 2:15-16

Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

Second Quarter – Apr-June

Apr. 2 – 1 John 4:4

You are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world

April 9 - 1 John 5:4

For whosoever is born of God overcomes the world: and this is the victory that overcomes the world, even our faith.

April 16 – 1 John 5:12

He that has the Son has life; and he that hath not the Son of God has not life.

April 23 – 1 John 5:14-15

And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he hears us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

April 30 -1 Peter 1:24

The grass withers, and the flower thereof falls away: but the word of the Lord endures for ever.

May 7 – 1 Peter 2:2

As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word that you may grow thereby:

May 14 - 1 Peter 2:9

But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that you should show forth the praises of him who has called you out of darkness into his marvelous light:

May 21 - 1 Peter 3:12

For the eyes of the Lord *are* over the righteous, and his ears *are open* unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord *is* against them that do evil.

May 28 – 1 Peter 3:15

But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and *be* ready always to *give* an answer to every man that asks you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:

June 4 – 1 Peter 4:12-13

Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: But rejoice, inasmuch as you are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, you may be glad also with exceeding joy.

June 11 – 1 Peter 5:7

Casting all your care upon him; for he cares for you.

June 18 – James 1:22

Be doers of the word and not hearers only deceiving yourselves.

June 25 – James 1:2-3

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, 3 because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.

Third Quarter - July-Sept

July 2 - James 1:5-6

If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord.

July 9 - James 1:12

Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.

July 16 – James 4:3

When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.

July 23 - James 4:7-8

Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and he will come near to you.

July 30 – James 5:16

Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

Aug 23 - Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Aug 6 - Galatians 5:13

You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature.

Aug 20 - Ephesians 1:11-12

In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, in order that we, who were the first to hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory.

Aug 27 - Ephesians 2:8-9

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith-and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-- not by works, so that no one can boast.

Sept 3 - Ephesians 2:10

For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do

Sept 103 - Ephesians 3:20

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us,

Sept 17 - Ephesians 5:18-19

Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.

Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord.

Sept 24 - Ephesians 6:10-11

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.

Fourth Quarter - Oct-Dec

Oct 1 - Ephesians 6:13-15

Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.

Oct 8 - Philippians 1:6

Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

Oct 15 - Philippians 1:29

For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for him,

Oct 22 - Philippians 2:9-11

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Oct 29 - Philippians 2:12-13

Work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.

Nov 5 - Philippians 3:12

Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.

Nov 12 - Philippians 3:13-14

Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Nov 19 - Philippians 4:4

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!

Nov 26 - Philippians 4:7

And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Dec 3 - Philippians 4:8

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable--if anything is excellent or praiseworthy--think about such things.

Dec 10 - Philippians 4:13

I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me.

Dec 17 - Philippians 4:19

And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

Dec 24 - Colossians 3:1-2

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Dec 31 - Colossians 3:15

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

HOW TO MEMORIZE SCIPTURE

Memorization is not easy. It takes work and determination. Most of us as we grow older stop memorizing, so we are out of practice. Here are some hints to help you memorize.

- 1. Let your mind take a picture of the verse where it appears in your Bible. Read the Scripture over carefully. Read it in the context. Get the sense of the verse.
- 2. Read it out loud often every day. Let your ears hear it. Read it out loud often through the day.
- 3. Write the verse on a 3x5 card and keep it with you, in a pocket or purse. Pull it out when you are at a stop light. Pull it out when you go to the bathroom.
- 4. Repeat it over and over out loud. "Repetition penetrates the dullest of minds." If you repeat it and hear it enough, it will stick.
- 5. <u>Gradually erase</u> some words and leave blanks for your mind to fill in.
- 6. Have a friend or family member you can quote the verse to in order to test yourself.

It is not going to be easy to remember all 52 verses in one sitting. May I suggest that you do your memory work by quarters, that is, at the end of every month sit down and write out the verses you have finished memorizing. It is okay to have each verse address before you.