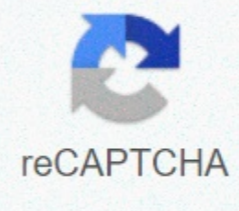




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Is bible always capitalized

(Kathy Ide wrote this eight-part series.) Religious terms The Christian author's style manual has a comprehensive list of which religious terms should be capitalized. Here are some examples: * The Bible and scripture are capitalized, but biblical and scriptures are not. Similarly, the Almighty, but not Almighty God. * Lowercase apostles, the Apostle Paul, the Apostle Paul and the Apostolic, but capitalize Paul's title apostle to the Gentiles and John's beloved apostle. * Simply capitalize the word Bible in phrases such as Bible study and holiday Bible school. * Noah's ark and the ark of the covenant are lowercase letters. * Lowercase baby in the baby Jesus and the child in Christ the child. * Lowercase body in christ's body, either referring to the church or Jesus' physical shape. Kathy Ide is a published author, ghostwriter and freelance editor. She speaks at authorconferences, teaches online writing and editing courses, and mentors new authors. She is the founder and coordinator of The Christian PEN: Proofreaders and Editors Network (www.TheChristianPEN.com) and Christian Editor Network (www.ChristianEditor.com). Learn more on www.KathyIde.com. Whether you refer to the Jewish Bible (the Torah plus the prophets and scriptures) or the Protestant Bible (the Jewish Bible plus the New Testament), or the Catholic Bible (which contains everything in the Jewish and Protestant Bibles plus several other books and passages mainly written in Greek in its Old Testament), the word Bible must be capitalized. Keep in mind that it is the title of a book, and book titles are normally capitalized. A rarity in English use, however, is that the Bible and the names of the different parts of the Bible are not ealised or placed between quotation marks. Even when used metaphorically by other holy books, as in the Qur'an is the Bible of Muslims, the word is usually capitalized; but in secular contexts it is not: Doctors' Desk Reference is the pharmacists' Bible. Biblical can be capitalized or not, as you choose (or as the editor chooses). Those who wish to be sensitive to the Jewish authorship of the Jewish Bible may want to use hebrew bible and Christian scriptures instead of the traditionally Christian nomenclature: the Old Testament and the New Testament. Modern Jewish scholars sometimes use the Hebrew acronym Tanakh to refer to the Bible, but this term is not generally understood by others. Back to the list of errors BUY THE BOOK! Menu 1. Use great to capitalize Apocrypha only when they refer to the books included in the Septuagint and Vulgate, but excluded from the Jewish and Protestant canons of the Old Testament. Do not tilt apocrypha or the name of holy text. Spell out the names of the books of Apocrypha: Baruch Bel and the Dragon (Sirach) 1 Esdras 2 Esdras Judith Letter of Jeremiah 1 Maccabees 2 Maccabees Prayer of Manasses (or Manasseh) Rest of Esther Song of Three Holy Children Susanna Tobit Wisdom of Solomon 2. Do not use the capital letters word apocryphal, which describes information about false origin and questionable authenticity. Archbishop/Bishop Capitalize Archbishop or Bishop when used before a prelate name or as a title. Lowercase word archbishop stands alone. RIGHT: Archbishop Santos celebrated the Eucharist. CORRECT: The archbishop said the monastery was closed for cleaning. See also L.Titles, by people. Baptism See also I.sacraments / services and rituals Bible / biblical 1. Capitalize the Bible and all nouns that refer to sacred texts. 2. Lowercase word biblical and other adjectives derived from the names of sacred texts. CORRECT: He did not have sufficient biblical evidence of his assumption, although he was referring to two rather long Bible verses. See also I.Apocrypha/ apocryphal.2 and I.scripture/ scriptures/ scriptures. Bible Books 1. Capitalize, but not yt, the names of books in the Bible. Spell out books of the Bible in text, but shorten books of the Bible in parenthetical or other scripture reference. Use Arabic (1, 2, 3) instead of Roman (I, II, III) numbers in all Bible references. CORRECT: The scroll shell of faith can be found in Hebrews 11. RIGHT: The scroll call of faith includes some people who were stoned, sawd asunder, killed with the sword and wandered around in sheepskin and goatskin; becomes destitute, tormented, tormented, (Heb. 11:37 KJV), none of which sounds pleasant. WRONG: The sermon on II Thessalonians made Judy wonder aloud: What happened to the Thessalonians? CORRECT: The sermon on 2 Thessalonians made Judy wonder aloud: What happened to the Thessalonians? See also F.biblical quotes.1. 2. Do not use the ledger, gospel, or letter when used as part of the name of a particular book in the Bible. CORRECT: His sermon referred to the book of Jobs, the gospel of Matthew, Paul's letter to the Romans and, oddly enough, the weekly reader. 3. Following is an alphabetical list of books of the Bible and their abbreviations Acts Judges Amos 1 Kings 1 Chronicles (1 Chron.) 2 Kings 2 Chronicles (2 Chron.) Lamentation (Lamb.) Colossus (Col.) Third Moss Cave (Lev.) 1 Corinthians (1 Cor.) Luke 2 Corinthians (2 Cor.) Malachi (Mal.) Daniel (Dan.) Deuteronomy (Out) Matthew (Matt.) The Preacher (Ecc.) Micah (Mic.) Ephesians (Ef.) Nahum Esther Nehemiah Exodus (Ex.) Number (Num.) Ezekiel (Ezekiel)(Ezekiel) Obadiah (Obad.) Ezra 1 Peter (1 Pet.) Galatians (Gal.) 2 Peter (2 Pet.) Genesis (Gen.) Filmon (Phm.) Habakkuk (Hab.) Philippians (Phil.) Haggai (Hag.) Proverbs (Prov.) Hebrews (Heb.) Psalms (Ps.) Snake (Hos.) Ruth Isaiah (Isa.) 1 Samuel (1 Sam.) James 2 Samuel (2 Jeremiah (Jeremiah) Solomon song (Song of Sol.) Job 1 Thessalonians (1 Thessalonians) Joel 2 Thessalonians (2 Thessalonians) John 1 Timothy (1 Tim.) 1 John 2 Tim.) 2 Revelation (Rev.) 3 John Romans Jonah Titus Joshua (Josh.) Zekarja (Zech.) Jude Zephaniah (Zeph.) The Bible refers 1. By attaching a biblical reference in quotation marks, observe established punctuation rules for quoting. 2. When the quote is quoted in running text, quote the abbreviated name of the book from which the reference originates, the numbers of the reference and the abbreviated name of the Bible version used, as follows: book, chapter and verse, version. Attach the whole in parentheses. CORRECT: The New Testament tells us that God is a reward of those who diligently seek Him (Heb. 11:6, KJV), but that does not mean that we seek God for rewards. 3. When a biblical quotation forms a complete sentence, quoting book, chapter and verse, and version after the quotation without enveloping in parentheses. CORRECT: But without faith it is impossible to please him, for he who comes unfady must believe that He is, and that he is a reward of those who diligently seek him. Heb. 11:6 KJV. See also H.quotation marks. Section 1 of the Bible. Capitalize formal names of Bible sections: The Old Testament, the New Testament, Pentateuch, the Torah. NOTE: The Old Testament is a Christian term, and the Hebrew Bible or the Jesuit Bible is the correct reference in material concerning Judaism or Jewish themes. 2. Lowercase less formal designations such as the gospel and the letter. Do not capitalize adjectives change bible sections: pastoral epists, synoptic gospels. CORRECT: That verse is found in Pentateuch, but I can't begin to tell you in which book. CORRECT: Something like this verse is found in the Gospels, especially in Matthew, but perhaps also in Luke or Mark. Wait, it's in the Gospel of John! CORRECT: He searched the concordance (in vain) to find some verses about the biorhythms he swore were in pastoral epists. Bible versions 1. Use capital, but not tilstelle, the names of Bible versions spelled out in text. CORRECT: Reverend Goodman believed that the King James Version was the only legitimate version of the Bible, and that a estang was the only legitimate fishing rod. 2. Use abbreviations for Bible versions in parenthetical and other fonts reference. RIGHT: As we have a great high priest, who has gone into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast to our profession. For we do not have a high priest who cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted as we are, but without sin. Heb. 4:4-15 KJV. 3. Translations of the New Testament by Eugene Peterson, J.B. Phillips and James Moffatt, as well as the Douay-Rheims version, are not abbreviated. CORRECT: To see that we have a The high priest who has entered the supreme heaven, the Son of Jesus God, let us hold fast to our faith. For we have no superhuman high priest for whom our weaknesses are incomprehensible—he himself has shared fully in all our experience of temptation, except that he never sinned. Heb. 4:14-5 Phillips. 4. The following are the names and abbreviations of some common Bible versions: American Standard Version, ASV Amplified Bible, AB English Revised Version, ERV English Standard Version, ESV Good News Bible, GNB Jerusalem Bible, JB King James Version, KJV Living Bible, LB New American Bible, NAB New American Standard Bible, NASB New English Bible, NEB New International Version, NIV New Living Translation, NLT New King James Version, NKJV New Revised Standard Version, NRSV Revised Standard Version, RSV Today's New International Version, TNIV Biblical Events Capitalize Biblical Based and Other Religious Events, such as Creation, Crucifixion, Exodus, The Flood, resurrection, the other coming. Lowercase, but when you use these terms generic. CORRECT: His sermon varied widely, from Creation to Second Coming, hitting all the high points in between. RIGHT: Many cultures have creation myths. CORRECT: When a patron failed to obey the No Smoking sign, there was a general exodus in the direction of the parking lot. See also I.religious events, concepts, and teachings. Calvinism / Calvinist Capitalize the words Calvinism and Calvinist and other words refers to followers of John Calvin's teaching. CORRECT: I think some local Calvinists would be surprised to learn that John Calvin is not Dutch, but French. CORRECT: I don't think Calvinist is a word, but Webster includes Calvinist. Christmas/ X-mas See I.holidays.2. Church The word church is capitalized only when used in the name of a particular church or denomination. It is not capitalized when it stands alone or used to denote the worldwide church or church of a particular country. RIGHT: The ancient Methodist Church in Alto and tabernacle community church in Grand Rapids are two of the many churches that make up the church worldwide. CORRECT: The Roman Catholic Church is well established in that neighborhood. denominations Capitalize the full names of denominations. CORRECT: Members of the local Methodist Church also attended the clam bake. RIGHT: The African Methodist Church holds weekly prayer meetings with members of the United Methodist Church. See also I.religions. evangelical / evangelical / fundamentalist / fundamentalism Lower letters the words evangelical, evangelicism, fundamentalist and fundamentalism. God / God 1. Capitalize all the names of the Christian God, including the names of members of the Trinity. Use the great lying names of other religions' delities. CORRECT: Yahweh is the Hebrew name of God. Christians are baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. CORRECT: Islam serves Allah. 2. Capitalize both biblical and extra-biblical names for God: Adonai, Yahweh, the Supreme Being, the Trinity, the Holy Spirit, etc. ERROR: She discussed the Trinity in the context of monotheism. CORRECT: She discussed the trinity in the context of monotheism. 3. Do not capitalize the pronouns of deity, unless citing a Bible version in which they are capitalized. RIGHT: We thank the Lord for his steadfast love. See also Lord/Dominion. holidays 1. Capitalize the names of religious holidays and seasons. RIGHT: Christmas, Yom Kippur, Lent, Easter, Holy Week, Good Friday, Hanukkah, Ash Wednesday, Ramadan-many potential holidays, said the smart slacker, who was elusive about his actual beliefs. 2. Christmas/ X-mas Do not shorten Christmas as X-mas. CORRECT: Many Calvinists send Christmas cards, not X-mas cards, to those who send them holiday cards. The Quran / Qur'an capitalize the names of sacred texts. The title Quran is interchangeable with the Koran. See also I.sacred texts. Lord/Dominion Capitalize Lord when referring to God. Lowercase dominion or other adjective references. CORRECT: I have placed my life under the dominion of Jesus Christ. Jesus is Lord. See also I.God/ god.3. Lots of capitalizing mass when it refers to the Eucharist. Muhammad Muhammad is the preferred spelling of the name that refers to the founder of Islam. Muslim Muslim is the preferred spelling for the name that refers to followers of Islam. Reformed/ reform 1. Use the capital letters word Reformed in running text when referring to the reformed tradition of Christianity. WRONG: She's a reformed Christian. CORRECT: She is a reformed Christian, raised in the reformed faith, who runs in a reformed church, and her latest book is a good example of reformed thinking. 2. Do not use the word reform as in the phrase always reform. ERROR: Although he always reformed, he also knew how to relax. CORRECT: Although he always reformed, he also knew how to relax. Religions 1. Capitalize the names of major religions, their followers and adjectives derived from them: the Anglican Church, Anglicanism, Buddhist, Buddhism, Catholicism, Confucianism, Confucianism, Hindu, Hinduism, Judaism, Protestantism, Roman Catholic Church, etc. RIGHT: He was raised as a Catholic, but he really embraced Catholicism in his middle years. 2. Capitalize the names of denominations, communions, sects, religious movements as well as their followers and adjectives derived from them: Amish, Baptist, Christian Science, Christian Scientist, Druid, Gnosticism, Sufism, etc. RIGHT: Raised in an Amish community, the fearless guy examined druidism, Christ's Church, scientist and Quakerism, and finally settled down See also I.denominations. 3. Capitalize both the historical and current official names of religious councils, synods, divisions and jurisdictions, but lowercase words the council, synod and names of other such entities when standing alone. CORRECT: The second Vatican concert is also called Vatican II. ERROR: The synod met at the Calvin Fine Arts Center this year, debated and voted on some things. RIGHT: The Synod of the Christian Reformed Church, aka Synod 2006, met at the Calvin Fine Arts Center this year, debated and voted on some things. religious events, concepts, and doctrines 1. Capitalize religious events such as the Inquisition, diaspora and Hegira. Lowercase, but when you use these terms generic. CORRECT: Everyone in the history class agreed that the Inquisition was shameful, even the Spanish majors. RIGHT: The second trip to Woodstock began as something of a hegira for the aging hippie, although the hitchhiker he picked up made it something of an inquisition: Did you meet Hendrix? What about Wavy Sauce? See also Biblical events. 2. Lowercase names of religious teachings: the Atonement, the justification by faith, sanctification, original sin, transubstantiation. ERROR: His defense of justification was perfectly justifiable. CORRECT: His defense of justification was perfectly justifiable. religious titles 1. Use great fore to capitalize a religious title when it precedes a name. Lowercase a religious title when standing alone, when it follows the name or when used as a job description. RIGHT: While enjoying their weekly 18 holes, Father Santos, Rabbi Gottesman, Imam Abdullah and Reverend Goodman discussed the fact that together they were the setup for a joke. RIGHT: A priest, a rabbi, an imam and a Baptist priest played golf.... See also L.titles, by persons.1 and L.titles, by persons.2. 2. Capitalize honorable titles related to religious titles. WRONG: A popular speaker, the right Reverend Michael Homily, often began sermons with: Let me be short. RIGHT: A popular speaker, The Conservative Party tore. Michael Homily, often began sermons with: Let me be short. See also See also Pastor. Pastor is both a title and an adjective, and the correct form of the address contains the article preceding title. However, regular use allows the use of pastor without. Shorten the term Pastor as Rev. when used before a full name. RIGHT: Reverend Jones' wife, Grace, said grace, and then preached at grace. RIGHT: Reverend Jones' wife Grace said grace, and then he preached at grace. RIGHT: Pastor Homily performed the ceremony in the chapel. CORRECT: Fox. Thomas Homily performed the ceremony in the chapel, services and rituals 1. Use capital letters referring to the Lord's meal or communion and its equivalents, Mass and eucharist. CORRECT: Raised both Lutheran and Catholic, Gerard Duo took a while to understand that the Lord's meal and mass were different interpretations of the same sacrament. 2. Lowercase names of religious services and rituals. CORRECT: Seder followed vespers, which followed bar mitzvah, which followed confirmation; It had been a long and ecumenical week. See also I.baptism. sacred texts Capitalize, but do not perform (as with book titles) all nouns that refer to sacred texts: Apocrypha, Bhagavad Gita, Bible, Dead Sea Scrolls, Koran (Koran), Talmud. The adjectives derived from the names of sacred texts are lowercase letters: apocryphal, biblical, scriptures, talmudic. See also I.Apocrypha/ apocryphal and I.Bible / biblical. Saint/ St. Word Saint can be shortened both when referring to a religious figure or a locality. RIGHT: Saint Bernard traveled from St. Louis to St. Paul, tracking its owners to their new home. CORRECT: St. Paul addressed more than one letter to all the Saints on, raising some interesting questions about the qualifications for sainthood. scriptures/scriptures/scriptures/scriptures Lowercase in the scripture passage, scriptures, and adjective scriptures. See also I.Apocrypha/ apocryphal and I.Bible / biblical. Biblical.

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