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- Multi-part discussion of [the unusual teachings of Zane Hodges, et al click Index](#) (>100 pages)
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COMMENTARIES AND OTHER RESOURCES ON 1 JOHN ARCHIVE.ORG

Explanation - The following list includes not only commentaries but other Christian works by well known evangelical writers. Most of the resources below are newer works (written after 1970) which previously were available only for purchase in book form or in a Bible computer program. The resources are made freely available by archive.org but have several caveats - (1) most do not allow copy and paste, (2) they can only be checked out for one hour (but can be checked out immediately when your hour expires giving you time to read or take notes on a lengthy section) and (3) they require creating an account which allows you to check out the books free of charge. To set up an account click archive.org and then click the picture of the person in right upper corner and enter email and a password. That's all you have to do. Then you can read these more modern resources free of charge! I have read or used many of these resources but not all of them so ultimately you will need to be a Berean (Acts 17:11+) as you use them. I have also selected works that are conservative and Biblically sound. If you find one that you think does not meet those criteria please send an email at <https://www.preceptaustin.org/contact>. The resources are listed in alphabetical order by the author's last name and some include reviews of the particular resource.

COMMENTARIES ON 1 JOHN

Note: Not in any particular order.

[The Preacher's Outline & Sermon Bible : New Testament, King James Version](#) 1 Thessalonians, 2 Thessalonians, 1 Timothy, 2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon, Hebrews, James, 1 Peter, 2 Peter, 1 John, 2 John, 3 John, Jude, Revelation. - Helpful notes.

[The Letters of John : an Introduction and Commentary \(Tyndale New Testament Commentaries\)](#) by Stott, John R. W (1988) 244 pages. [89 ratings](#)

[Tim Challies](#) - John Stott is always an able commentator and his volume in the TNTC is no exception. Carson praises it as "one of the most useful conservative commentaries on these epistles, so far as the preacher is concerned" and says "it is packed with both exegetical comments and thoughtful application." The TNTC is targeted squarely at a general audience, so both pastors and interesting general readers will find it tremendously beneficial. If you are looking for a commentary to guide you as you read John's epistles devotionally, this is probably the one you want.

James Rosscup - Here is a recent lucid, stimulating work by a gifted writer who has served as rector of the All Souls (Anglican) Church, Langham Place, London. Several New Testament scholars have hailed it as an outstanding commentary from the standpoint of exegesis, exposition and warm application. It was listed among 22 "Choice Evangelical Books of 1964" in Christianity Today (February 12, 1965, p. 16). Stott displays a vast breadth of reading in the best conservative works on the Johannine epistles. This 1988 version updates the 1964 original.

[Sam Storms review](#) - This is far and away the best commentary that Stott has written on any NT book. It is also the first commentary that I would recommend for the student to purchase. It was revised and expanded in 1988 to take into account more recent studies of the Johannine literature. Although he interacts with the Greek text, this commentary is accessible to students of the English Bible as well. Get it!**

[The Epistles of John in The New International Commentary on the New Testament](#) - I Howard Marshall

[Sam Storms](#) - 1978. Marshall writes from an Arminian perspective. His commentary is second only to Stott for evangelical readers. It is thorough and always fair in its treatment of controversial issues. Highly recommended.*

[John Cereghin \(Baptist Pastor\)](#) - Simply written and ably brings together a good deal of previous scholarship without getting bogged down in minutiae. This is a very good commentary.

[Cyril Barber](#) (page 62) - New International Commentary on the New Testament. Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1978. An extensive introduction that adequately surveys the historical and textual

background of these letters is followed by a careful exposition of John's epistles in the order in which they were written. Provides interested readers with a complete and satisfying treatment.

James Rosscup - Like Ryrie and Stott, Marshall has keen ability to follow the thought of a book and articulate it with clarity. He often is helpful on stating views gleaned from the literature and is up-to-date. His use of the Greek, good footnotes, and detail on many of the problem verses make this a very good evangelical commentary by one of the best New Testament scholars in the British Isles (ca. 2001 he retired from being head of the New Testament Department at King's College, University of Aberdeen, Scotland).

[Epistles of John & Jude : a self-study guide](#) by Jensen, Irving

[The Gospel and epistles of John](#) 160 pages, 1970. F F Bruce

[John Cereghin \(Baptist Pastor\)](#) - A brief, popular exposition. Defends apostolic authorship (15); gives a short introduction (25-33); holds that the words "world" and "life" are key words of John (36); stresses the role of Christ as Advocate (49); teaches the coming of a future Antichrist (67ff); has a note rejecting the authenticity of the passage on the three heavenly witnesses (129-130).

[Sam Storms](#) - This is one of the first commentaries on John's letters that I read. As always, Bruce is precise in his explanation of issues. It is brief but worthy of your study.

[The Epistles of John : \[an expositional commentary\]](#) - Boice, James Montgomery. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1979.

[Sam Storms review](#) - This commentary is based on Boice's sermons. Although not a detailed interaction with the text, it is theologically and homiletically helpful.

[The Johannine Epistles : based on the Revised Standard version](#) by Grayston, Kenneth

Cyril Barber - New Century Bible Commentary. Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1984. Following a brief but adequate introduction, Grayson reappraises Johannine scholarship, and though some of his views differ from those of others who have written on these epistles, readers are nevertheless treated to a discussion that is spiritually stimulating and culturally apropos.

[Sam Storms review](#) - Like most volumes in this series, this one is brief but helpful.

[The Expositor's Bible Commentary](#) - 1994 edition - Abridged - New Testament

[Sam Storms review](#) - Barker, G. W. *1 John, 2 John, 3 John*. The Expositor's Bible Commentary, vol. 12. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1981. This is an evangelical and conservative treatment of the Johannine epistles that is designed for those without a knowledge of Greek. It tends to be too brief at times.

[The Interpretation of the Epistles of St. Peter, St. John and St. Jude](#) - R C H Lenski (excellent Lutheran commentator)

[1-3 John](#) by Thompson, Marianne Meye -- [see below](#)

James Rosscup - A lucid 168-pp., crisp exposition with some application in a flow for popular, general use. In a number of verses the book helps, at others it frustrates due to passing by views and reasons, or lacks sufficient comments. Much generalizing leaves an impression that in order to be seen as saved one must live an ideally perfect life (cf. 43), yet at other points one reads that Christians sin (45). The work has a healthy clarity that real grace, distinct from cheap so-called (but not genuine) grace (51) elicits confession of sin and seeking obedience to God. Such a life with God helps one's assurance to be a properly experienced reality, as in 2:3 (51), even this by grace. Some statements are quite helpful, as "righteous conduct does not make us God's children. Rather, such conduct is the consequence or expression of a relationship that already exists" after rebirth (87). Many issues are left in a blur, for instance "God's seed remains" (3:9).

[Sam Storms review](#) - Although brief and non-technical, Thompson has helpful insights. It is not as good, however, as Stott or Marshall.

[The Epistles of John](#) by Hobbs, Herschel H

[The Bible Exposition Commentary](#) - Ephesians through Revelation - Warren Wiersbe

Rosscup - One of America's most appreciated staunchly evangelical Bible conference teachers gives diligent, refreshing expositions. These are all of his 23 separate, earlier books in the "Be" series on the New Testament. He strikes a particular appeal with lay people as he crystallizes sections, deals with some of the verses, handles certain problems and backgrounds and applies principles. He is premillennial.

[The letters of John the Apostle : an in-depth commentary](#) by Burdick, Donald W

James Rosscup - This is far more detailed in getting at issues than his Everyman's Commentary effort of 1970. It is a diligent conservative product on Greek syntax, word meaning and theology, and follows the line of thought through the epistles well. The introduction (pp. 3–92) takes up the background, authorship, date, place, recipients, occasion, purpose, character and content of I John. Later, he also has introductions to II and III John. He believes that I John gives grounds for assurance, tests of practice that can provide valid assurance (cf. pp. 81–82). Though copious in aspects of grammar that open up the books, Burdick is more lucid than Westcott's helpful exegetical work of the past, and certainly one of the best now on the Greek. At some points one ought to go to longer discussions of views and issues in Brown, and also consult Brooke, Marshall, Plummer, Smalley, and Strecker etc. on technical matters, Marshall and Smalley also for more on studies of recent years.

Cyril Barber - Written for lay people. This work is designed to lay bare the meaning of John's letters for his own time and ours as well. Clear and cogent.

[The Epistles of John](#) by Burdick, Donald W

James Rosscup - A part of the Everyman's Bible Commentary series, this work by a careful evangelical New Testament scholar from Denver Seminary is quite perceptive on problems and good as a brief commentary.

[Sam Storms review](#) - This volume is similar in approach and perspective to Hiebert. Very helpful.

[John Cereghin \(Baptist pastor\)](#) - A careful exposition with an analysis of the ascending stages, or spiral, in John's thought. The writer sees John's basic purpose in writing as being to develop a correct view of Christ will result in a life of love and righteousness. Good for Bible study classes. ! 1985 (different than above). Not to be overlooked although not always to be trusted. Almost 500 pages, it attempts to offer exegesis of the Greek text, theological comment, present-day application and some comment on structure. But beware: its approach to Greek somehow manages to be simultaneously painstaking and mechanical, partly because the work is linguistically uninformed. The style is a bit stodgy.

[1, 2, 3 John : Bible study commentary](#) by Vaughan, Curtis

[The Epistles of John](#) by Marshall, I. Howard, author

James Rosscup - Like Ryrie and Stott, Marshall has keen ability to follow the thought of a book and articulate it with clarity. He often is helpful on stating views gleaned from the literature and is up-to-date. His use of the Greek, good footnotes, and detail on many of the problem verses make this a very good evangelical commentary by one of the best New Testament scholars in the British Isles (ca. 2001 he retired from being head of the New Testament Department at King's College, University of Aberdeen, Scotland).

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[1, 2, 3 John - Morris, Leon. "New Bible Commentary Revised](#), ed. D. Guthrie et al. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1970.

[The Gospel according to St. John : Schnackenburg, Rudolf](#)

[Sam Storms review](#) - Translated by Reginald and Ilse Fuller. New York: Crossroad, 1992. Schnackenburg is deep and technical, somewhat liberal, but worth digging into for detailed exegetical insights on the Greek text and theologically important matters.

[1, 2, and 3 John](#) by Johnson, Thomas Floyd - New International Biblical Commentary

James Rosscup - Johnson identifies the writer of the Gospel of John as "The disciple whom Jesus loved" (20:20, 24), but sees these epistles as by an "elder," a different man (2). The concise verse comments are usually clear and well-reasoned, showing the idea of the Greek with Greek words transliterated, and with explanations of word meaning and grammar. Sections of added notes in smaller print take up some details. Some problems receive discussion, some are bypassed, in the latter category limited or unlimited atonement

in I John 2:2, or interpretations of 2:12–14, or 5:16 (where much is not explained or not explained well). True, the commentary quite often is helpful, but uneven, and not one of the better all-around works one can more consistently count on.

[Sam Storms review](#) - This series is generally evangelical but brief in scope.

[The message of John's letters : living in the love of God](#) by Jackman, David

Cyril Barber - Relates the message of these letters to the moral issues and theological climate of John's day. Builds upon Stott's cyclical (or spiral) theme of the content of the first letter, and treats the other letters as emphasizing truth and love. A noteworthy contribution.

[Sam Storms review](#) - Although I have not used this commentary much, most in the BST series are evangelical in theology and quite helpful.

[The Epistles of John : Strauss, Lehman](#) - devotional commentary

[1, 2, 3 John](#) by Smalley, Stephen S - Word Biblical Commentary

James Rosscup - This ranks high with Brown, Burdick and Marshall in recent years. Smalley is excellent in helping the reader be up on views and arguments from recent years, drawn from massive research, and is second only to Brown in this regard. He is usually quite full in discussing issues so that he offers much help on verses, and does so with clarity, directness and confidence. He delves into changes in tense, many of the syntactical aspects, and doctrine. He sees the author of II and III John as John the presbyter, a Christian in the Johannine circle, and this same man may also have written I John, all in the A. D. 90's. Smalley often makes good choices on views, and tends to give definite reasons for them. He sees charisma (2:20, 27) as both the Spirit and the Word; 3:4–10 relates to a potential state without sin, but in practice Christians do sin (1:8–2:2). Sin in 5:16–17 is apostasy, willful disobedience, etc. He is not clear on whether the saved can lose salvation.

Cyril Barber - This is a scholarly work that is well deserving of careful reading. Following a thorough introduction (pp. xvii-xxxiv), Smalley treats his readers to a word-by-word or phrase-by-phrase exposition. His comments are judicious as well as insightful. This volume, for all its merit, shares the limitations of the series. It is well researched and exegetically helpful but manifests a weakness in treating the theme of these letters and fails to complete what has been begun by applying the teaching of the passage to the life of the reader

[Sam Storms review](#) - Smalley's volume is excellent and is designed for those with a working knowledge of Greek. It is generally evangelical in approach and is especially helpful in presenting detailed arguments both pro and con on controversial issues.*

[Exploring 1, 2, 3 John](#) by Vines, Jerry

Cyril Barber - This work will be warmly received by Bible students of all persuasions. Vines deals admirably with the theme of each of John's letters. The way in which he has outlined, illustrated, and expounded each section makes his application of the truth to life easy to grasp. Recommended.

[The Epistles of John](#) by Brown, Raymond Edward

James Rosscup - Many rate this as the best work on these epistles in view of its extensive discussion of issues and the skill in which the famous Roman Catholic scholar handles so many aspects. He is highly-informed exegetically, full in consideration of views and lines of reasoning, and has a tone of respect for the truthfulness and relevance of the message. If the expositor, teacher or lay person wants a commentary that looks at just about every side of a matter in a readable manner and with authoritative grasp of the literature, he will consult this work. The same is true of Brown's detailed commentary on the Gospel of John. Brown, however, will not always agree with a reader's convictions, as when he favors John the Presbyter as the author. The sheer length will not please some, but the diligent and serious will find the source very useful.

[Cyril Barber](#) - †Meticulous in detail, exhaustive in analysis, persuasive in argument, this study provides the best answers available to questions and controversies that have troubled scholars and non-scholars alike ever since these epistles first saw the light of day. In addition to the superb analysis, Brown also brings to life those to whom these letters were sent, reminding us that the epistles were written by a person for real people of the first century A.D. A model of biblical study

[Sam Storms](#) - This volume is by one of the leading Catholic scholars of our day. It is deep and detailed and has become the standard by which all other commentaries on John's letters are judged.*

[life at its best](#) 1 John by roy l. laurin

Cyril Barber - First published in 1957, this work provides lay readers with a commendable application of the text to the needs of Christians today. Practical.

[open letter to evangelicals](#) by r.e.o. white

James Rosscup - A Baptist minister presents both a commentary with occasional deep insight and some penetrating applications to spiritual life, ethics, and other particulars. It is a verse-by-verse devotional and homiletical exposition which sometimes deals with problems including the difficult passage in 3:4–10.

STUDY BIBLES, ETC.

[KJV Bible Commentary](#) - Hindson, Edward E; Kroll, Woodrow Michael. Over 3000 pages of the entire OT/NT. Well done conservative commentary that interprets Scripture from a literal perspective. Pre-millennial. [User reviews](#) - it generally gets 4/5 stars from users. - [372 ratings](#)

Very well done conservative commentary that interprets Scripture from a literal perspective [user reviews](#)

The King James Version Bible Commentary is a complete verse-by-verse commentary. It is comprehensive in scope, reliable in scholarship, and easy to use. Its authors are leading evangelical theologians who provide practical truths and biblical principles. Any Bible student will gain new insights through this one-volume commentary based on the timeless King James Version of the Bible.

[The King James Study Bible Second Edition](#) 2240 pages (2013) (Thomas Nelson) General Editor - Edward Hindson with multiple contributing editors. . [3,194 ratings](#). Pre-millennial. See [introduction on How to Use this Study Bible](#)

[NKJV Study Bible: New King James Version Study Bible](#) (formerly "The Nelson Study Bible - NKJV") by Earl D Radmacher; Ronald Barclay Allen; Wayne H House. 2345 pages. (1997, 2007). Very helpful notes. Conservative. Pre-millennial. [917 ratings](#)

[The Wycliffe Bible Commentary - only the New Testament](#) (for OT see below to borrow) - 1126 pages. (1971) Everett F Harrison - Editor of New Testament. Uses the KJV. Strictly speaking not a study Bible, but short notes are similar. KJV text in left column, commentary notes in right column. The comments are generally verse by verse, short, conservative and to the point. Pre-millennial.

[Zondervan NIV Study Bible](#) - (2011) 2570 pages - Use this one if available as it has more notes than edition below. One hour limit

[NIV Study Bible](#) by Barker, Kenneth L; Burdick, Donald W (1995) 2250 pages. This is the first edition. This resource has been fully revised in 2020. One hour limit

[Believer's Bible Commentary](#) - OT and NT - MacDonald, William (1995) 2480 pages. Conservative. Literal. Often has very insightful comments. John MacArthur, says "Concise yet comprehensive - the most complete single-volume commentary I have seen." Warren Wiersbe adds "For the student who is serious about seeing Christ in the Word." One hour limit.

Rosscup - This work, originally issued in 1983, is conservative and premillennial, written to help teachers, preachers and people in every walk of life with different views, explanation and application. The 2-column format runs verse by verse for the most part, usually in a helpfully knowledgeable manner, and there are several special sections such as "Prayer" in Acts and "Legalism" in Galatians. The premillennial view is evident on [Acts 1:6](#), [3:20](#), [Romans 11:26](#), [Galatians 6:16](#), Revelation 20, etc.

[HCSB Study Bible : Holman Christian Standard Bible](#) - General Editor Jeremy Royal Howard (2010) 2360 pages. Conservative. Good notes. Include Holmans excellent maps. One hour limit

[Life Application Study Bible: Old Testament and New Testament](#) New Living Translation. Has some very helpful notes especially with application of texts. [4,445 ratings](#) One hour limit

[The MacArthur Study Bible](#) - John MacArthur. Brief but well done notes for conservative, literal perspective. [1,275 ratings](#)

[ESV study Bible](#) - Excellent resource but not always literal in eschatology and the nation of Israel [6,004 ratings](#)

[The David Jeremiah Study Bible](#) - (2013) 2208 pages. [2,272 ratings Logos.com](#) - "Drawing on more than 40 years of study, Dr. David Jeremiah has compiled a legacy resource that will make an eternal impact on generations to come. 8,000 study notes. Hundreds of enriching word studies"50+ Essentials of the Christian Faith" articles."

[Wycliffe Bible Commentary](#) - Charles Pfeiffer - 1560 pages (1962). [214 ratings](#) Less detailed than the KJV Bible Commentary. Conservative. Notes are generally verse by verse but brief.

Rosscup - Conservative and premillennial scholars here have been experts in their fields. The work contains brief introductions and attempts to give a verse-by-verse exposition, though it does skip over some verses. The treatments vary with the authors, but as a whole it is a fine one-volume commentary for pastors and students to use or give to a layman. Outstanding sections include, for example: Whitcomb on Ezra-Nehemiah-Esther; Culver on Daniel; Ladd on Acts; Harrison on Galatians; Johnson on I Corinthians; and Ryrie on the Johannine Epistles.

[The Defender's Study Bible : King James Version](#) by Morris, Henry M. Excellent notes by well known creationist. [45 ratings](#)

[New Bible Commentary](#) - (1994) [See user reviews](#)

[Compact Bible commentary](#) by Radmacher, Earl D; Allen, Ronald Barclay; House, H Wayne, et al - 954 pages. [424 ratings](#) Multiple contributors to the comments which are often verse by verse. The comments are brief but meaty and can really help your study through a given book. A sleeper in my opinion.

[The Experiencing God Study Bible: the Bible for knowing and doing the will of God](#) - Blackaby, Henry (1996) 1968 pages - CHECK THIS ONE! Each chapter begins with several questions under the title "PREPARE TO MEET GOD." Then you will interesting symbols before many of the passages. The chapter ends with a "DID YOU NOTICE?" question. This might make a "dry chapter" jump off the page! Read some of the [48 ratings](#)

[Disciple's study Bible: New international version](#) [54 ratings](#) Not that helpful for verse by verse study. Focuses on application of Christian doctrines. 10,000 annotations; doctrinal summaries, "Life Helps" section relate doctrine to everyday discipleship.

[The Living Insights Study Bible : New International Version](#) - Charles Swindoll. Notes are good but somewhat sparse and not verse by verse.

[The Apologetics Study Bible Understand Why You Believe](#) by Norman Geisler

[NIV archaeological study Bible](#) (2005) 2360 pages [950 ratings](#) (See also [Archaeology and the Bible - OT and NT](#))

[NIV Cultural Backgrounds Study Bible. Bringing to Life the Ancient World of Scripture](#) Keener, Craig and Walton, John. Editors (2017)

[The Holman illustrated study Bible](#) [120 ratings](#) Includes the excellent Holman maps but otherwise of little help in serious study.

[Zondervan King James Version commentary](#) - New Testament

[NIV Celebrate Recovery Study Bible](#)

[Daily Study Bible for Women : New Living Translation](#)

[The Woman's Study Bible : the New King James Version](#)

[The Study Bible for Women : Holman Christian Standard Bible](#)

[Daily Study Bible for Men : New Living Translation](#)

[NIV Topical Study Bible : New International Version](#)

[The Ryrie Study Bible](#) - Charles Ryrie (1978) 2142 pages. Conservative. [216 ratings](#)

[The Hebrew-Greek key study Bible : New American standard study](#) by Strong, James, 1822-1894; Zodhiates, Spiros

[The New Inductive Study Bible : updated New American Standard Bible](#) - Introductions of each book give suggestions how to perform an inductive study on that specific book. Not strictly speaking a "study Bible" with notes but a Bible to help you study inductively. Has wide margins for making notes. This is one that works best in "paper," not digitally.

[With the Word](#) - Devotional Commentary - Warren Wiersbe - [428 ratings](#)

[Evangelical Commentary on the Bible](#) - Judges by Andrew Boling (20 pages); editor Walter Elwell (1989) 1239 pages. [User reviews](#). (See also Boling's [380 page commentary on Judges](#) the Anchor Bible Series)

[Halley's Bible Handbook](#) Henry H. Halley - (2000) 2720 pages (much larger than original edition in 1965 and no time limit on use).

([Halley's Bible handbook : an abbreviated Bible commentary - one hour limit](#) 1965 872 pages)

Rosscup - A much-used older evangelical handbook bringing together a brief commentary on Bible books, some key archaeological findings, historical background, maps, quotes, etc. It is helpful to a lay Bible teacher, Sunday School leader, or pastor looking for quick, pertinent information on a Bible book. This is the 72nd printing somewhat revised. Halley packed in much information. Unger's is better overall, but that is not to say that Halley's will not provide much help on basic information.

[The Shaw Pocket Bible Handbook](#) - Editor - Walter Elwell (1984) 408 pages.

"This hardback is small in size but packed full of content: Brief summaries of every book of the bible, cultural, archaeological and historical info, word definitions, pictures, maps and charts." Worth checking!

[The Lion handbook to the Bible](#) - (1999) 822 pages. This resource is absolutely loaded with very nice color pictures and charts.

[Wiersbe's Expository Outlines on the New Testament](#) by Wiersbe, Warren W

[Cyril Barber](#) - This is a book of exceptional merit. Pastors, missionaries, and Christian workers will profit from its use. Wiersbe introduces each book of the NT, provides an outline, and then furnishes his readers with a chapter-by-chapter discussion of the contents. The homiletic style is a "plus." Recommended.

[Harper study Bible : the Holy Bible. Revised Standard Version](#)

[The Jewish Study Bible](#) - Only OT - Interesting Jewish perspective.

[The Student Bible : New International Version](#)

[Hebrew-Greek key word study Bible : New international version](#)

[Key word commentary : thoughts on every chapter of the Bible](#) by Water, Mark

[Eerdmans' Family Encyclopedia of the Bible](#) (1978) 344 pages

[Eerdmans' Handbook to the Bible](#) (1983) 688 pages

[Tyndale Handbook of Bible charts & maps](#) by Wilson, Neil

[Bible Handbook and A-Z bible encyclopedia](#)

[International Children's Bible field guide : answering kids' questions from Genesis to Revelation](#) by Richards, Larry

[The illustrated guide to Bible customs & curiosities](#) by Knight, George W. (George William),

[Today's handbook of Bible times & customs](#) by Coleman, William L

[The new Unger's Bible dictionary](#) by Unger, Merrill Frederick, 1909-

[Nelson's illustrated encyclopedia of Bible facts](#) by Packer, J. I. (James Innell); Tenney, Merrill C.

[Survey of the Bible : introductory insights, background studies, book-by- book survey](#) by Unger, Merrill Frederick

[The parallel New Testament and Unger's Bible handbook : produced for Moody monthly](#) by Unger, Merrill (1975) 744 pages [4 ratings](#)

[The Hodder Bible handbook](#) by Unger, Merrill

[Kregel Bible handbook : a full-color guide to every book of the Bible](#) by Kerr, William [3 ratings](#)

[The new encyclopedia of Christian quotations](#) by Water, Mark

[New Testament words](#) - William Barclay - very interesting resource - covers about 70 NT Greek words in Barclay's unique style

[Zondervan handbook to the Bible](#)

[Dictionary of the later New Testament & its developments](#) [71 ratings](#) IVP Series

The third of IVP's critically acclaimed series of dictionaries of the New Testament provides focused study on the often-neglected portions of the New Testament: Acts, Hebrews, the General Epistles, and Revelation. Furthermore, its scope goes beyond the life of the New Testament church to include the work of the apostolic

fathers and early Christianity up through the middle of the second century.

[Dictionary of New Testament background 79 ratings](#) IVP Series

In a time when our knowledge of the ancient Mediterranean world has grown by leaps and bounds, this volume sets out for readers the wealth of Jewish and Greco-Roman background that should inform our reading and understanding of the New Testament and early Christianity. The Dictionary of New Testament Background takes full advantage of the flourishing study of the Dead Sea Scrolls and offers individual articles focused on the most important scrolls. In addition, the Dictionary encompasses the fullness of second-temple Jewish writings, whether pseudepigraphic, rabbinic, parables, proverbs, histories or inscriptions. Articles abound on aspects of Jewish life and thought, including family, purity, liturgy and messianism. The full scope of Greco-Roman culture is displayed in articles ranging across language and rhetoric, literacy and book culture, religion and cults, honor and shame, patronage and benefactors, travel and trade, intellectual movements and ideas, and ancient geographical perspectives. No other reference work presents so much in one place for students of the New Testament. Here an entire library of scholarship is made available in summary form.

[Dictionary of deities and demons in the Bible \(DDD\)](#) - 950 pages (1995) Read some of the [65 ratings](#) (4.8/5 Stars). A definitive in depth resource on this subject. Very expensive to purchase.

WORD STUDY RESOURCES GREEK AND HEBREW

NOTE - All of these resources can be borrowed from archive.org. This list also includes resources to help study the Bible.

See also the [list of Word Study Resources](#)

[The Complete Word Study Dictionary: New Testament](#) by Zodhiates, Spiros - This is my "go to" resource for Greek word studies. One of the best lexicons for laymen. Highly Recommended for Greek Word Studies to aid your interpretation of a passage.

[Analytical Lexicon of the Greek New Testament](#) by Friberg, Timothy. Shorter definitions than Zodhiates but does an excellent job in summarizing the various nuances of a specific Greek word. One of my favorites.

[Shorter Lexicon of the Greek New Testament](#) by Gingrich, F. Wilbur. Similar to Friberg but shorter definitions. Gingrich however gives more Scriptures for each nuance, whereas Friberg generally gives only one representative Scripture.

[The New Linguistic and Exegetical Key to the Greek New Testament](#) by Rogers, Cleon - This book is a gold mine of little gems on individual Greek words in any NT passage you are studying. If you have time it is always worth checking out! I use it in my [Greek word studies](#) all the time.

[The New International Dictionary of New Testament Theology](#) (NIDNTT) - Colin Brown, general editor - all three volumes (total 3351 pages) are available and allow copy and paste and all 3 of the volumes below are available at the [same link](#). [See this page for a few instructions on how to most efficiently utilize this incredible resource.](#)

1. The New International Dictionary of New Testament Theology (NIDNTT) - Colin Brown, general editor - A-F
2. The New International Dictionary of New Testament Theology (NIDNTT) - Colin Brown, general editor - G-P
3. The New International Dictionary of New Testament Theology (NIDNTT) - Colin Brown, general editor - Pri-Z

[New Testament Words](#) - William Barclay - [59 ratings](#) very interesting resource - covers about 70 NT Greek words in Barclay's unique style. On page 289 there is a helpful index of English words with the corresponding Greek word, in turn followed by the places Barclay described them in [New Testament Words](#) and in his Daily Study Bible series ([see list of DSB commentaries here](#)). E.g., take the Greek word for "Covetousness" which is pleonexia and is found in [New Testament Words](#) on page 61 and pp 233-235 and is also described in the Daily Study Bible entries for : [Mark 7:14-23](#); [Ro 1:28-32](#); [Eph. 4:17-24](#); [Col. 3:5](#). So you can click the [DSB commentary on Mark 7](#) and scroll down to [Mark 7:14](#) to see Barclay's entry for pleonexia which concludes "Pleonexia (G4124) is that lust for having which is in the heart of the man who sees happiness in things instead of in God." Interesting!

[Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament : based on semantic domains](#) - Louw Nida. Brief but nice definitions. Not easy to use - you need to know some Greek. Classifies Greek words into 93 "semantic domains" (see list on page XXV) and if you can categorize the word you are looking for in one of the domains, it can help find the specific word you are interested in.

[Kittel's Theological Dictionary of the New Testament : abridged in one volume](#) (TDNT) - Classic ("Little Kittel") work summarizing the 10 volume set by Kittel. For most of us the abridged definition is "more than enough!"

[A Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament, and other early Christian literature](#); by Bauer, Walter, More detailed definitions but need to know Greek. Zodhiates and Friberg much easier to use.

[Liddell and Scott's Greek-English lexicon, abridged : the little Liddell](#) by Liddell, Henry George. The abridged version. You need to know Greek to use.

[Exegetical dictionary of the New Testament](#) (Volume 1 - A thru E); [Exegetical dictionary of the New Testament](#) (Volume 3- P thru ...) Volume 2 not available. I do not find this adds much to the easier to use resources like Zodhiates and Friberg.

[A pocket lexicon to the Greek New Testament](#) by Souter, Alexander. Brief definitions. Need to know some Greek. Not that helpful.

[Vine's Expository Dictionary of Old Testament and New Testament Words](#) - pdf. The old standby. You can also borrow [Vine's complete expository dictionary of Old and New Testament words](#)

[Theological wordbook of the Old Testament](#) by Harris, R. Laird - [229 ratings](#) (5/5 Stars) One of the best OT lexicons for laymen.

[Here is another link to the TWOT](#) which has **no time limit on use** and **does allow copy and paste**. Can be downloaded as PDF.

[Hebrew honey : a simple and deep word study of the Old Testament](#) by Novak, Alfons, (332 pages) Indexed by English words. No Strong's numbers to help you determine if you are researching the correct Hebrew word. Here is a "work around" - go to page 289 and see if there is an annotation of the Scripture you are studying. E.g., say you want to see if there is anything for "heart" in [Ezek 11:19](#). In the Scripture list find an entry for [Ezek 11:19](#) with the English word "Heart." Now go look up "Heart" (on page 123). It does take some effort, but you might glean an insight not described in other Hebrew lexicons.

[Nelson's Expository Dictionary of the Old Testament](#) by Unger, Merrill. Indexed by English word and then any related Hebrew nouns or verbs. Definitions are solid and geared to the lay person.

[Zondervan NASB exhaustive concordance](#) - 1589 pages

[Pocket dictionary for the study of New Testament Greek](#) by DeMoss, Matthew S. If you want to dig a little deeper into Greek. [66 ratings](#)

[Analytical concordance to the Holy Bible](#) : containing about 311,000 references, subdivided under the Hebrew and Greek original with the literal meaning and pronunciation of each by Young, Robert,

[The Englishman's Greek concordance of the New Testament](#) by Wigram, George

[Synonyms of the New Testament](#) by Trench, Richard Chenevix - or [click here for list of 108 entries](#)

[Girdlestone's Synonyms of the Old Testament](#) - [click](#) for list of 127 entries

[The Holman guide to interpreting the Bible](#) by Dockery, David S

[Foundations for biblical interpretation : a complete library of tools and resources](#)

[Expository Dictionary of Bible Words](#) by Richards, Larry, [33 ratings](#) It does not go into great depth on the Greek or Hebrew words but does have some excellent insights.

[Basic Bible Interpretation : a Practical Guide to Discovering Biblical Truth](#) by Roy Zuck. Recommended.

[How to Study Your Bible](#) by Arthur, Kay ([CLICK HERE](#) for many other resources from Kay Arthur). The basics of inductive Bible study succinctly described. Recommended. This is the original edition not the new edition.

[Living by the Book](#) by Howard G. Hendricks - A classic. An entertaining and informative read that is guaranteed to invigorate your Bible study. Recommended.

[Teaching to Change Lives](#) by Howard Hendricks, Howard [561 ratings](#)

[The Christian Educator's Handbook on Teaching](#) by Kenneth Gangel and Howard Hendricks [21 ratings](#)

[How can I understand the Bible?](#) by DeHaan, Mart (52 page booklet)

[The New How to Study Your Bible Workbook](#) (2010) by Arthur, Kay, - Note that this workbook is the companion to the [New How to Study Your Bible](#) book (not the same as the one linked above).

[Jensen's Survey of Bible \(online\)](#) by Jensen, Irving [140 ratings](#) (NT) [133 ratings](#) (OT) This is a classic and in conjunction with the following three resources should give you an excellent background to the Bible book you are studying. Jensen has some of the best Book charts available and includes "key words." He also gives you some guidelines as to how to begin your inductive study of each book.

[Discover the Bible for Yourself](#) by Arthur, Kay [93 ratings](#) - Proven methods to read, mark, and study God's Word. Introductions to set the stage for each book of the Bible. Maps and charts to add historic and geographic dimension. Word studies for NASB and NIV translations. Definitions and explanations to simplify interpretation. "Things to Think About" for personal application. This resource will inspire and guide anyone interested in creating a personal study of God's Word.

[What the Bible is all about](#) by Mears, Henrietta. This is a classic and is filled with "pearls" from this godly teacher of God's Word.

[Talk thru the bible](#) by Wilkinson, Bruce [The Wilkinson & Boa Bible handbook : the ultimate guide to help you get more out of the Bible](#)

[How to profit from Bible reading](#) by Jensen, Irving [2 ratings](#)

[Simply understanding the Bible](#) by Jensen, Irving [8 ratings](#)

[Enjoy your Bible](#) by Jensen, Irving [5 ratings](#)

[Independent Bible study](#) by Jensen, Irving [14 ratings](#)

[MacArthur Study Bible - Topic "How to Study the Bible"](#) - John MacArthur

[MacArthur's Introductions to all 66 Books](#) - includes a helpful discussion of "Interpretative Challenges"

[Swindoll's introductions to all 66 Books](#) - Answers the following questions - Who wrote the book? Where are we? Why is this book so important? What's the big idea? How do I apply this? He also includes a helpful Book Overview chart (right upper corner of page).

[How to Get the Most from God's Word](#) by John MacArthur [16 ratings](#)

[Journey of the Bible : the remarkable story of how the Bible came from God to you](#) by Jensen, Irving

MORE SERMONS AND COMMENTARIES

DANNY AKIN SERMONS

- [When Men Call God A Liar – 1 John 1:5-2:2](#)
- [Let God Be True and Every Man A Liar: A Mandate for Global Evangelization – 1 John 1:5-2:2](#)
- [Let God Be True and Every Man a Liar: A Mandate for Global Evangelization \(John's Letters Series\) – 1 John 1:5-2:2](#)
- [When Men Call God a Liar – 1 John 1:5-2:2](#)
- [Know And Obey – 1 John 2:3-11](#)
- [Know and Obey To Be Happy in Jesus \(John's Letters Series\) – 1 John 2:3-11](#)
- [The Love That God Hates – 1 John 2:12-17](#)
- [The Love God Hates \(John's Letters Series\) – 1 John 2:12-17](#)
- [The Antichrist – 1 John 2:18-27](#)
- [The Antichrist\(s\) \(John's Letters Series\) – 1 John 2:18-27](#)
- [The Blessings of Abiding in Christ – 1 John 2:28-3:3](#)
- [The Blessings of Abiding in Jesus \(John's Letter's Series\) – 1 John 2:28-3:3](#)

WILLIAM ALEXANDER - EXPOSITOR'S BIBLE COMMENTARY

- [Introduction](#)
- [1 John 1 Commentary](#)
- [1 John 2 Commentary](#)
- [1 John 3 Commentary](#)
- [1 John 4 Commentary](#)
- [1 John 5 Commentary](#)

HENRY ALFORD

- [1 John 2 Commentary](#)

DON ANDERSON 1 JOHN STUDY

- [1 John Charts \(studies 1-12\)](#)
- [1 John – Study Guide](#)
- [1 John Lectures - click here](#)

1 John Teacher Notes

- [1 John study 2 - 1 John 1:5-2:2](#)
- [1 John study 3 - 1 John 2:3-11](#)
- [1 John study 4 - 1 John 2:12-17](#)
- [1 John study 5 - 1 John 2:18-27](#)
- [1 John study 6 - 1 John 2:28-3:3](#)

1 John Study Notes

- [1 John study 2- 1 John 1:5-2:2](#)
- [1 John study 3 - 1 John 2:3-11](#)
- [1 John study 4 - 1 John 2:12-17](#)
- [1 John study 5 - 1 John 2:18-27](#)
- [1 John study 6 - 1 John 2:28-3:3](#)

ANONYMOUS

Spurgeon comments: "Upon two chapters only, but thoroughly good, and full of sweetness and light."
([Commenting and Commentaries](#))

- [Apostolic instruction exemplified in First John](#)

PAUL APPLE

- [1 John - Tests of Eternal Life - A Devotional Commentary](#)

JACK ARNOLD EXPOSITORY SERMONS

- [1 John 1:5-2:2 The Threat of Sin to Fellowship](#)
- [1 John 2:3-11 Recognizing The True From The False](#)
- [1 John 2:12-17 Warnings To Growing Christians](#)
- [1 John 2:18-27 How to Recognize and Avoid Heresy](#)
- [1 John 2:28-3:3 The Coming of Christ](#)

WAYNE BARBER

- [1 John 2:1 - The Believer and Sin - Part 2](#)
- [1 John 2:1-6 - We Can Know That We Are Believers!](#)
- [1 John 2:7-11 - The Believer and Relationships](#)
- [1 John 2:12-17 The Believer and the World](#)

- [1 John 2:18-24 The Believer and the Truth](#)
- [1 John 2:25-29 The Believer and the Holy Spirit](#)

WILLIAM BARCLAY

- [1 John 2 Commentary](#)

ALBERT BARNES

- [1 John 2 Commentary](#)

BIBLE.ORG RESOURCES

- [1 John 2](#)

BRIAN BELL SERMONS

- 1 John 2:1-14 [Walk Just As He Walked](#)
- 1 John 2:15-29 [3 Man Eating Lions](#)

CHRIS BENFIELD SERMONS

- [1 John 2:1-6 Victory in Jesus](#)
- [1 John 2:7-11 Character Traits of the Believer](#)
- [1 John 2:12-17 The Path to Spiritual Victory](#)
- [1 John 2:15-16 Dealing with Temptation \(Part 1\)](#)
- [1 John 2:15-16 Dealing with Temptation \(Part 2\)](#)
- [1 John 2: 18-23 The End Time in Our Time](#)
- [1 John 2:24-29 Advancing in the Midst of Adversity](#)

JOHANN BENGEL

- [1 John 2 Commentary \(Gnomon of the NT\)](#)
- [1 John 2 Commentary](#) The Critical English Testament

JOSEPH BENSON

- [1 John 2 Commentary](#)

BIBLICAL ILLUSTRATOR

- [1 John 2 \(more than 70 pages of resources\)](#)

BRIAN BILL - frequent illustrations and practical applications

- [1 John 1:6-2:2 Forgiving Our Failures](#)
- [1 John 2:3-11 Just Do It](#)
- [1 John 2:12-17 Going To The Next Level](#)
- [1 John 2:18-27 End-Time Antichrists](#)
- [1 John 2:28-3:3 Living In Light Of His Return](#)

HUGH BINNING (1627-1653)

- **Spurgeon** says this is "Milk for babes and meat for men; calls to backsliders and comforts for mourners." [Commenting and commentaries](#))

[1 John - Fellowship with God](#) ([See list of 28 messages](#))

JIM BOMKAMP

- [34 Marks of a True Christian](#)
- [1 John 1:1-2:2, Introduction, the Incarnate Word, God is Light, Sin is Covered](#)
- [1 John 2:3-14: The one who knows the Lord keeps His commandments and loves his brothers](#)
- [1 John 2:15-29, Do Not Love The World / Beware Of Anti-Christ / God's Anointing Abides In You](#)

A E BROOKE

- [A Critical and Exegetical Commentary on the Johannine Epistles](#)

JOHN BUNYAN

- [1 John 2:1 The Works of Jesus Christ as an Advocate](#)

WILLIAM BURKITT

- [1 John 2 Commentary](#)

JOHN CALVIN

- [1 John 2 Commentary](#)

CAMBRIDGE GREEK TESTAMENT

- [1 John 2 Commentary](#)

JOHN CANDLISH

Spurgeon on Robert Candlish: We set great store by these lectures. A man hardly needs anything beyond Candlish. He is devout, candid, prudent and forcible.

Cyril Barber - A true classic. Rich in insights, it makes rewarding reading. When we consider that these studies were really sermons delivered to the congregation of which Candlish was the pastor, it would be encouraging to see laypeople buying and reading this work today. Reprinted from the 1877 edition. Recommended. ([The Minister's Library, Volume 2](#))

Click [John 2 Commentary](#) for all of the lectures listed below

- 1 John 2:1 Sinless Aim of the Guileless Spirit
- 1 John 2:1,2 Nature and Ground of Christ's Advocacy
- 1 John 2:3-5 The Guileless Spirit Realizing Through Obedience
- 1 John 2:6 The Christlike Walk of with One Guileless Spirit Abiding in God
- 1 John 2:7,8 The Commandment at Once Old and New to One Walking with Guileless Spirit in the Light
- 1 John 2:9-11 Brotherly Love a Test and Means of Being and Abiding With Guileless Spirit in the Light
- 1 John 2:12-14 The Guileless Spirit Abiding in the Light in its Threefold Aspect of Childhood, Fatherhood & Youth
- 1 John 2:15, 16 The Guileless Spirit Loving Not the World which is Darkness, but God Who is Light
- 1 John 2:17 The Guileless Spirit, Amid the Dark World's Flow Established in the Light of Godliness
- 1 John 2:18-20 The Guileless Spirit, Amid Antichristian Defections Established by a Messianic Uncction and Illumination
- 1 John 2:21-23 The Guileless Spirit, Amid Antichristian Denial of the Son
- 1 John 2:24, 25 The Guileless Spirit, Abiding in the Son and in the Father, so as to Receive the Promise of Eternal Life
- 1 John 2:26-28 The Guileless Spirit, through the Abiding Messianic Uncction and Illumination of the Holy Ghost, Abiding in Christ, so as to Have Confidence at His Coming

ALAN CARR

- [1 John 2:6 Are You Walking Like Jesus?](#)

D A CARSON

- Introduction to 1 John - "Virtually all sides agree that John lays down three tests: (1) true believers must believe that Jesus truly is the Christ come in the flesh, and this belief must work itself out in (2) righteousness and (3) love."
- [Five part series - Mp3's](#) - 1 John 1 through 1 John 5:21
- [The Difficult Doctrine of the Love of God](#) -93 pages

RICH CATHERS - HAS FREQUENT ILLUSTRATIONS

- [1 John 2:1-6 Sermon Notes](#)
- [1 John 2:7-11](#)
- [1 John 2:12-17](#)
- [1 John 2:18-29](#)

JOHN CEREGHIN - Baptist pastor

- [1 John Commentary - 208 pages](#)

THOMAS CHALMERS

- [1 John 2:15 The Expulsive Power of a New Affection - Are you wrestling with a "besetting sin" beloved? Then this message is Highly Recommended!](#)
- See related discussion of "[Vertical Vision](#)"

ADAM CLARKE

- [1 John 2 Commentary](#)

STEVEN COLE

- [1 John 2:1-2 The Key to Holiness](#)
- [1 John 2:3-6 How to Know That You Know Him](#)
- [1 John 2:7-11 The Old New Commandment](#)
- [1 John 2:12-14 Encouragement for the Family of God](#)
- [1 John 2:15-17 Choose Your Love: the World or the Father?](#)
- [1 John 2:18-23 Avoiding Spiritual Deception \(Part 1\)](#)
- [1 John 2:24-27 Avoiding Spiritual Deception \(Part 2\)](#)
- [1 John 2:28-29 Are You Ready for His Coming?](#)

THOMAS CONSTABLE

- [1 John 2 Commentary](#)

HENRY COWLES

- [Intro](#)
- [1 John 2 Commentary](#)

W A CRISWELL

- [1 John 2:1 If Any One Sins](#)
- [1 John 2:1-2 If a Man Sins](#)

RON DANIEL

- [1 John 2:18-27](#)
- [1 John 2:28-3:24](#)

GARY DERICKSON

- [What is the Message of 1 John \(Bibliotheca Sacra\)](#)

DEVOTIONAL WRITINGS EPISTLE OF FIRST JOHN - F B Meyer, Theodore Epp, Andrew Murray, J C Philpot, C H Spurgeon, Octavius Winslow, Oswald Chambers

- [1 John 2:1-6 Theodore Epp](#)
- [1 John 2:1 Theodore Epp](#)
- [1 John 2:1 Spurgeon](#)
- [1 John 2:1 Spurgeon](#)
- [1 John 2:1 J C Philpot](#)
- [1 John 2:1 Octavius Winslow](#)
- [1 John 2:2 J C Philpot](#)
- [1 John 2:2 Oswald Chambers](#)
- [1 John 2:6 Spurgeon](#)
- [1 John 2:7-11 Theodore Epp](#)
- [1 John 2:11 F B Meyer](#)
- [1 John 2:15 J C Philpot](#)
- [1 John 2:15 J C Philpot](#)
- [1 John 2:12-17 Theodore Epp](#)
- [1 John 2:15 Theodore Epp](#)
- [1 John 2:15 Joe Stowell](#)
- [1 John 2:16 Joe Stowell](#)
- [1 John 2:17 J C Philpot](#)
- [1 John 2:17 F B Meyer](#)
- [1 John 2:18-19 Theodore Epp](#)
- [1 John 2:27 J C Philpot](#)
- [1 John 2:27 Octavius Winslow](#)

DICTIONARY OF BIBLE THEMES MARTIN MANSER

Note: This resource is useful to help you with topics covered by the passage you are studying. Click the verse for the topics (examples listed for 1 John 1:1 - click on "1690 word of God" to see brief definition various aspects of the Word of God with Scriptural examples. Then you can either click the arrow to advance to the next verse or you can go to the top of the page in the dropdown window and select the specific verse or chapter you would like to study.

- [1 John 1:1](#)

[1690 word of God](#)
[2018 Christ, divinity](#)
[2033 Christ, humanity](#)
[2203 Christ, titles of](#)
[4909 beginning](#)
[5159 hearing](#)
[5194 touch](#)
[5624 witnesses, to Christ](#)
[9110 after-life](#)

- [1 John 2:1](#)

JOHN DUMMELOW

- [1 John 2](#)

J LIGON DUNCAN

- [1 John 2:1-2 Dealing with Sin \(2\)](#)
- [1 John 2:3-6 If You Love Me, Keep My Commandments](#)

- [1 John 2:7-11 Loving Christians](#)
- [1 John 2:12-14 A Word of Assurance](#)
- [1 John 2:15-17 Don't Love the World](#)
- [1 John 2:18-21 The Test of Fellowship](#)
- [1 John 2:22-23 The Test of Acknowledgement of Jesus the Messiah](#)
- [1 John 2:24-28 The Test of Perseverance](#)
- [1 John 2: 29 - 3:10 The Test of Righteousness](#)

E-CATENA

- [1 John 2 Comment from Ante-Nicene Fathers](#)

CHARLES ELLICOTT

- [1 John 2](#)

EXPOSITOR'S DICTIONARY OF TEXTS

- [1 John 2](#)

EXPOSITOR'S GREEK - DAVID SMITH

- [1 John 2](#)

EXPOSITOR'S COMMENTARY

JOHN FAWCETT

- [1 John 2:6 Trace the steps of His lovely feet](#)

G G FINDLAY

- [1 John - An Exposition of the Epistles of St John - goto page 108](#)

GENE GETZ - short videos discussing principles associated with the respective passages being studied.

- 1 John 1:5-2:2; **Practicing the Truth:** To have intimate fellowship with God, we must confess our sins and live in His will. [Video](#)
- 1 John 2:3-11; **Loving God and Others:** To have an intimate relationship with God, we must develop loving relationships with one another. [Video](#)
- 1 John 2:12-14; **Evaluating Spiritual Growth:** Regardless of our level of maturity, as Christians we should continually evaluate the extent to which we are walking in the light rather than in darkness. [Video](#)
- 1 John 2:15-17; **Overcoming the World:** We must be on guard against worldly influences that interfere with our love for God and for one another. [Video](#)
- 1 John 2:18-27; **False Apostles and Prophets:** We must reject the teachings of anyone who denies that Jesus Christ is God and that He came in human flesh. [Video](#)
- 1 John 2:28-3:3; **The Second Coming:** To sincerely anticipate seeing Jesus Christ face to face, we must live in daily fellowship with God and with one another. [Video](#)

JOHN GILL

- [1 John 2 Commentary](#)

BRUCE GOETTSCHE

- [1 John 2:1-6 The Problem of Forgiveness](#)
- [1 John 2:7-11 The New Old Command](#)
- [1 John 2:12-14 Grateful Assurance](#)

- [1 John 2:15-17 Not Loving the World We Love](#)
- [1 John 2:18-27 Happy New Year; Keep Your Eyes Open](#)
- [1 John 2:28-3:3 Children of God](#)

GOSPEL COALITION

- [1 John Sermons](#) - most of these are Mp3 but many are highly regarded preachers

GOTQUESTIONS

- [1 John 2:5-6 What does it mean to abide in Christ?](#)
- [1 John 2:15 What does it mean that we are not to love the world?](#)
- [1 John 2:16 What is the pride of life?](#)
- [1 John 2:19 Is a backsliding Christian still saved?](#)

L M GRANT

- [1 John 2 Commentary](#)

DAVID GUZIK

- [1 John 2 Commentary](#)

W. HALL HARRIS III

- [Exegetical Commentary on 1 John 1:5-2:2](#)
- [Exegetical Commentary on 1 John 2:3-11](#)
- [Exegetical Commentary on 1 John 2:12-17](#)
- [Exegetical Commentary on 1 John 2:18-27](#)
- [Exegetical Commentary on 1 John 2:28-3:10](#)

NORMAN HARRISON

- [1 John 2:28 The Abiding Life](#)
- [1 John 2:6 The Test of A True Experience](#)

JAMES HASTINGS

- [1 John 2:2 An Advocate with the Father](#)

ROBERT HAWKER

- [1 John 2:2 An Advocate with the Father](#)

MATTHEW HENRY

- [1 John 2 Commentary](#)

D EDMOND HIEBERT - excellent exposition

- [1 John 1:5-2:6](#)
- [1 John 2:7-17](#)
- [1 John 2:18-28](#)
- [1 John 2:29-3:12](#)

James Rosscup has the following note on Hiebert's book [The Epistles of John An Expositional Commentary](#). Note that the links below are to Hiebert's articles in Bibliotheca Sacra which form the basis for his formal published work. Thus Rosscup writes that Hiebert's work "is one of the best medium-length (here

371-pp.) explanations that is serious and clear to deal with most key matters, not pass them by. Hiebert sees ways to have assurance of real salvation, and 1Jn 5:13 as a key for the whole epistle, not confining its focus to details in 1Jn 5:1-12 or 1Jn 5:11,12 (251–52). He views 1Jn 5:16 as a case of a saved person praying for another saved person who receives “life” in the sense of restoration and promotion of his spiritual welfare (260). He usually takes a stand on what a phrase means, gives reasons, and is plain. His comments in the main body, his extensive bibliography (351–60), and frequent footnote references to good sources all exemplify his earnest attempt to give readers light.” ([Commentaries for Biblical Expositors: An Annotated Bibliography of Selected Works](#))

Cyril Barber (also referring to the book as does Rosscup) - Hiebert, a Mennonite NT scholar, delves into the letters of John to exact from them the truths that underscore the Christian life and find expression in the kind of walk that pleases the Lord. While he uses the text of the KJV for the benefit of his readers, he works from the original Greek text for his exposition, combining sound exegesis with devotional comments on the text. Here is a volume that is illustrative of the best evangelicalism has to offer. Recommended. (The Minister's Library, Volume 3)

F B HOLE

- [1 John 2 Commentary \(Plymouth Brethren\)](#)

ILLUSTRATIONS

- [1 John 2:16 Idolatry](#)

H A IRONSIDE

- [1 John 2 Commentary](#)

IVP COMMENTARY - Marianne Meye Thompson

- You can also borrow the book [1-3 John Commentary](#)

[1 John 2](#)

- [The Atonement of Christ](#) (1:6--2:2)
- [Obedience to God's Commands](#) (2:3-6)
- [The Fundamental Command: Love One Another](#) (2:7-11)
- [Encouragement to the Faithful](#) (2:12-14)
- [Warnings Against Unfaithfulness](#) (2:15-17)
- [Warnings Against Antichrists](#) (2:18-27)
- [The Privileges of the Children of God](#) (2:28--3:3)
- [Remembering Who We Are: The Children of God](#) (2:28--3:24)

James Rosscup writes "A lucid 168-pp., crisp exposition with some application in a flow for popular, general use. In a number of verses the book helps, at others it frustrates due to passing by views and reasons, or lacks sufficient comments. Much generalizing leaves an impression that in order to be seen as saved one must live an ideally perfect life (cf. 43), yet at other points one reads that Christians sin (45). **The work has a healthy clarity that real grace, distinct from cheap so-called (but not genuine) grace (51) elicits confession of sin and seeking obedience to God.** Such a life with God helps one's assurance to be a properly experienced reality, as in 1Jn 2:3 (51), even this by grace. Some statements are quite helpful, as "righteous conduct does not make us God's children. Rather, such conduct is the consequence or expression of a relationship that already exists" after rebirth (87). Many issues are left in a blur, for instance "God's seed remains" (1Jn 3:9)." ([Commentaries for Biblical Expositors: An Annotated Bibliography of Selected Works](#))

JOHN ANGELL JAMES

- [1 John 2:15 The Christian Professor - Conformity to the World](#)

JAMIESON, FAUSSET, AND BROWN

- [1 John 2 Commentary](#)

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