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CRITIQUE OF ONLINE RESOURCES ON 1 JOHN

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- [Does the Book of 1 John Present Tests of Fellowship or Signs of Life?](#)
- Johnny V. Miller - [Book Review of the unusual interpretations of 1 John](#) in Zane Hodges' book [The Gospel Under Siege](#)
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- [Loving the Brethren - Teachings of Zane Hodges](#) - Middletown Bible
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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.

Robert Yost - This volume, which was revised in 1988, is one of the finest offerings in the TNTC series. Stott, an Anglican and one of the elder statesmen of the evangelical world in the twentieth century has written an outstanding commentary that, in spite of its age, has continued to hold its own alongside other more recent works. Any book written by Stott is worth obtaining. Age has not tarnished its luster. This is a nontechnical work that can be used by both pastors and laypersons. "A beautiful blending of Bible teaching and practical theology" (Barber, 182). "One of the most useful conservative commentaries on these epistles, so far as the preacher is concerned" (Carson, 154).

James Rossrup - 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.

Robert Yost - This commentary is a very fine treatment of these epistles by the senior lecturer in NT exegesis at the University of Aberdeen, Scotland, and one of the finest NT scholars of the twentieth century. Marshall's approach is scholarly, but also accessible to the nonspecialist. An excellent effort! "Keen ability to follow the thought of a book and articulate it with clarity" (Rossrup, 331). "Much ... value to the preacher. The book is simply written and ably brings together a good deal of previous scholarship without getting bogged down in minutiae.... A very good commentary" (Carson, 153). "Characterized by careful augmentation, balanced judgment, and clear and understandable presentation of current scholarly discussions and of complex exegetical issues" (Bauer, 387). Arminian.

[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 Rossrup - 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.

Robert Yost - This well-written and informative volume is a popular compilation of expositions of the text by a noted Presbyterian pastor. This commentary is very helpful for the pastor or general reader. Reformed.

[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)

Robert Yost - "Aims to force the student to think through the Greek text and stimulate exegetical rigor, but his grasp of Greek is mechanical, amateurish, and without respect for the fluidity of Greek in the Hellenistic period. The series is marred by a militant or even angry tone in defense of orthodox Lutheranism" (Carson, 24). To be fair, I purchased this set and used it extensively during my seminary years and found it quite useful and of great help in exegesis. It was my shield at my right hand during my years of Greek study. Lutheran. Amillennial.

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

James Rossrup - 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](#) or [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 Rossrup - 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 Rossrup - 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 Rossrup - 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 Rossrup - 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 Rossrup - 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.

Robert Yost - This volume is a moderately conservative offering in the uneven WBC series by the Canon Residentiary and Precentor of Coventry Cathedral in England. Smalley is a Johannine scholar who has provided particularly good bibliographies at the beginning of each major section according to the series' protocol. This commentary was revised in 2007. "At his best when he is summarizing and interacting with the positions of others" (Carson, 152).

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-byword 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 Rossrup - 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.

Robert Yost - The author, like Schnackenburg, is a highly respected Roman Catholic Johannine scholar who has produced a major work on John's gospel. This work shows that he has leaned a bit to the left since publishing the gospel commentary over a decade earlier. "The exegetical comments are often incisive" (Carson, 152).

[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 I. 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 Rossrup - 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 1 Jn 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.

Rosrup - 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

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

[Erdmans' 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 on 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.

Robert Yost - "This lexicon takes a novel approach by outlining NT words into their semantic domains, such as People, Danger, Help, Value, Time, etc. The reader then has quick access to the synonyms of the NT, an important tool in defining words. Knowledge of Greek is necessary, but with concentrated effort, an English reader can learn to use this important resource" (Stout).

[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, W., F. Danker, W. Arndt, and F. W. Gingrich. More detailed definitions but need to know Greek. Zodhiates and Friberg much easier to use.

Robert Yost - This essential resource is the standard lexicon for students and scholars of the Greek NT. It is a translation and adaptation of Walter Bauer's Griechisch-Deutsches Wörterbuch zu den Schriften des Neuen Testaments und der übrigen urchristlichen Literatur by Arndt and Gingrich and then updated by Danker. This meticulous work has superseded all previous English lexicons.

[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 is 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

- [The Blessings of Abiding in Jesus \(John's Letter's Series\) – 1 John 2:28-3:3](#)

- [Child of God / Child of Satan – 1 John 3:4-10](#)
- [Why Did the Son of God Invade Planet Earth? \(John's Letter Series\) – 1 John 3:4-10](#)
- [It's Love that Makes the World Go Right – 1 John 3:11-18](#)
- [How's Your Love Life? A Superlative Witness You Belong to Jesus – 1 John 3:11-18](#)
- [Help For A Hurting Heart – 1 John 3:18-24](#)
- [Gospel Truths That Will Heal a Hurting Heart and Cure a Condemning Conscience \(John's Letters Series\) – 1 John 3:18-24](#)

HENRY ALFORD

James Rosscup writes that "This was the great work in the life of the versatile Dean of Canterbury. An outcome of this production was the New Testament for English Readers (4 vols.). Alford was a Calvinist, conservative and premillennial, though not dispensational. He takes a literal interpretation of the thousand years in [Rev. 20](#) and has a famous quote there, is strong on sovereign election as in Ro 8:29, 30 and 1Pe 1:2, but, unfortunately, holds to baptismal regeneration in such texts as Titus 3:5 and John 3:5. He shows a great knowledge of the Greek text and faces problems of both a doctrinal and textual nature." ([Commentaries for Biblical Expositors: An Annotated Bibliography of Selected Works](#))

John Piper writes ""When I'm stumped with a...grammatical or syntactical or logical [question] in Paul, I go to Henry Alford. Henry Alford...comes closer more consistently than any other human commentator to asking my kinds of questions."

Charles Haddon Spurgeon writes that this text "is an invaluable aid to the critical study of the text of the New Testament. You will find in it the ripened results of a matured scholarship, the harvesting of a judgment, generally highly impartial, always worthy of respect, which has gleaned from the most important fields of Biblical research, both modern and ancient, at home and abroad. You will not look here for any spirituality of thought or tenderness of feeling; you will find the learned Dean does not forget to do full justice to his own views, and is quite able to express himself vigorously against his opponents; but for what it professes to be, it is an exceedingly able and successful work. The later issues are by far the most desirable, as the author has considerably revised the work in the fourth edition. What I have said of his Greek Testament applies equally to Alford's New Testament for English Readers,* which is also a standard work." ([Spurgeon, C. H. Lectures to my Students, Vol. 4: Commenting and Commentaries; Lectures Addressed to the students of the Pastors' College, Metropolitan Tabernacle](#))

Robert Yost - This four-volume set by the renowned Dean of Canterbury is a recognized classic. This revision is an update of the original 1894 edition. It is still quite helpful in exegetical matters, but should be supplemented with more recent works. Should be purchased if found in a secondhand store. A real treasure! "He shows great knowledge of the Greek text and faces problems of both a doctrinal and textual nature" (Rosscup, 195). Reformed. Anglican. Premillennial.

- [1 John 3 Commentary](#) - The Greek New Testament
- [1 John 3 Commentary](#) - "The New Testament for English Readers"

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](#)
- See [Paul's Apple's introduction](#) for some well worded comments on unusual interpretative approaches to 1 John

JACK ARNOLD - Well done, evangelical

- [1 John 2:28-3:3 The Coming of Christ](#)
- [1 John 3:4-10 The Cross and Christian Living](#)
- [1 John 3:11-18 Love or Hate?](#)
- [1 John 3:18-24 Overcoming A Condemned Heart](#)

WILLIAM BARCLAY

James Rossycop: This is a lucid and well-organized exposition of the epistles with many helpful lists on different facets of truth John can have in mind at different points as on "light" and "darkness" in [I John 1:5](#). There is stimulating background material and warm application. (Commentaries for Biblical Expositors: An annotated bibliography of selected works).

D Edmond Hiebert - Prints the author's own translation. A series of popular studies whose strong point is word study. Contains good illustrative material. Part of the author's interpretation follows a liberal position. Barclay holds that Christ's descent into Hades gave those who there heard Him a second chance.

Robert Yost - This hugely popular set of commentaries was originally published by Saint Andrew Press, the Church of Scotland's publishing house. Barclay, professor of divinity and biblical criticism at the University of Glasgow in the middle of the twentieth century, intended to make the best of biblical scholarship available to the average reader. The result was a tremendously popular set of commentaries known for the author's turn of phrase and homiletical insight. His questionable interpretations of the Gospels are quite obviously influenced by critical scholarship and negate the value of this set. However, if it can be obtained secondhand at a reasonable price, this set is worth obtaining if one can sift the wheat from the chaff.

Comment: I appreciate Barclay's unique insights on Greek words, but clearly his teaching about a "second chance" is NOT sound doctrine! Be an [Acts 17:11](#) Berean with Barclay. [See discussion of his orthodoxy](#) especially the article "[The Enigmatic William Barclay](#)".

- [1 John 3 Commentary](#)

ALBERT BARNES

James Rossycop writes that Barnes "includes 16 volumes on the Old Testament, 11 on the New Testament. The New Testament part of this old work was first published in 1832–1851. Various authors contributed. It is evangelical and amillennial...Often the explanations of verses are very worthwhile." ([Commentaries for Biblical Expositors: An Annotated Bibliography of Selected Works](#))

C H Spurgeon "Albert Barnes is a learned and able divine, but his productions are unequal in value, the gospels are of comparatively little worth, but his other comments are extremely useful for Sunday-school teachers and persons with a narrow range of reading, endowed with enough good sense to discriminate between good and evil....Placed by the side of the great masters, Barnes is a lesser light, but taking his work for what it is and professes to be, no minister can afford to be without it, and this is no small praise for works which were only intended for Sunday-school teachers." ([Spurgeon, C. H. Lectures to my Students, Vol. 4: Commenting and Commentaries: Lectures Addressed to the students of the Pastors' College, Metropolitan Tabernacle](#))

- [1 John 3 Commentary](#)

BRIAN BELL

- [1 John 1 Sermon Notes](#)
- [I John 3:1-15 We Shall Be Like Him](#)
- [I John 3:16-24 What Does Love Look Like?](#)

CHRIS BENFIELD

- [1 John 3:1-3 The Comfort and Confidence of Children](#)
- [1 John 3:1-3. A Work in Progress](#)
- [1 John 3:4-10 Seeing Sin for What it Is](#)
- [1 John 3:11-17 Putting our Love into Action](#)
- [1 John 3:18-24 Abiding in Christ](#)

JOHANN BENGEL

James Rossycop writes "This work (Gnomon), originally issued in 1742, has considerable comment on the

Greek, flavoring the effort with judicious details about the spiritual life. It has much that helps, but has been surpassed by many other commentaries since its day." ([Commentaries for Biblical Expositors: An Annotated Bibliography of Selected Works](#))

- [1 John 3 Commentary](#) The Critical English Testament
- [1 John 3 Commentary \(Gnomon of the NT\)](#)

BIBLICAL ILLUSTRATOR

- [1 John 3 \(more than 120 pages of resources\)](#)

BRIAN BILL

- [1 John 2:28-3:3 Living In Light Of His Return](#)
- [1 John 3:11-18 Living A Life Of Love](#)
- [1 John 3:11-20 The Tests Of True Christianity](#)
- [1 John 3:15, 1 John 3:1, 1 John 3:11-24 How To Be Ready](#)
- [1 John 3:19-24 Believing And Receiving](#)

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 in 1 John](#)

A E BROOKE

James Rosscup: This ICC work rates with Westcott as one of the top two detailed older commentaries of a technical nature based on the Greek text. (Commentaries for Biblical Expositors: An annotated bibliography of selected works).

Hiebert's critique - Greek text. Long recognized as a classic commentary on the Johannine epistles. First published in 1883. Bruce has updated the introductory material and provided a summary of the discoveries and developments since Westcott's time.

Robert Yost - A critical work that still retains some value for its exegetical insights and comments on the Greek text. However, its theology is extremely suspect and totally out of touch with evangelical biblical theology. "A standard in its day" (Carson, 154).

- [1 John 3 Commentary](#)

JOHN CALVIN

James Rosscup - Calvin was not only a great theologian but also a great expositor, and his insight into Scripture contributed to his grasp of doctrinal truth. His commentaries are deep in spiritual understanding, usually helpful on problem passages, and refreshing in a devotional sense to the really interested reader. He usually offers good help on a passage. The present work skips Judges, Ruth, Samuel, Kings, Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Job, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon, II and III John and Revelation. Calvin is amillennial on long-range prophecy, but in other respects usually has very contributive perception on passages and doctrinal values edifying to the believer. He also can be very wordy, but the serious and patient glean much.

- [1 John 3 Commentary](#)

CAMBRIDGE GREEK TESTAMENT - Alfred Plummer

Cyril Barber - This....1886 commentary from the Cambridge Greek Testament series readily interacts with critical issues raised by the publication of the NT texts of Tischendorf and Tregelles. Plummer then treats these letters in a most commendable way, providing some unique insights into the thought of the apostle and the nuances of the original text. ([The Minister's Library, Volume 2](#))

James Rossrup writes "Though old, this is a good study from the Greek text which will be helpful in any more advanced study of the epistles. There are other works more highly recommended, however." ([Commentaries for Biblical Expositors: An Annotated Bibliography of Selected Works](#))

Robert Yost - This commentary, based upon the Greek text, is by a nineteenth- and early twentieth-century Anglican scholar and theologian who taught at University College, Durham, for almost thirty years. This volume is marked by an extensive introduction and careful critical notes. This is for the advanced student who possesses good command of Greek. "Not his finest hour" (Carson, 156).

- [1 John 3 Commentary](#)

ROBERT CANDLISH

Spurgeon commenting on this commentary wrote "We set great store by these lectures. A man hardly needs anything beyond Candlish. He is devout, candid, prudent and forcible." ([Commenting and commentaries](#))

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)

Robert Yost - This classic treatment by a nineteenth-century Scottish churchman is not a commentary as such, but rather a series of expository messages. They are warm and eminently readable and eminently practical. "A moving portrait of Christ, and the believer's relationship to Him" (Barber, 181).

- [1 John 3 Commentary - all on one page](#)
- [1 John 2:29, 3:1 Ground or Reason of this Condition in the Righteous Nature of God](#)
- [1 John 2:29, 3:2 The Divine Birth--The Family Likeness](#)
- [1 John 3:2,4 The Divine Hope Perfecting the Sinless Family Likeness](#)
- [1 John 3:4-6 The Secret of Sinlessness - Abiding in the Sinless One As Manifested to Take Away our Sins](#)
- [1 John 3:6,9 The Secret of Sinlessness - Our Abiding in Christ - The Seed of God Abiding in Us](#)
- [1 John 3:7,8 The Secret of Sinlessness - The Contrasted "Doings" - Doing Righteousness and Doing Sin](#)
- [1 John 3:10-12 Connection of Doing Righteousness with Brotherly Love as Proving a Divine Birth](#)
- [1 John 3:14-16 Brotherly Love the Fruit and Test of Passing from Death Unto Life](#)
- [1 John 3:17-21 Righteousness or Truth in Brotherly Love](#)
- [1 John 3:22, 23 Righteousness Essential to our Pleasing God and to His Hearing Us](#)
- [1 John 3:24, 4:1 Our Righteousness Attested by Obedience](#)
- [1 John 3:24, 4:4 Our Righteousness Exercised in Trying the Spirits](#)

ALAN CARR

- [1 John 3:16-19 How To Love Thy Neighbor](#)

D A CARSON

"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." - D A Carson

- [Five part series - Mp3's](#) - 1 John 1-1 John 5:21
- [1 John 2:28-3:24 Part 3](#)

RICH CATHERS - HAS FREQUENT ILLUSTRATIONS

- [1 John 3:1-10;](#)
- [1 John 3:4-10;](#)

- [1 John 3:10-23](#)
- [1 John 3:11-19](#)
- [1 John 3:20-24](#)

ADAM CLARKE

James Rosscup - This old, conservative Wesleyan Methodist work is good devotionally and aggressive for righteous living. Laypeople can find it still valuable today. It is Arminian in viewpoint and thus helpful, for example, in showing the reader how this approach deals with texts involving the eternal security question. The work contains much background material from many sources on all books of the Bible.

Spurgeon - Adam Clarke is the great annotator of our Wesleyan friends; and they have no reason to be ashamed of him, for he takes rank among the chief of expositors. His mind was evidently fascinated by the singularities of learning, and hence his commentary is rather too much of an old curiosity shop, but it is filled with valuable rarities, such as none but a great man could have collected....If you have a copy of Adam Clarke, and exercise discretion in reading it, you will derive immense advantage from it, for frequently by a sort of sidelight he brings out the meaning of the text in an astonishingly novel manner. I do not wonder that Adam Clarke still stands, notwithstanding his peculiarities, a prince among commentators. I do not find him so helpful as Gill, but still, from his side of the question, with which I have personally no sympathy, he is an important writer, and deserves to be studied by every reader of the Scriptures.

- [1 John 3 Commentary](#)

STEVEN COLE - Excellent exposition

- [1 John 3:1 The Father's Great Love](#)
- [1 John 3:2-3 The Purifying Hope](#)
- [1 John 3:4-10 The Believer and Sin](#)
- [1 John 3:11-18 Hatred or Love?](#)
- [1 John 3:19-24 Blessed Assurance](#)

THOMAS CONSTABLE

- [1 John 3 Expository Notes](#)

HENRY COWLES

- [1 John 3](#)

W A CRISWELL

- [1 John 3:1-8 At the Appearing of Christ](#)
- [1 John 3:1-10 At the Appearing of Jesus](#)
- [1 John 3:1-9 The Sins of the Saints](#)
- [1 John 3:24 How Can I Know I Am Saved?](#)

RON DANIEL

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

J N DARBY

- [1 John Brief Exposition](#)

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 3:1-10 Theodore Epp](#)

- 1 John 3:1 J C Philpot
- 1 John 3:1 Octavius Winslow
- 1 John 3:1-2 Spurgeon
- 1 John 3:2 J C Philpot
- [1 John 3:2 James Smith](#)
- 1 John 3:2 F B Meyer
- [1 John 3:2 Oswald Chambers](#)
- 1 John 3:3 F B Meyer
- 1 John 3:4 F B Meyer
- [1 John 3:7 Oswald Chambers](#)
- 1 John 3:8 J C Philpot
- 1 John 3:9 Octavius Winslow
- [1 John 3:11-24 Theodore Epp](#)
- 1 John 3:14 F B Meyer
- 1 John 3:14 J C Philpot
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THEODORE EPP

- [1 John 3:1-10 Theodore Epp](#)

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EXPOSITOR'S GREEK TESTAMENT - DAVID SMITH

Hiebert - Greek text. Important for linguistic study of the epistles. Defends Johannine authorship. The

viewpoint is essentially conservative.

Rosscup - This is a thorough exegesis of the Greek text. It is considered to be one of the standard tools for exegetical study.

- [1 John 3 Commentary](#)

RICK EZELL

- [1 John 3:11-18 Loving the Family](#)

GEORGE FINDLAY

Robert Yost - This classic work, first published in 1909 by a renowned English Methodist educator and biblical scholar who died about a century ago, is based on the Greek text and still retains its usefulness though it has been superseded by more recent commentaries. Still it remains an outstanding treatment of the text as well as a practical exposition. "An outstanding exposition.... Dedicated scholarship combined with rare spiritual insight makes this a first-rate work" (Barber, 182). "A devotional classic, justly famous, to which pastors have turned again and again" (Evans, 422). Wesleyan.

- [1 John 3 Commentary - scroll down to page 252](#)

A C GAEBELEIN

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

- 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](#)
- 1 John 3:4-15; **True Spirituality**: If we are born again and understand God's will for our lives, we will not continue to live a sinful lifestyle. [Video](#)
- 1 John 3:16-23; **Loving as Christ Loved**: To grow in our love for one another, we must follow Christ's example. [Video](#)
- 1 John 3:24-4:6; **The God-Man**: We must never allow ourselves to be influenced by those who fail to teach that Jesus Christ was and is the God-man. [Video](#)

JOHN GILL

- [1 John 3 Commentary](#)

BRUCE GOETTSCHE

- [1 John 2:28-3:3 Children of God](#)
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- [1 John Sermons - most of these are Mp3 but many are highly regarded preachers](#)

GOTQUESTIONS

- [1 John 3:1-10 Are we all God's children, or only Christians?](#)
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- [What is the key to victory when struggling with sin?](#)
- [Why can't I stop sinning? Please help!](#)
- [How can I overcome a habitual sin?](#)

- [What does the Bible say about being an overcomer?](#)
- [What does it mean to be dead to sin?](#)

L M GRANT

- [1 John 3 Commentary](#)

DAVID GUZIK

- [1 John 3 Commentary](#)

W. HALL HARRIS III

- [Exegetical Commentary on 1 John 2:28-3:10](#)
- [Exegetical Commentary on 1 John 3:11-24](#)

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- [1 John 3:1 - Love that Confers Sonship](#)
- [1 John 3:2 What we Are and What we Shall Be](#)
- [1 John 3:3 The Power of Christian Hope](#)

ROBERT HAWKER

- [1 John 3 Commentary](#)

MATTHEW HENRY

- [1 John 3 Commentary](#)

D EDMOND HIEBERT

James Rossrup 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 Rossrup 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 Rossrup) - 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)

- [1 John 2:29-3:12](#)
- [1 John 3:13-24](#) - well done

F B HOLE

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

DAVID HOLWICK

- [1 John 3:1-3 We Shall Be Like Him](#)
- [1 John 3:19-23 Greater Than Our Hearts](#)

H A IRONSIDE

James Rosscup - He is staunchly evangelical, showing good broad surveys based on diligent study, practical turns, even choice illustrations. In prophecy he is premillennial dispensational....Many preachers have found that Ironside works, read along with heavier books on details of exegesis, help them see the sweep of the message and prime their spirits for practical relevance.

- [1 John 3 Commentary](#)

IVP COMMENTARY - Marianne Meye Thompson

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](#))

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

[1 John 3](#)

- [Family Likeness](#) (3:4-10)
- [A Rift in the Family](#) (3:11-17)

JAMIESON, FAUSSET, AND BROWN

- [1 John 3 Commentary](#)
- [Unabridged Version](#)

S LEWIS JOHNSON - [Dr Johnson was a professor at Dallas Theological Seminary](#) for many years and his sermons are highly esteemed by other conservative expositors. He is always worth consulting.

- [1 John 3:1-3 The Confidence, Hope and Obligation of the Children of God](#)
- [1 John 3:4-9 The Inadmissability of Sin](#)
- [1 John 3:10-12 The Two Fatherhoods](#)
- [1 John 3:13-18 Divine Love and Its Inevitable Truth](#)
- [1 John 3:19-24 Christian Assurance and the Uneasy Heart](#)

WILLIAM KELLY

- [1 John 3 Commentary](#)

GUY KING

James Rosscup writes that although it is "Only 127 pages long, this book is like King's other expositions in that it is rich in phraseology, sermonic ideas and illustrations. It is a good, brief work to recommend to laymen and also good for the preacher or teacher's heart." ([Commentaries for Biblical Expositors: An Annotated Bibliography of Selected Works](#))

- [1 John 3:1-3 The Portraits of the Fellowship](#)
- [1 John 3:4-9 The Purity of the Fellowship](#)
- [1 John 3:10-18 The Practicality of the Fellowship](#)
- [1 John 3:19-4:6 The Proofs of the Fellowship](#)

STEVE KRELOFF

- [1 John Sermons - Mp3](#)

COLIN KRUSE

- [1 John 3:6-9 - Sin and Perfection in 1 John](#)

LANGE'S COMMENTARY

- [1 John 3 Commentary](#)

ROBERT LAW

Robert Yost - This classic, originally published the same year as Findlay's similar work, is now regrettably out of print and almost unobtainable except online. It covers only the first epistle and should be purchased if found. Its treatment of the book is really exceptional and has influenced generations of pastors and scholars alike. "This unique contribution covers a major portion of the first epistle, provides timely discussion on theological and Christological themes, and includes the doctrine of sin, the account of propitiation, and the tests of righteousness, love, and belief" (Barber, 182).

- [Tests of Life - A Study of First Epistle of St John](#) ([Another source](#)) ([Another source](#))

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- [1 John 2:28-3:3 The Family Likeness](#)
- [1 John 3:4-9 The Saint and the Sinful Existence](#)
- [1 John 3:10-18 Brotherly Love](#)
- [1 John 3:19-24 Confident Christianity](#)

JOHN JAMES LIAS (1887)

Cyril Barber - One of the finest exegetical and expository works for preachers. Provides an excellent basis for a series of sermons. Deserves a place in the library of every minister and lay preacher. (The Minister's Library - Volume 2)

[Hiebert's critique](#) - A full, conservative exposition of 1 John by a British preacher and scholar. **At the bottom of each page, in smaller type, is added a homiletical treatment of the epistle.** (Nice addition!)

Robert Yost - This book is a scholarly, but not technical, commentary that is a masterpiece of exposition. The chapters of this book appeared originally serially in Homiletical Magazine. It is a welcome addition to Klock & Klock's LCRL. "A conservative and scholarly exposition defending the genuineness of the epistle and containing some valuable exegetical insights" (Barber, 182).

- [1 John 3:1 The Privileges of the Christian](#)
- [1 John 3:2 The Future of the Children of God](#)
- [1 John 3:3-6 Purity by Abiding in Christ](#)
- [1 John 3:7-9 True Holiness](#)
- [1 John 3:10-13 Love the Sign of the Believer](#)
- [1 John 3:14-18 Passing from Death Unto Life](#)
- [1 John 3:19-24 Christian Assurance](#)

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- MacArthur Study Bible - [1-2](#), [2-3](#), [3-4](#), [4-5](#)

- [1 John 3:1-3 The Purifying Hope, Pt 3](#)
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- [1 John 3:4-10 Why Christian's & Sin are Incompatible - Study Guide - see link in dropdown](#)
- [1 John 3:4-10 The Christian's Incompatibility with Sin, Pt 1](#)
- [1 John 3:4-8 The Christian's Incompatibility with Sin, Pt 2](#)
- [1 John 3:4-9 The Christian's Incompatibility with Sin, Pt 3](#)
- [1 John 3:11-24: How's Your Love Life? - Study Guide - see link in dropdown](#)
- [1 John 3:12-18 True Christians Love One Another](#)
- [1 John 3:19 The Essential Foundation of Christian Assurance](#)
- [1 John 3:19 Why Christians Lack Assurance](#)
- [1 John 3:19-24 Holy Affections](#)
- [1 John 3 God, Greater Than Our Hearts](#)
- [1 John 3 Assurance and Sin](#)

IAN MACKEROVY

- [1 John: How can I be Sure?](#)

ALEXANDER MACLAREN

- 1 John 3:7 Practical Righteousness

BRYN MACPHAIL

- [1 John 3:1-12 Children Of The King'](#)

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- [1 John 3:1 The Sons of God](#)
- [1 John 3:2 His Mercy to His Sons](#)
- [1 John 3:14 Let Us Talk About Assurance](#)
- [1 John 3:16 He Laid Down His Life For Us](#)
- [1 John 3 Commentary](#)

THOMAS MANTON

- [1 John 3:6 - No one who abides in him keeps on sinning](#)

P G MATTHEW - well done sermons on 1 John

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- [1 John 3:1-3 In the Father's Image](#)
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- [1 John 3:4-10 The Greatest Event in History](#)
- [1 John 3:11-18 The Mark of the Christian](#)
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- [1 John 3:3 purifieth himself](#)
- [1 John 3:5 in him is no sin](#)
- [1 John 3:6 neither known him](#)
- [1 John 3:8 from the beginning was manifested](#)
- [1 John 3:10 children of the devil](#)
- [1 John 3:11 from the beginning](#)
- [1 John 3:12 Cain wicked one](#)
- [1 John 3:14 passed from death unto life love the brethren](#)
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- [1 John 3:16 lay down our lives](#)
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- [1 John 3:18 not love in word](#)
- [1 John 3:22 we receive of him](#)
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- [1 John 3:24 he in him the Spirit](#)

AUGUSTUS NEANDER (1852)

Spurgeon says "Mrs. Conant (who translated it from German) in her preface says: "The treasures of genius and learning which enrich his more scientific works, here seem vivified by a new element, and melt, under the fervor of his inner spiritual life, into a glowing stream of eloquent practical instruction." ([Commenting and commentaries](#))[The First Epistle of John, Practically Explained](#)

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- [1 John 3:1-3 The Best Companion](#)
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- [1 John 3:23 Commanded to Love](#)
- [1 John 3:24 Mysterious Invisibility](#)

JOSEPH PARKER

Rosscup: This work, later called Preaching Through the Bible (Baker Book House), is rich in its applications and exhortations, though often not particularly helpful for the reader who is looking for exposition that stays right with the text. Treatment of the texts is sermonic. (Commentaries for Biblical Expositors: An annotated bibliography of selected works)

- [1 John 2:24-29, 3:1 Abiding in Christ](#)
- [1 John 3:1 Abiding in Christ](#)
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SAMUEL EYLES PIERCE (1835)

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- [The First Epistle General of John, Practically Explained \(Volume 1 & 2\)](#)

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- 1 John 3:16-18 The Exhibition and Obligation of True Love
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- 1 John 3:19-22 The Privileges of Christian Loyalty
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ROBERT RAYBURN

- [1 John 2:28-3:3 Family Resemblance](#)
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- [1 John 3:19-24 Characteristics of Fellowship, Part 4](#)
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