

MARKDOWN TEXT-EDITING COMMANDS

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GUIDE

A practical reference guide for formatting text, links, lists, code, tables, and more

Markdown support varies by platform. Standard Markdown works almost everywhere, while tables, checkboxes, footnotes, highlighting, and HTML-based formatting may depend on the editor or community platform.

Headings

```
# Heading 1
## Heading 2
### Heading 3
#### Heading 4
##### Heading 5
##### Heading 6
```

Alternative styles:

```
Heading 1
=====
```

```
Heading 2
-----
```

Bold, Italic, and Strikethrough

```
**Bold text**
__Bold text__

*Italic text*
_Italic text_

***Bold and italic text***
___Bold and italic text___

~~Strikethrough text~~
```

Paragraphs and Line Breaks

This is the first paragraph.

This is the second paragraph.

```
First line.
Second line.
```

```
First line.&lt;br&gt;
Second line.
```

Blockquotes

```
&gt; This is a blockquote.
```

```
&gt; Main quotation
&gt;
&gt;&gt; Nested quotation
```

```
&gt; **Important:** This statement is bold.
```

Unordered Lists

```
- First item  
- Second item  
- Third item
```

```
* First item  
* Second item
```

```
+ First item  
+ Second item
```

```
- Main item  
  - Sub-item  
    - Deeper sub-item
```

Numbered Lists

```
1. First item  
2. Second item  
3. Third item
```

```
1. First item  
1. Second item  
1. Third item
```

```
1. First section  
  1. First subsection  
  2. Second subsection  
2. Second section
```

Task Lists and Checkboxes

```
- [ ] Incomplete task  
- [x] Completed task
```

Links

```
[It Ain't Over Ministries](https://example.com)
```

```
[Visit the website](https://example.com "Website title")
```

```
&lt;https://example.com&gt;
```

```
&lt;example@example.com&gt;
```

```
[Visit our website][website]
```

```
[website]: https://example.com
```

Images

```
![Alternative text](https://example.com/image.jpg)
```

```
![Alternative text](https://example.com/image.jpg "Image title")
```

```
![Alternative text](https://example.com/image.jpg)(https://example.com)
```

```
![Ministry logo][logo]
```

```
[logo]: https://example.com/logo.png
```

Inline Code

```
Use the `strong` tag for bold text.
```

```
`Use the `code` element.`
```

Code Blocks

```
    This is an indented code block.
```

```
```\nThis is a fenced code block.\n```
```

```
```html\n<h1>Doctrine & Theology Forum</h1>\n```
```

Horizontal Rules

```
---
```

```
***
```

```
---
```

Escaping Markdown Characters

```
\*This will not be italicized*\n\# This will not become a heading
```

```
Common escapable characters:\n` ` * _ { } [ ] &lt; &gt; ( ) # + - . ! |
```

Tables

Column One	Column Two	Column Three
Item One	Description	Information
Item Two	Description	Information

Left Aligned	Centered	Right Aligned
Text	Text	Text

Footnotes

This statement needs a citation.^[1]

^[1]: This is the footnote text.

This is another statement.^[^source]

^[^source]: Source information goes here.

Definition Lists

Doctrine
: An organized statement of Christian belief.

Theology
: The disciplined study of God and divine truth.

Superscript and Subscript

```
X^2^
H~2~0
```

```
X<sup>2</sup>
H<sub>2</sub>
```

Highlighted Text

```
==Highlighted text==
```

```
<mark>Highlighted text</mark>
```

Underlined Text

```
<u>Underlined text</u>
```

Collapsible Sections

```
<details>
<summary>Click to expand</summary>
```

Hidden content appears here.

```
</details>
```

Keyboard Keys

```
Press <kbd>Ctrl</kbd> + <kbd>C</kbd>.
```

Abbreviations

```
*[RBA]: Remnant Bible Academy
```

Students may enroll through the RBA.

Comments

```
<!-- This comment will not appear in the published content. -->
```

HTML Inside Markdown

```
<div>
  <strong>Bold text</strong>
</div>
```

```
<strong>Bold</strong>
<em>Italic</em>
<u>Underline</u>
<del>Strikethrough</del>
<mark>Highlight</mark>
<sup>Superscript</sup>
<sub>Subscript</sub>
<br>
```

Mentions, Hashtags, and Platform Features

```
@username
#topic
```

Emoji Codes

```
:pray:  
:heart:  
:book:  
:cross:
```

```
☹️ 📖 📖 📖
```

Common Combined Formatting

```
**[Visit the website](https://example.com)**  
  
*[Read more](https://example.com)*  
  
&gt; **Sound doctrine must be grounded in Scripture.**  
  
- **Scripture-Centered:** Grounded in the biblical text.  
- **Truth-Driven:** Committed to doctrinal accuracy.  
- **Respectful:** Conducted with Christian charity.  
  
## [Doctrine & Theology Forum](https://example.com)
```

Quick Reference

```
# Heading  
**Bold**  
*Italic*  
***Bold italic***  
~~Strikethrough~~  
&gt; Blockquote  
- Bullet list  
1. Numbered list  
- [ ] Task  
[Link](https://example.com)  
![Image](https://example.com/image.jpg)  
`Inline code`  
---
```

Compatibility Note

Nearly universal: headings, bold, italics, blockquotes, lists, links, images, inline code, fenced code blocks, and horizontal rules.

Platform-dependent: tables, checkboxes, footnotes, highlighting, underline, collapsible sections, definition lists, abbreviations, superscript/subscript syntax, emoji shortcodes, mentions, and embedded HTML.