

Recommended Resources

These are only a few recommendations. There are many others out there that are excellent. As was said in the sermon, make sure you test these sources against the Word of God. If you had to pick just one, go with #1.

1. Read your Bible.

Get in the word. Here is a break down of common translations.

BIBLE TRANSLATIONS

The Bible was originally written in: **HEBREW, ARAMAIC, and GREEK.**

Freely read the Bible on Bible Gateway in more than 200 versions and more than 70 languages including:

TWO APPROACHES
Two main philosophies behind translating the Bible range on a continuum between:

- ▶ **WORD-FOR-WORD**
Adhering to the words and structure of the original language without sacrificing clarity.
- ▶ **THOUGHT-FOR-THOUGHT**
Prioritizing clarity and understanding of the meaning of the original language without sacrificing accuracy.

Bible translations represented in this spectrum by their abbreviations are available for reading on Bible Gateway

WORD-FOR-WORD (left side of spectrum): INTERLINEAR, NASB, AMP, ESV, RSV, KJV, NKJV, MEV, CSB, NRSV, EHV, NET, NABRE, NIV

THOUGHT-FOR-THOUGHT (right side of spectrum): GW, ISV, NCV/ICB, NLT, NirV, CEB, GNT, ERV, LIVING, CEV, MSG, VOICE

Additional translations listed in the infographic:

- Amplified Bible
- Christian Standard Bible
- Common English Bible
- Contemporary English Version
- Easy-to-Read Version
- Evangelical Heritage Version
- English Standard Version
- God's Word
- Good News Translation
- International Children's Bible
- International Standard Version
- King James Version
- The Living Bible
- The Message
- Modern English Version
- New American Bible (Revised Edition)
- New American Standard Bible
- New Century Version
- New English Translation
- New International Reader's Version
- New International Version
- New King James Version
- New Living Translation
- New Revised Standard Version
- Revised Standard Version
- The Voice

There are some great free online options.

YouVersion (The Bible App) - <https://www.youversion.com/>

Bible Gateway - <https://www.biblegateway.com/>

2. Get a study Bible.

ESV Study Bible - <https://amzn.to/2XgalLn>

3. Purchase a commentary.

The Bible Knowledge Commentary an Exposition of the Scriptures - <https://amzn.to/33RHvn2>

4. Grab some online resources.

Here are a few free online commentaries:

- <https://enduringword.com/>
- <https://www.preceptaustin.org/>
- <https://www.blueletterbible.org/>

And here are few websites with great articles on Christianity:

- <https://www.desiringgod.org/>
- <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/>
- <https://alwaysbeready.com/>

And many people enjoy the brief videos put out by The Bible Project –

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/jointhebibleproject>

5. Read healthy and widely regarded systematic theologies.

Now I will give you this one is a bit more in depth. But the rewards are great.

Systematic Theology, **Wayne Grudem, Henry Thiessen, Norman Geisler**