

How To Study The Bible

Men of Grace

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Basic Tools & Overview

GOALS

- A proven **METHOD** of Bible Study
- The joy of personal discovery
- Spiritual growth
- Key verse: 2 Timothy 3:16

"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness"

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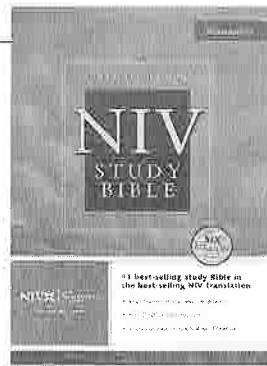
- **Intangible**
 - Commitment
 - Discipline / Routine
 - A **METHOD**

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Bible:

- **NIV preferred**

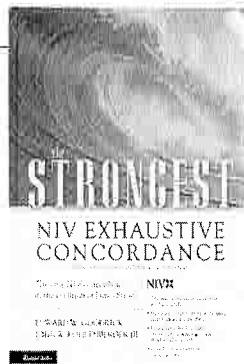


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Tangible

Bible Concordance:

- **The Strongest NIV**
- **Exhaustive Concordance (2004), by Edwards W. Goodrick and John R. Kohlenberger III**
- **\$29.99**

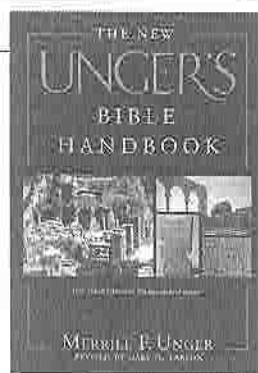


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Tangibles

Bible Handbook:

- **The New Unger's Bible Handbook (2005)**
- **by Merrill F. Unger and Gary N. Larson**
- **\$29.99**

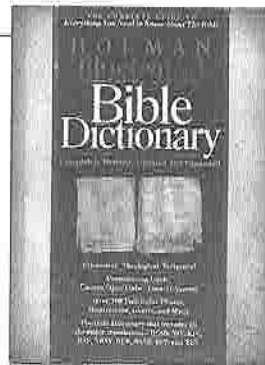


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Bible Dictionary:

- **Holman Illustrated Bible Dictionary, Revised and Updated (2003)**
- **by C. Brand, C.W. Draper and A. England**
- **\$21.99**

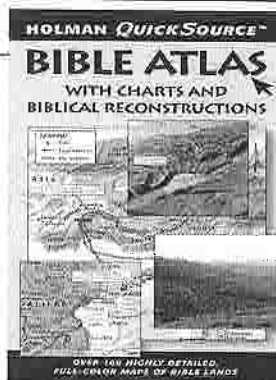


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Bible Atlas:

- **Holman QuickSource Bible Atlas with Charts and Biblical Reconstructions (2005)**
- **\$11.99**

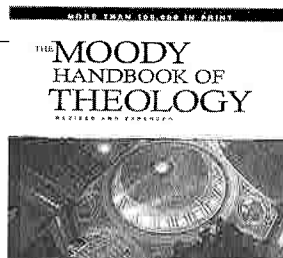


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Theology Handbook:

- **The Moody Handbook of Theology (2008)**
- **\$29.99**



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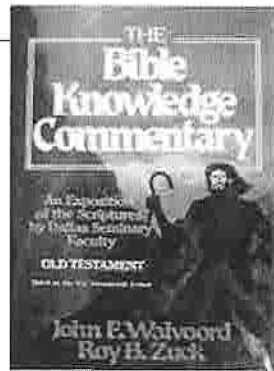
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Bible Commentary:

- **The Bible Knowledge Commentary: Old and New Testaments**
- **2 Volumes (1989)**
- **Edited by John F. Walvoord and Roy B. Zuck**
- **Written by Dallas Theological Seminary Faculty**
- **\$34.99**

Note: The books can all be purchased at Christianbook.com



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Tangibles

▪ **Bible Software:**

Logos Bible Software

(See "Products" at logos.com)

- **Christian Home Library - \$149.00**
- **Bible Study Library - \$259.00**



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▪ **Bible Websites:**

▪ **biblegateway.com**

- **Gives the different translations of the passage**

▪ **bible.org**

- **Incredible amount of Bible Study information and commentaries**

▪ **preceptaustin.org**

- **Many commentaries and explanations of the passage**

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Indispensable

- **Indispensable:**
 - **An open heart**
 - Open to study
 - Open to God
 - Open to change
 - The guidance of the Holy Spirit

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Overview

- **Observation**
 - What does it say?
 - What do I see?
- **Interpretation**
 - What does it mean?
- **Application**
 - How does it work?
 - How does it apply to me?

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Observation Overview

- **Look for the "Ws"**
 - Who? What? When? Where? Why? and (w) how?
- **Look for key terms**
 - Identify the important words, phrase and clauses
- **Observe the Structure of the passage**
 - Grammatical Structure
 - Literary Structure
- **Observe the "Atmosphere" of the passage**
 - What's happening under the surface

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Homework Assignment

- **Make 25 observations about Romans 5:1-2**
 - *"Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God."*

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Thank You