

How to Study the Bible

We are here because the Sovereign God who created everything from the farthest galaxy of the universe to the smallest electron was gracious enough to reveal Himself to us.

He gave us a collection of 66 books written over a period of 1500 years by over 40 different authors on 3 different continents and it's all one consistent message. The eternal triune Godhead according to His divine sovereign plan created everything that is to display ALL His holy attributes. All of His creation will bring glory to Himself. The infinite God created a finite man exclusively in His own image. However, man disobeyed God bringing sin, rebellion, and corruption to the creation. Through God's amazing grace, He planned for the atonement of the fallen creation through His own means and payment. The Bible is God's redemptive story culminating in a final unending, unfading, glorious kingdom ruled by God himself walking side-by-side with those whom He has saved from death to life for all of eternity. We have been given that story and have the opportunity and command to know that God. Praise Him!

Psalms 119:97

⁹⁷ Oh how I love your law! It is my meditation all the day.

Psalms 86:11

¹¹ Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth;
unite my heart to fear your name.

2 Timothy 2:15

¹⁵ Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.

Hosea 6:3

³ Let us know; let us press on to know the Lord; his going out is sure as the dawn; he will come to us as the showers, as the spring rains that water the earth."

HOW TO KNOW THE BIBLE

HEAR the Bible

Romans 10:17

¹⁷ So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

READ the Bible

Revelation 1:3

³ Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near.

STUDY the Bible

Acts 17:11

¹¹ Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so.

MEMORIZE the Bible

Psalms 119:9-11

⁹ How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word.

¹⁰ With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments!

¹¹ I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.

MEDITATE on the Bible

Psalms 1:2-3

² but his delight is in the law² of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night.

³ He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.

How to Study the Bible

Read your Bible every day - Get a Bible reading plan and finish the whole inspired text every year

- Illustration of filling up water old basket with water

Choose passages to **Study as often as you can**

- Reading is riding a boat on a large smooth lake
- Studying is stopping the boat to dive in and discover a whole new world that you can't see from above

Read & Study Different Translations

(Word-for-Word Translation - "Literal" Translation - Meaning-for-Meaning)

New American Standard (NAS)
English Standard Version (ESV)
Legacy Standard Bible (LSB)
Holman Christian Standard (HCS)
New King James Version (NKJ)
King James Version (KJV)

Paraphrase

New International Version (NIV)
New Living Translation (NLT)
Good News Translation (GNT)
The Amplified Bible (AMP)
The Living Bible (TLB)
The Message (MSB)

Fundamentals of the Faith by John MacArthur

Biblical Doctrine by John MacArthur & Richard Mayhue

Bibliology - Study of God's Word
Theology Proper - Study of God the Father
Christology - Study of God the Son
Pneumatology - Study of the Holy Spirit
Anthropology - Study of Man
Hamartiology - Study of Sin
Soteriology - Study of Salvation
Angelology - Study of Angels & Demons
Ecclesiology - Study of the Church
Eschatology - Study of End Times

Bible Doctrine by Wayne Grudem

[Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible](#) (\$23 Amazon)

www.strongskoncordance.org

Commentaries

MacArthur Commentaries
Matthew Henry's Commentary on the Whole Bible
Matthew Poole's English Annotations on the Holy Bible
John Calvin's Commentary on the Bible and Institutes of the Christian Religion
Martin Luther's Commentaries
The Bible Knowledge Commentary

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Dictionaries & Encyclopedias & Lexicons

Holman Treasury of Key Bible Words
The International Standard Bible Encyclopedia
The Wycliffe Bible Encyclopedia
The New Unger's Bible Dictionary
New American Standard Concordance of the Bible

www.blueletterbible.org

www.logos.com

Root - the basic word from which other words are developed

- Usually a verb from which a noun, adverb, or adjective are derived
- Example "bio"

Lemma (lexical form) - base stem of a particular form of a root word

- Example "biology"

Manuscript - final form of a word as it's actually used in the sentence

- Example "biological"

2 Timothy 2:15

¹⁵ Do your best (*spoudazō*) to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.

spoudazō (Gr. σπουδάζω) - do quickly, do one's best, make every effort, be eager, be diligent

"Be diligent" (NAS), "Study" (KJV)