



# *Bible study resources list*

## *by Grounded In Faith, LLC:*

During your Bible reading, there will be times when scripture passages will be hard to understand, seem trivial, or may not resonate with you in the moment. Remember to give yourself grace and pray over what is unclear to you.

The more you read the Bible, the clearer it will become.

All scripture is essential, useful, and is the Word of God. 2 Timothy 3:16.



## *A brief overview of Bibles:*

There are over 1,700 Bible translations worldwide at the time of this publication. Too many, of course, to list here and categorize. The ones that are mentioned below are currently, at the time that this handout was created, the most common translations used. This is not an exhaustive list. It is a reference to help you get started. Pray over what type of Bible will work best for you. Please consult your pastor for further recommendations if needed.

### **Bibles:**

- **Word-for-Word:** is translated as accurately as possible from the original Hebrew and Greek. These are best used for reading the Bible in context, daily reading, Bible study, and in-depth study: **NASB, ESV, NKJV, KJV.**
- **Thought-for-thought translations** are not translated word-for-word. Some of the words and sentence structure may be replaced for ease of understanding which can change the context. These are good for daily reading and devotional style reading: Those that are new to the Bible also find these translations easier to start with. **NIV, NLT, NAS, NCV.**
- **Paraphrases:** are written in a conversational modern language story format to give an overall picture or idea of what is being said in the passage. The words and word order is rewritten for easier reading to draw out the meaning. Because of this, the direct context of original biblical scripture is lost as they are not actual translations. These story format Bibles are primarily used for general reading and not for an accurate study of the Bible: **The Message, TLB.**

*In 2015 a new Bible version, The Passion, came on the market.*  
*This author strongly cautions you to use discernment before reading, using, or purchasing it. Please do your research as to its true origins and accuracy.*
- **Study Bibles:** have commentary within them per chapter(s) and verse(s) in the Bible for better understanding. Some even have fact pages that highlight various topics within specific chapters in the Bible. **The ESV Study Bible, Life Application Study Bible, The NASB MacArthur Study Bible,** to name a few.

[www.groundedinfaith.org](http://www.groundedinfaith.org)



# *Useful resources to help further your Bible study time.*

---

This is not an exhaustive list. These are basic resources this author has found helpful over the years. Please seek further guidance from your Pastor or Bible study leader as needed.

A word of caution: Be mindful when using the internet for biblical study and research. Use discernment and confirm that the sources you are using are biblical sound in the accurate Word of God.

## **Commentaries:**

- The MacArthur Bible Commentary
- Expositor's Bible Commentary Revised Series, By Tremper Longman and David Garland
- The Treasury of Scripture Knowledge Book by R. A. Torrey (Cross-reference commentary)
- Any commentary by: Matthew Henry, John MacArthur, Warren Wiersbe, Charles Swindoll, R.C. Sproul, Charles H. Spurgeon, and John Wesley. Stick with classical Pastors who stay rooted in historical Christianity and not modern cultural interpretations.

## **Books:**

- Halley's Bible Handbook by Dr. Henry Halley, published by Zondervan
- The Holman Illustrated Bible Handbook
- Rose Book of Bible Charts, Maps, and Timelines
- The Holman Illustrated Bible Dictionary
- The Westminster Dictionary of Theological Terms by Donald K. McKim
- Living by the Book: The art and science of reading the Bible by Howard & William Hendricks
- Women of the Word: How to study the Bible with both our hearts and our minds by Jen Wilkin
- What is the Gospel? by Greg Gilbert, published by 9Marks

## **Online Resources:**

- [Bible Hub](http://www.biblehub.com): [www.biblehub.com](http://www.biblehub.com)
- [Bible Gateway](http://www.biblegateway.com): [www.biblegateway.com](http://www.biblegateway.com)
- [Blue Letter Bible](http://www.blueletterbible.org): [www.blueletterbible.org](http://www.blueletterbible.org)
- [Net Bible](http://www.netbible.org): [www.netbible.org](http://www.netbible.org)
- e-Sword: [www.e-sword.net](http://www.e-sword.net)
- [The Treasury of Scripture Knowledge comprehensive cross-references](http://www.tsk-online.com): [www.tsk-online.com](http://www.tsk-online.com)

[www.groundedinfaith.org](http://www.groundedinfaith.org)