The Witness of the Church

**CHAPTER 20:** The Way of Holiness

*covenant* a sacred agreement between God and people

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**CHAPTER 21:** The Way of Faith

- **astrology** the belief that the sun, moon, planets, and stars control our lives
- **atheism** the rejection or denial of belief in God
- **blasphemy** any act or statement that insults the goodness of God or shows hatred for God
- **cult** a system of misguided religious beliefs that usually centers around a strong religious leader
- **cursing** calling on God to bring evil or harm to someone or something
- **despair** lack of trust in God’s goodness and mercy
- **idol** anyone or anything a person thinks is more important than God
- **oath** calling on God to witness to the truth of what one says
- **occult** anything that has to do with seeking something beyond human nature from something superhuman that is not divine
- **perjury** lying under oath
- **presumption** thinking that one can save oneself or assuming that one can do anything and God will offer salvation even without repentance
- **profanity** careless, casual, and inappropriate use of God’s name
- **satanism** the worship of the devil
- **spiritualism** the belief that the souls of the dead or spirits of the other world can be contacted by means of séances or Ouija boards
- **swear** to take an oath; informally the same as cursing
- **vulgar language** offensive and “dirty” words; words that show irreverence and disrespect for the human body
- **witchcraft** the practice of magic by people who may attempt to control others’ freedom by spells or chants
You may wish to use the definitions of these key terms in Unit 5.

**The Witness of the Church (continued)**

**Chapter 22: The Way of Worship**

**ritual**  an established, ordered procedure for celebrating a religious ceremony

**Chapter 23: The Way of the Family**

**scandal**  leading other people to sin by bad example

**Chapter 24: The Way of Human Dignity**

**adultery**  a sexual relationship between a married person and someone other than the husband or wife; unfaithfulness on the part of a husband or wife

**fornication**  engaging in the sexual act before marriage

**homosexual activity**  sexual activity with those of the same sex

**masturbation**  self-stimulation to arouse sexual pleasure to the point of orgasm

**Chapter 25: The Way of Justice and Truth**

**avarice**  an excessive desire for wealth or gain; greed

**hypocrisy**  the act of pretending to be good or to have virtues that one does not possess

**integrity**  wholeness of character; uprightness; honesty

**mental reservation**  speech that intends a meaning different from the spoken words when there is a good reason for concealing the truth

**restitution**  the act of repairing, returning, or paying for a damaged or stolen article