

# Vocabulary for Unit 4

## Terms for Mastery

**Abba** A way of addressing God the Father used by Jesus to call attention to his – and our – intimate relationship with his Heavenly Father. *Abba* means “my Father” or “our Father” in Aramaic.

**Heaven** A state of eternal life and union with God, in which one experiences full happiness and the satisfaction of the deepest human longings.

**New Covenant** The covenant or law established by God in Jesus Christ to fulfill and perfect the Old Covenant or Mosaic Law. It is a perfection here on earth of the Divine Law. The law of the New Covenant is called a law of love, grace, and freedom. The New Covenant will never end or diminish, and nothing new will be revealed until Christ comes again in glory.

**Parousia** The Second Coming of Christ as judge of all the living and the dead, at the end of time, when the Kingdom of God will be fulfilled.

**Samaritan** An inhabitant of Samaria, in the central hill country of Palestine. The Samaritans rejected the Jerusalem Temple and worshipped instead at Mount Gerizim. The New Testament mentions the Jewish rejection of Samaritans in both the Parable of the Good Samaritan (see Luke 10:29–37) and the account of Jesus' speaking with the Samaritan woman at the well (see John 4:1–42).

**Son of Man** A messianic title from the Book of Daniel, used to describe a figure who receives authority over other nations from God; the only messianic title in the Gospels used by Jesus to describe himself.

**stewards** People who are put in charge of managing, caring for, and protecting something, such as money or personal property.

**stewardship** The careful and responsible management of someone or something that has been entrusted to a person's care. This includes responsibly using and caring for the gifts of creation that God has given us.

## Terms Introduced for Later Mastery

**chastity** The virtue by which people are able to successfully and healthfully integrate their sexuality into their total person; recognized as one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit. Also one of the vows of religious life.

**Particular Judgment** The judgment that occurs immediately at the time of our death, when our immortal souls will be judged as worthy or unworthy of Heaven.



**Purgatory** A state of final purification or cleansing, which one may need to enter following death and before entering Heaven.

**sanctifying grace** The grace that heals our human nature wounded by sin and restores us to friendship with God by giving us a share in the divine life of the Trinity. It is a supernatural gift of God, infused into our souls by the Holy Spirit, that continues the work of making us holy.

**solidarity** Union of one's heart and mind with all people. Solidarity leads to the just distribution of material goods, creates bonds between opposing groups and nations, and leads to the spread of spiritual goods such as friendship and prayer.

## Terms Previously Mastered or for General Knowledge

**conscience** The "inner voice," guided by human reason and Divine Law, that enables us to judge what is good and what is evil. To make good judgments, one needs to have a well-formed conscience.

**embryo** The unborn child from the time it implants in the uterine wall through the eighth week of its development.

**fetus** The unborn child from the end of the eighth week after conception to the moment of birth.

**genocide** The systematic and planned extermination of a national, racial, ethnic, or cultural group.

**immortal** Living forever; not subject to death.

**mammon** An Aramaic word meaning wealth or property.

**procreation** The act or process of conceiving and bearing children.

**synoptic Gospels** From the Greek for "seeing the whole together," the name given to the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke, because they are similar in style and content.

