

1 Thessalonians Commentaries & Sermons

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1 Thessalonians Resources Commentaries, Sermons, Illustrations, Devotionals

JESUS IS COMING AGAIN
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Chart by Charles Swindoll

1 Thessalonians Overview				
1 Th 1:1-10	1 Th 2:1-20	1 Th 3:1-13	1 Th 4:1-18	1 Th 5:1-28
LOOKING BACK			LOOKING FORWARD	
Personal Reflections History			Practical Instructions Hortatory	
Ministry In Person		Ministry in Absentia (Thru Timothy)	Ministry by Epistle	
Word and Power of the Spirit		Establishing & Comforting	Calling & Conduct	1Th 4:13ff Comfort
1 Salvation	2 Service	3 Sanctification	4 Sorrow	5 Sobriety
Paul Commends Spiritual Growth	Paul Finds the Church	Strengthening of the Church	Directions for Spiritual Growth	Holy Living in Light of Day of the Lord
Exemplary Hope of Young Converts	Motivating Hope of Faithful Servants	Purifying Hope of Tried Believers	Comforting Hope of Bereaved Saints	Invigorating Hope of Diligent Christians
Written from Corinth Approximately 51AD				

Key Words -- Key Words -- see importance of [key words](#) - learn how to [mark key words](#) and the associated discipline of how to [interrogate them with 5W/H questions](#). Practice "interrogating" key words as well as [term of conclusion](#) (therefore), [term of explanation](#) (for), [terms of purpose or result](#) (so that, in order that, that, as a result), [terms of contrast](#) (but, yet), [expressions of time](#) (including [then](#), [until](#), after) and [terms of comparison](#) (like, as). You will be amazed at how your Teacher, the Holy Spirit, will illuminate your understanding, a spiritual blessing that will grow the more you practice! Be diligent! Consider the "5P's" - **P**ause to **P**onder the **P**assage then **P**actice it in the **P**ower of the Spirit. See also [inductive Bible study](#) - [observation \(Observe With a Purpose\)](#) , [Interpretation \(Keep Context King, Read Literally, Compare Scripture with Scripture, Consult Conservative Commentaries\)](#), and then be a doer of the Word with [Application](#). Do not overlook "doing the word" for if you do you are deluding yourself, and are just a "smarter sinner," but not more like the Savior! As Jesus said "blessed are those who hear the word of God, and observe it." (Lk 11:28+, cf James 1:22+)

- **Gospel** (6x/6v) - 1 Thess. 1:5; 1 Thess. 2:2; 1 Thess. 2:4; 1 Thess. 2:8; 1 Thess. 2:9; 1 Thess. 3:2
- **Gospel** synonyms - **Word** (4x) - 1 Thess. 1:5; 1 Thess. 1:6; 1 Thess. 1:8; 1 Thess. 2:13; **God's message** - 1 Thes 2:13
- **Tribulation** = 1 Thess 1:6, **Suffer*** = 1 Thess. 2:2; 1 Thess. 2:14; 1 Thess. 3:4 **Affliction** - 1 Thess. 3:3; 1 Thess. 3:4; 1 Thess. 3:7
- **Spirit (Holy)** - 1 Thes 1:5, 6, 1 Thes 4:8, 1 Thes 5:19
- **Coming** (Lord's return) - (cf 1 Thes 1:10), 1 Thes 2:19, 1 Th 3:13, 1 Th 4:15, 1 Th 5:23 - Reference to the Lord's return is in every chapter indicating that this is a major underlying theme of Paul's letter to the believers in Thessalonica. As an aside, many are surprised to discover that allusions (direct and indirect) to the Lord Jesus' return are common in the New Testament

and in fact are found in about 1 of every 20 NT verses. Clearly the Second Coming is a major emphasis of the NT, even as the more than 300 Old Testament Messianic prophecies point to His first coming. Why this emphasis? Clearly the Spirit (Whose role is to glorify the Lord Jesus) desires that believers of all ages fix their eyes on the things above, eagerly, expectantly looking for the Lord's return (cf 1 Th 1:10+) to take us to our true, eternal home. You can mark the principle down that what (Who) you are **looking** for will radically impact what (Who) you are **living** for! If you are **looking for Jesus** to come at any time (see [Imminent/Imminency](#)), you will **living for Jesus** ALL THE TIME! How are you doing beloved child of the Living God (1 Th 1:4+), disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ? No "guilt trip" intended, but if you are not living in light of eternity today, confess it to your Father in Heaven, repent and set out on your new journey which will radically impact your future in eternity. See R C Sproul's [Right Now Counts Forever](#) (and [video](#)) and on site discussion of why you need to **Redeem the Time**.

- holiness (sanctification, sanctify), faith, love, hope, Day of the Lord (day), Satan (tempter), brethren

INTRODUCTIONS AND OVERVIEWS:

- [1 Thessalonians Book Introduction](#) - John MacArthur
- [1 and 2 Thessalonians Introduction](#) - J Vernon McGee
- [1 Thessalonians](#) - Myer Pearlman
- [Hope in the Lord: Introduction to 1-2 Thessalonians](#) - John B Polhill
- [1 Thessalonians - Synthetic Bible Studies](#) - James Gray
- [1 Thessalonians - Keys to the NT](#) - James Orr
- [Analysis of 1 Thessalonians](#) - James Van Dine
- [First Thessalonians Overview](#) - Charles Swindoll

How do I apply this? - Do you ever feel as though your Christian faith has grown stale, that you are withering on the vine when you would rather be flourishing in His service? Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians is the perfect remedy for such a feeling. Its focus on Christ's return provides water for the thirsty soul today, encouraging growth in maturity by providing hope in the midst of suffering or uncertainty. Paul's specific, practical instruction for this process of sanctification can be applied directly to our current circumstances. By clinging to our hope in Christ, we may see several clear results in our lives: avoiding sexual immorality, refusing to defraud others, appreciating those Christians who serve on your behalf, refusing to repay evil for evil, rejoicing always, praying without ceasing, and giving thanks in all things—to name a few (1 Thessalonians 4:3–7; 5:12–23). This list, of course, is not exhaustive, but the first letter to the Thessalonians makes clear that every Christian should expect to grow in holiness over the course of his or her life.

DICTIONARY ARTICLES:

- 1 Thessalonians - [Holman](#)
- 2 Thessalonians - [Holman](#)
- 1 & 2 Thessalonians, Theology of - [Baker's Evangelical Dictionary of Biblical Theology](#)
- American Tract Society [Thessalonians. Epistle to the 1 and 2](#)
- Easton's Bible Dictionary [Thessalonians. Epistles to the](#)
- Fausset Bible Dictionary [Thessalonians, the Epistles to the](#)
- Hastings' Dictionary of the Bible [Thessalonians. First Epistle to the](#)
- Hastings' Dictionary of the NT [Thessalonians Epistles to the](#)
- Morrish Bible Dictionary [Thessalonians. Epistles to the](#)
- International Standard Bible Encyclopedia [Thessalonians, the First Epistle of Paul to the](#)
- McClintock and Strong's Bible Encyclopedia [Thessalonians. First Epistle to The.](#)
- The Nuttall Encyclopedia [Thessalonians. Epistle to the](#)
- Kitto Biblical Cyclopedia [Thessalonians epistles to the](#)

Dr. Merrill C. Tenney points out that every major doctrine of the Christian faith is touched upon in the two letters to the Thessalonians...

Paul and those who received his epistles believed in one living God (1 Th 1:9), the Father (2 Th 1:2), who has loved men and has chosen them to enjoy his salvation (2 Th 2:16; 1 Th 1:4). He has sent deliverance from wrath through Jesus Christ, his Son (1 Th 1:10), and has revealed this deliverance through the message of the gospel (1 Th 1:5; 2:9; 2 Th 2:14). This message has been confirmed and has been made real by the power of the Holy Spirit (1 Th 1:5; 4:8). The gospel concerns the Lord Jesus Christ, who was killed by the Jews (1 Th 2:15). He rose from the dead (1 Th 1:10; 4:14; 5:10). He is now in heaven (1 Th 1:10), but he will come again

(1 Th 2:19; 4:15; 5:23; 2 Th 2:1). To him is ascribed deity, for he is called Lord (1 Th 1:6), God's Son (1 Th 1:10), and the Lord Jesus Christ (1 Th 1:1, 3; 5:28; 2 Th 1:1). Believers receiving the word of God (1 Th 1:6), turn from idols, serve God and wait for the return of Christ (1 Th 1:9, 10). Their normal growth is sanctification (1 Th 4:3, 7; 2 Th 2:13). In personal life they are to be clean (1 Th 4:4-6), industrious (1 Th 4:11, 12), prayerful (1 Th 5:17), cheerful (1 Th 5:16). Theoretically and practically the Thessalonian letters embody all the essentials of Christian truth."

Outline from MacArthur's Introduction

I. Paul's Greeting (1Th 1:1)

II. Paul's Personal Thoughts (1Th 1:2–3:13)

A. Thanksgiving for the Church (1Th 1:2–10)

B. Reminders for the Church (1Th 2:1–16)

C. Concerns for the Church (1Th 2:17–3:13)

III. Paul's Practical Instructions (1Th 4:1–5:22)

A. On Moral Purity (1Th 4:1–8)

B. On Disciplined Living (1Th 4:9–12)

C. On Death and the Rapture (1Th 4:13–18)

D. On Holy Living and the Day of the Lord (1Th 5:1–11)

E. On Church Relationships (1Th 5:12–15)

F. On the Basics of Christian Living (1Th 5:16–22)

IV. Paul's Benediction (1Th 5:23, 24)

V. Paul's Final Remarks (1Th 5:25–28)

Interpretive Challenges - Primarily the challenges for understanding this epistle involve the sections that are eschatological in nature: 1) the coming wrath (1Th 1:10; 5:9); 2) Christ's return (1Th 2:19; 3:13; 4:15; 5:23); 3) the rapture of the church (1Th 4:13–18); and 4) the meaning and time of the Day of the Lord (1Th 5:1–11)

Background and Setting - Thessalonica (modern Salonica) lies near the ancient site of Therma on the Thermaic Gulf at the northern reaches of the Aegean Sea. This city became the capital of Macedonia (ca. 168 B.C.) and enjoyed the status of a "free city" which was ruled by its own citizenry (Acts 17:6) under the Roman Empire. Because it was located on the main east-west highway, Via Egnatia, Thessalonica served as the hub of political and commercial activity in Macedonia, and became known as "the mother of all Macedonia." The population in Paul's day reached 200,000 people.

Paul had originally traveled 100 mi. from Philippi via Amphipolis and Apollonia to Thessalonica on his second missionary journey (A.D. 50; Acts 16:1–18:22). As his custom was upon arrival, he sought out the synagogue in which to teach the local Jews the gospel (Acts 17:1,2). On that occasion, he dialogued with them from the OT concerning Christ's death and resurrection in order to prove that Jesus of Nazareth was truly the promised Messiah (Acts 17:2,3). Some Jews believed and soon after, Hellenistic proselytes and some wealthy women of the community also were converted (Acts 17:4). Mentioned among these new believers were Jason (Acts 17:5), Gaius (Acts 19:29), Aristarchus (Acts 20:4), and Secundus (Acts 20:4).

Because of their effective ministry, the Jews had Paul's team evicted from the city (Acts 17:5–9), so they went south to evangelize Berea (Acts 17:10). There Paul had a similar experience to Thessalonica with conversions followed by hostility, so the believers sent Paul away. He headed for Athens, while Silvanus and Timothy remained in Berea (Acts 17:11–14). They rejoined Paul in Athens (cf. Acts 17:15,16 with 3:1), from which Timothy was later dispatched back to Thessalonica (3:2). Apparently, Silas afterwards traveled from Athens to Philippi while Paul journeyed on alone to Corinth (Acts 18:1). It was after Timothy and Silvanus rejoined Paul in Corinth (Acts 18:5), that he wrote 1 Thessalonians in response to Timothy's good report of the church.

Paul undoubtedly had multiple reasons for writing, all coming out of his supreme concern for the flock from which he had been separated. Some of Paul's purposes clearly included:

1) encouraging the church (1 Th 1:2–10);

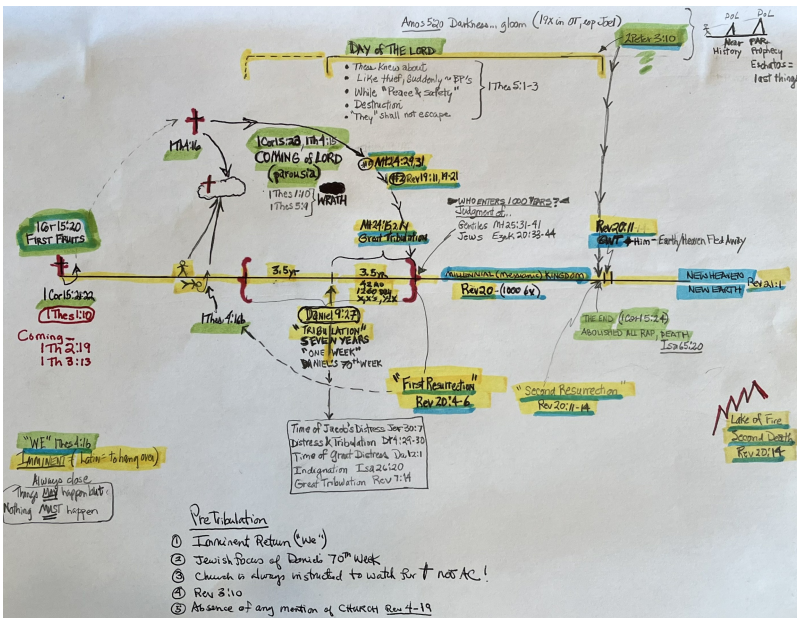
2) answering false allegations (1 Th 2:1–12);

- 3) comforting the persecuted flock (1 Th 2:13–16);
- 4) expressing his joy in their faith (1 Th 2:17–3:13);
- 5) reminding them of the importance of moral purity (1 Th 4:1–8);
- 6) condemning the sluggard lifestyle (1 Th 4:9–12);
- 7) correcting a wrong understanding of prophetic events (1Th 4:13–5:11);
- 8) defusing tensions within the flock (1 Th 5:12–15);
- 9) exhorting the flock in the basics of Christian living (1 Th 5:16–22) ([Introduction](#))

1 THESSALONIANS

VERSE BY VERSE COMMENTARY

Literal, conservative, millennial, evangelical perspective
Bruce Hurt, MD



Here Is a Handwritten Timeline I Put Together in 2007 Studying 1 Thessalonians

1 Thes 1:1

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[1 Thes 5:28](#)

ARCHIVE.ORG MODERN COMMENTARIES

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 Rosscup - 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

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.

[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 Rossup are relevant.

James Rossup - 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 Rossup - 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 Rossup - 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 Rosscup - 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 Rosscup - 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 Rosscup - 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 Sattlem

[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 Rosscup - 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: 1 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, familiarly, 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

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[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

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[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](#)

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[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](#)

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[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](#)

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

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

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[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!

Here are some resources if you want to do Greek word studies.

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

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

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

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

[The New Linguistic and Exegetical Key to the Greek New Testament](#) by Rogers, Cleon - This book is a gold mine of little gems on

individual Greek words in any NT passage you are studying. If you have time it is always worth checking out! I use it in my Greek word studies all the time.

[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.

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Charles Haddon Spurgeon ([see his comments in following entry on Alford](#)).

Editorial Note: If you are not proficient in Greek, you will find this work considerably more useful than the following work by Alford, because in this volume he translates the Greek and Latin into English. While the "The Greek New Testament" is longer (e.g., English version of 1John = 66 pages compared to Greek version = 94 pages in part because the latter includes comments of more technical nature), the substance of the commentary is otherwise similar to that found in the "NT for English Readers".

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- [1 Thessalonians 4:1-8 God's Will Our Sanctification](#)
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A. The commendation of the Thessalonians (1 Thessalonians 1:1-10)

1. The evaluation of Paul (1 Thessalonians 1:1-4)
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B. The conduct of the Apostle and his co-workers (1 Thessalonians 2:1-12)

1. Their witness (1 Thessalonians 2:1-2)
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1. The prayer that he might return to the Thessalonians (1 Thessalonians 3:11)
2. The prayer that the Thessalonians might grow in love (1 Thessalonians 3:12)
3. The prayer that their hearts might be established in holiness (1 Thessalonians 3:13)

II. The present: the labor of love (1 Thessalonians 4:1-12)

- A. Their love for God expressed in sanctified living (1 Thessalonians 4:1-8)
- B. Their love for the brethren, an expression of being God taught (1 Thessalonians 4:9-10)
- C. Their love for the lost expressed in godly living (1 Thessalonians 4:11-12)

III. The prospective: the endurance of hope (1 Thessalonians 4:13–5:28)

A. Concerning the day of Christ: the comfort of His coming (1 Thessalonians 4:13- 18)

- 1. The resurrection of sleeping saints (1 Thessalonians 4:13-16)
- 2. The rapture of living saints (1 Thessalonians 4:17-18)

B. Concerning the day of the Lord (1 Thessalonians 5:1-11)

- 1. The coming of the day of the Lord (1 Thessalonians 5:1-5)
- 2. The conduct of Christians (1 Thessalonians 5:6-10)
- 3. The conclusion (1 Thessalonians 5:11)

C. Concerning deportment in the congregation (1 Thessalonians 5:12-28)

- 1. The concluding prescription (1 Thessalonians 5:12-22)
- 2. The concluding petition (1 Thessalonians 5:23-24)
- 3. The concluding postscript (1 Thessalonians 5:25-28)

THEME: The return of Jesus Christ. In I Thessalonians every chapter ends with a reference to the second coming (1Th 1:10; 2:19-20; 3:11-13; 4:13-18; 5:23, 24).

KEY VERSE: 1Th 5:23-24

CONCERNS:

- 1. Some of the believers had stopped working and abandoned their responsibilities to await the Second Coming with a kind of hysterical expectancy. Paul corrects their misconceptions (1Th 4:11).
- 2. They were worried about those who had died and Christ had not returned. Paul gives them courage and hope in their bereavement (1Th 4:13-18).
- 3. There was a tendency to despise authority (1Th 5:12-14).
- 4. These were converted pagans who had come out of heathen vices, and it was easy for them to fall back into immorality (1Th 4:3-8).
- 5. As all ways there was a small group who slandered Paul and said the only reason he preached was to get what he could out of it (1Th 2:5, 9). Some accused him of being a dictator (1Th 2:6, 7, 11).
- 6. There was some division in the church (1Th 4:9; 5:13). Second Thessalonians was written within a few weeks of the first letter. The second letter was written to clear up a misconception about the Second Coming. There were certain signs that would come before Christ's appearance. The two letters would give balance to the thinking about the Second Coming.

SOME [KEY WORDS:](#)

COMING—[parousia](#)—means "presence" or "arrival" of persons or things (1 Cor. 16:17; 2 Cor. 7:7; Phil. 2:12; 2 Cor. 10:10). It designated the royal visit of an emperor, king, a governor, ruler or famous person. For such visits special preparations had to be made. Taxes were imposed to present the king with a golden crown. All things must be made ready for the visit of the king. Provinces were dated as a new era of time from the parousia of the emperor. It was common to strike new coins to commemorate the visit of a king. The coming of the king brought a new set of values. The word is used to describe the entrance of a new conquering power and the visitation of a god. The day is coming when the King of Kings will come and reign with all of His glory and power. Preparations must be made (1 Thess. 3:13; 5:23; 1 Jn. 2:28). The same Jesus who ascended to heaven will come again to visit the earth in personal presence (Acts 1:11) at the end of the age (Mat. 24:3) in power of glory (Mat. 24:27) to destroy the antichrist and evil (2 Thess. 2:8), to raise the righteous dead (1 Cor. 15:23), and to gather the redeemed (Mat. 24:3, 27, 37, 39; Jn. 5:28, 29; 1Th 2:19; 3:13; 4:15; 5:23; 2 Thess. 2:1, 8, 9; Jas. 5:7, 8; 2 Pet. 1:16; 3:4, 12; 1 Jn. 2:28). Parousia is the time when the Lord shall come out of heaven (1 Thess. 4:15; 1:10). At that moment the dead who are believers will rise first, and those who are believers and are alive will be changed and be caught up in the air by Jesus Christ.

DAY OF THE LORD — is an Old Testament expression meaning a day when God will personally intervene and bring salvation

and judgment. In the New Testament it is related to the Second Coming of Christ (1 Cor. 1:8; 5:5; Phil. 1:6, 10; 2:16; 2 Thess. 2:2). This is not a twenty-four day, but a period of extended time during which the judgments of the Lord Jesus Christ will take place upon the earth. For the believer it is salvation, for the unbelieving world it is a day of judgment and tribulation. .

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James Rosscup: 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).

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](#)".

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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](#))

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F W Farrar writes that Bengel's "**Gnomon** is a mine of priceless gems. It contains sentence after sentence exquisitely terse and

finished, and throbbing with spiritual light. Few writers have so admirably succeeded in expressing in a few words the inmost purpose of each of the Epistles. A generation crowded with writers whose theology abounded in mutual anathemas is yet redeemed from the charge of sterility which has produced such a theologian as Bengel. His work must continue to have its value so long as men can recognise the richest fruits of a noble intellect, a pure spirit, and a blameless life. "*Lord Jesus, unto Thee I live, unto Thee I suffer, unto Thee I die; Thine I am, living or dying.*" These words were repeated to him in his last moments, and on hearing them he pointed with his right hand to his heart, and fell asleep in peace." (Amen!) (History of Interpretation: Eight Lectures Preached Before the University of Oxford in the Year 1885).

John Wesley said of Bengel "I know of no commentator on the Bible equal to Bengel" and referred to him as "The great light of the Christian world."

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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.

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D Edmond Hiebert - Valuable for insights into Reformation day views.

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Spurgeon - Beyond all controversy, Gill was one of the most able Hebraists of his day, and in other matters no mean proficient...His [ultraism](#) is discarded, but his learning is respected: the world and the church take leave to question his dogmatism, but they both bow before his erudition. Probably no man since Gill's days has at all equalled him in the matter of Rabbinical learning.

He preached in the same church as C. H. Spurgeon over one hundred years earlier. Yet most people today have never heard of John Gill. This is unfortunate, since his works contain priceless gems of information that are found nowhere except in the ancient writings of the Jews.

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James Rosscup - This dispensationally oriented work is not verse-by-verse, but deals with the exposition on a broader scale, treating blocks of thought within the chapters. Cf. also Arno C. Gaebelin, Gaebelin's Concise Commentary on the Whole Bible (I Volume, Neptune, NJ: Loizeaux, 1985), the Annotated Bible revised. The author was a popular evangelical Bible teacher of the first part of the century, much like H. A. Ironside in his diligent but broad, practical expositions of Bible books. Gaebelin was premillennial and dispensational, and editor for many years of Our Hope Magazine. [1 Thessalonians Introduction](#)

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