



Introduction to Memory Work

5th—8th Grade Confirmation

"The only Bible you have is the Bible you know" (Unknown Author). Memory work takes time and effort; there is no getting around the work involved. Yet, memory work is important because it allows us to incorporate God's Word into our lives. The Bible passages we learn in these four years of confirmation will give us guidance when making decisions in life. They will be there when we are sick or at life's end and in need of God's comfort. These passages will be in our minds, God forbid, when our government demands that all Bibles be destroyed. This is what happened in Russia (USSR) after Communism took control. Christians at that time could not have Bibles and so they remained Christians secretly by saying Bible passages and singing hymns which they had memorized. Our memory work helps us even today when we do not have access to a Bible when talking with someone who has questions about Jesus. Peter once said, "Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect" (I Peter 3:15).

I pray God's blessings to all of you as you work through this little book. David wisely said, "Teach me, O Lord, to follow your decrees; then I will keep them to the end." I pray that each of you can continue to learn God's Word with me.

In Christ,

Pastor James Travis

