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Written from Corinth Approximately 51AD				
Key Words: Gospel (Word, Message), tribulation (suffering, affliction), Spirit, coming (Lord's return), holiness (sanctification, sanctify), faith, love, hope, Day of the Lord (day), Satan (tempter), brethren				
See Introduction to 1 Thessalonians by Dr John MacArthur : Title, Author, Date, Background, Setting, Historical, Theological Themes, Interpretive Challenges, Outline by Chapter/Verses. Excellent overview. From Grace To You ministries - same intro as in MacArthur Study Bible				

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) they 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 not in any specific order.

[Be ready](#) (1-2 Thessalonians by Wiersbe, Warren Or here [Be ready](#) - Always worthwhile checking for his insightful comments.

[Vine's expository commentary on 1 & 2 Thessalonians](#) by W. E. Vine Conservative, millennial, frequent comments on individual Greek words. Worth checking out.

[The epistles to the Thessalonians](#) by C. F. Hogg and W. E. Vine

James Rossrup - A premillennial and dispensational work, this commentary is rich in word meanings and details in the Greek.

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

Rossrup - 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.

[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.

[With the Word](#) - Devotional Commentary - Warren Wiersbe - [428 ratings](#) - Chapter by Chapter - useful insights for preaching (as is also true of his "Expository Outlines" above).

[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.

Interesting resource. Conservative. Many cross references included.

[First and second Thessalonians : the epistles of the blessed hope](#) by Gingrich, Raymond

Comments in an outline form. Conservative. Interesting.

[The First and Second Letters to the Thessalonians](#) by Fee, Gordon D

[Vital Word Studies in I Thessalonians](#) by John Lineberry, Baptist pastor. A sleeper - don't miss this one if you are preaching Thessalonians! Essentially verse by verse. Conservative. Millennial.

[The Epistles of Paul the Apostle to the Thessalonians](#) by Oliver B. Greene. Verse by verse. Worth checking.

[The Thessalonian Epistles" in Expositor's Bible Commentary](#), - this is the abridged version and some of the margins are slightly cut off, but with those caveats the following comments by Rossrup are relevant.

James Rossrup - Though held to brevity in this series, the Professor of New Testament Literature and Exegesis at The Master's Seminary offers a careful exegetical study rich in many aspects of the Greek and discussion of main views on problems. From the standpoint of a dispensational perspective on verses related to the Lord's coming this is the best exegetically-based work. As with other works in the above series, Zondervan has put out a pb ed. (1, 2 Thessalonians, 1, 2 Timothy, and Titus. Grand Rapids: 1996). The paperbacks make these commentaries available for less cost.

[The Gospel & the end of time : the message of 1 & 2 Thessalonians : includes study guide for groups or individuals](#) by Stott, John

Cyril Barber - Stott's writings command respect. He is a consummate theologian with the knack of relating Biblical truth in easy-to-understand terms. Here he expounds these epistles with a delightful devotional emphasis. The result is a presentation of essential truth in the best of expository traditions. Amillennial.

James Rossrup - Stott is evangelical and has unusual ability to write lucidly and sum up things, informed by good scholarly thinking. As in other expositions (Sermon on the Mount, Romans 5–8, Acts, Galatians, Ephesians, etc.) he has good comments. He is too brief on introductory matters (5 pp. on I Thessalonians and 3 on II Thessalonians), but his commentary is well-organized and articulate. He tends to be general quite often here, without detail on verses. One will be refreshed by the flow of the letters, at least. Stott stops at times to deal with problems, as how Satan hindered Paul's return (2:18), and what "vessel" means in 4:4. He favors the state as God's agent for punishing evil (p. 170). This is not a top commentary, but will serve lay people in a series of readable devotional segments.

[The Epistles of Paul to the Thessalonians : an introduction and commentary](#) by Morris, Leon [Or here](#)

Cyril Barber - Revised ed, New International Commentary on the New Testament. Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans publishing Co., 1991. Ever since its first appearance in 1959, this commentary has been in continuous circulation. In fact it has become one of the standard works on these letters. In reexamining his former work, Morris has had the opportunity to bring to light many of the significant contributions of recent years. Whereas the first edition was based on the ASV of 1901, this revision provides readers with the text of the NIV. Morris, however, does not rely on the NIV but instead works from the original text. His entire work is thorough, reasonable and accurate. Amillennial.

James Rossrup - This commentary is abreast of recent scholarship and grapples with most of the issues in a helpful way. It is on the English text but based on study of the Greek text, and is more complete than his shorter work done in the Tyndale Series. The revision is mainly along lines of updating with scholarly literature since the 1950's and a change to the NIV rather than the KJV. He argues for a post-tribulational rapture view in I Thessalonians 4–5, in distinction to Constable, Ryrie, Thomas and Walvoord. It is a good commentary in most respects, helpful to pastors, students and lay people.

[1, 2 Thessalonians](#) (Word Biblical Commentary) by Leon Morris

[The interpretation of st. paul's epistles to the colossians, to the thessalonians, to timothy, to titus and to philemon](#) by R.C.H. Lenski

Lutheran commentator. Insightful comments. Not millennial

[The Epistles to the Thessalonians : a commentary on the Greek text](#) by Wanamaker, Charles A

James Rossrup - A fairly recent series offering considerable expertise on details of the Greek, views on interpretive issues, lines of argumentation, and interaction with other scholars. It is evangelical. Wanamaker's effort now has to rate among the top works.

[Exposition of I and II Thessalonians](#) by Hendriksen, William,

James Rossrup - As usual, the author is detailed, careful in word meanings and background, lucid and warm in application. He always has considerable usefulness for an expositor.

[Hope in a chaotic world : First and Second Thessalonians](#) by Stedman, Ray C. Always practical.

[Waiting for the second coming : studies in Thessalonians](#) by Stedman, Ray

[Colossians, Philippians, 1 & 2 Thessalonians, 1 & 2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon](#) - Layman's Bible Book Commentary by Tolbert, Malcolm

[1 and 2 Thessalonians : based on the Revised Standard version](#) by Marshall, I. Howard

James Rossrup - Marshall, former Professor in New Testament Exegesis at the University of Aberdeen, Scotland, wrote this 240-page volume to update the earlier commentary in this "New Century Bible" series by A. L Moore. The author deals with much of the post-1972 critical literature bearing on these epistles. He builds upon E. Best's work in the Harper's New Testament Commentaries (1973). Marshall's introductory remarks reflect much awareness and are valuable. His conclusions for Pauline authorship and an early date for both epistles meet with the general consensus of conservative scholars. His verse by verse treatment is regrettably

brief. Comments on the Greek abound, as do references to recent scholarly works. A tremendous help to the seminarian and pastor.—Jan Sattem

[The communicator's commentary. 1, 2 Thessalonians, 1, 2 Timothy, Titus](#) by Demarest, Gary W (Now published as The Preacher's Commentary)

[The Hope of Christ's Return: Premillennial Commentary on 1 & 2 Thessalonians](#) by Couch, Mal

[Thessalonians : life that's radically Christian](#) by Hubbard, David Allan

[1,2 Thessalonians](#) by Gould, Dana, - Shepherd's Notes - brief comments but sometimes very helpful.

[First & Second Thessalonians](#) by Ryrie, Charles

James Rossrup - This paperback study is brief but expounds the epistles from the premillennial dispensational viewpoint in a quite clear way. The brevity does not allow the author to grapple in a thorough way with the text so as to support his conclusions solidly on debated matters (examples: I Thessalonians 5:1ff and 2 Thessalonians 1 and 2).

[Paul & his converts : how Paul nurtured the churches he planted](#) by Bruce, F. F. - brief. Only about 24 pages on 1-2 Thessalonians.

[1 and 2 Thessalonians \(New International Biblical Commentary\)](#) by Williams, David John

[Contagious Christianity : a study of First Thessalonians : Bible study guide from the Bible-teaching ministry of Charles R. Swindoll](#) by Swindoll, Charles - study guide.

[1 and 2 Thessalonians](#) by Swindoll, Charles - This is his 184 page commentary in the series entitled "Swindoll's Living Insights."

[First and Second Thessalonians](#) by McGee, J. Vernon of Thru the Bible fame. Often very pithy!

[Standing firm when you'd rather retreat : based on I Thessalonians](#) by Getz, Gene

[Cyril Barber](#) - These studies are based upon 1 Thessalonians. Getz assesses the Sitz im Leben of the people and then uses principles drawn from Paul's letter to illustrate his views of renewal. He applies the teaching of the epistle personally, familialy, ecclesiastically, and evangelically.

[1 Thessalonians : moving forward in a backward world](#) by Getz, Gene A

[The letters to the Philippians, Colossians, and Thessalonians](#) by Barclay, William,

[The Epistles of Paul to the Thessalonians](#) by Erdman, Charles R.

[1 & 2 Thessalonians : a self-study guide](#) by Jensen, Irving

[Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 Thessalonians, 2 Thessalonians](#) by Lane, William L - Only 98 pages.

STUDY BIBLES - ONE VOLUME COMMENTARIES OF ENTIRE BIBLE, BIBLE DICTIONARIES, GENERAL REFERENCE WORKS

Note: The first 4 resources have no time restriction and allow copy and paste function:

(1) [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.

(2) [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](#).

(3) [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](#)

(4) [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.

Quote from **Henry Alford** (1810-1871 - not a dispensationalist!) on Revelation 20 - "It will have been long ago anticipated by the readers of this Commentary, that I cannot consent to distort words from their plain sense and chronological place in the prophecy, on account of any considerations of difficulty, or any risk of abuses which the doctrine of the millennium may bring with it. Those who lived next to the Apostles, and the whole Church for 300 years, understood them in the plain literal sense: and it is a strange sight in these days to see expositors who are among the first in reverence of antiquity, complacently casting aside the most cogent instance of consensus which primitive antiquity presents. As regards the text itself, no legitimate treatment of it will extort what is known as the spiritual interpretation now in fashion."

[Bible Knowledge Commentary - Old Testament](#) - 1608 pages. Dallas Theological Seminary Faculty

[Dictionary of Biblical Imagery](#) - free for use online with no restrictions (i.e., you do not need to borrow this book). Editors Leland Ryken, J C Wilhoit, Tremper Longman III - This is a potential treasure chest to aid your preaching and teaching as it analyzes the meaning of a host of Biblical figures of speech. **Clue** - use the "One-page view" which then allows you to copy and paste text. One downside is there is no index, so you need to search 3291 pages for entries which are alphabetical.

[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."

J Sidlow Baxter - [Vol. 6 Acts to Revelation](#)

[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](#)

[NLT Study Bible](#) (Illustration Version)

[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](#))

"Readers who desire a more intimate knowledge of the historical context of the Bible will appreciate the NIV Archaeological Study Bible. Full of informative articles and full-color photographs of places and objects from biblical times, this Bible examines the archaeological record surrounding God's Word and brings the biblical world to life. Readers' personal studies will be enriched as they become more informed about the empires, places, and peoples of the ancient world. Features include: • Four-color interior throughout • Bottom-of-page study notes exploring passages that speak on archaeological and cultural facts • Articles (520) covering five main categories: Archaeological Sites, Cultural and Historical Notes, Ancient Peoples and Lands, the Reliability of the Bible, and Ancient Texts and Artifacts • Approximately 500 4-color photographs interspersed throughout • Detailed book introductions that provide basic, at-a-glance information • Detailed charts on pertinent topics • In-text color maps that assist the reader in placing the action "

[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.

[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.

[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](#)

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

[Ryrie Study Bible Expanded Edition](#) (1994) 2232 pages

[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!

WORD STUDY RESOURCES

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.

[Word meanings in the New Testament](#) - Matthew-Revelation by Ralph Earle. Strictly speaking this is not a lexicon, but it offers insights on select words in a verse by verse format (but not every verse is included in the analysis). This resource is worth checking if you have time as it can occasionally give some wonderful insights on a specific Greek word.

[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](#)

[New Testament Words in Today's Language](#) by Detzler, Wayne A - Wonderful resource to supplement word studies. [3 ratings](#) THIS IS A SLEEPER!

[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.

[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 \(BDAG\)](#); by Bauer, Walter, More detailed definitions but need to know Greek. Zodhiates and Friberg are 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.

[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.

MORE SERMONS AND COMMENTARIES

HENRY ALFORD

James Rossrup writes that Alford's series on the New Testament "contains much that is valuable in the Greek New Testament... though all of the Greek New Testament words have been changed to English throughout." [\(Commentaries for Biblical Expositors: An Annotated Bibliography of Selected Works\)](#)

- [1 Thessalonians 1 New Testament for English Readers](#)
- [1 Thessalonians 1 Greek New Testament Commentary](#)

GREG ALLEN

- [1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 The Evidence of the Elect](#)

DON ANDERSON STUDY GUIDE AND NOTES 1 THESSALONIANS

- [1 Thessalonian Study Guide](#)

Teacher Notes - for corresponding Mp3 see Link below on "**Mp3 Audios**". The "**Study Notes**" each open a Pdf of 40-60 pages of ancillary notes on 1 Thessalonians - be sure to check out these notes.

- [1 Thessalonians study 1](#) - see also [Study Notes](#) or [Chart of Text Marked Up](#)
- [Click for the Mp3 audios of all 12 lessons taught by Don Anderson on 1 Thessalonians](#) Listen or Download (To download Mp3 open study and note the three stacked dots to the right of the volume control - click this and then you can download to your computer to transfer to your favorite Mp3 listening device.)

MIKE ANDRUS AND JOSH BLACK - SERMON SERIES ON 1 THESSALONIANS

Each transcript averages about 10 pages.

- [1 Thessalonians 1:1-1:10 How the Gospel Impacts the Church: Josh Black](#)

JOHN ANGELL JAMES

- [1 Thessalonians 1:4 The Work of Faith](#)

PAUL APPLE

- I. The past: the work of faith (1 Thessalonians 1 Thessalonians 1:1–3:13)

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1. The evaluation of Paul (1 Thessalonians 1 Thessalonians 1:1-4)
2. The evidence of life (1 Thessalonians 1:5-7)
3. The explanation of the evidence (1 Thessalonians 1:8-10)

- [1 Thessalonians - Commentary](#)

WILLIAM BARCLAY 1 THESSALONIANS COMMENTARY

James Rossrup: 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 [1 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.

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