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Another Overview Chart - <u>3 John - Charles Swindoll</u>

COMMENTARIES AND OTHER RESOURCES ARCHIVE.ORG

NOTE: The following list comprises not only biblical commentaries but also a range of Christian works authored by recognized evangelical scholars and writers. The majority of these volumes are relatively recent publications (primarily post-1970) that were, until recently, accessible only through purchase in print form or via proprietary Bible software platforms. They are now available without cost through archive.org, though several limitations should be noted. First, the platform disables direct copy-and-paste functionality. Second, materials are loaned on a one-hour checkout basis, although renewal is permitted immediately upon expiration, enabling extended reading and note-taking. Third, access requires the creation of a free archive.org account. This may be completed by navigating to archive.org, selecting the profile icon in the upper-right corner, and registering with an email address and password.

While I have consulted or made use of many (though not all) of these works, readers are strongly encouraged to emulate the Bereans of Acts 17:11± by evaluating all material in light of Scripture. The selections represented here have been chosen for their generally conservative theological orientation and their commitment to biblical fidelity. Should you encounter a work that appears not to meet these criteria, you are invited to communicate your concerns via the contact form at: https://www.preceptaustin.org/contact.

ADDENDUM: As this resource grows in popularity, you will occasionally encounter a commentary marked "Borrow Unavailable." This simply indicates that another user has it checked out for the current hour. Because users may immediately renew their one-hour loan, a volume can remain unavailable for an extended period. Below are several practical strategies that I have found helpful to see portions of a book which is unavailable:

1. Search by page number.

Use the search box on the left side of the page and enter a number; this often retrieves a specific page. For example, With the Word was recently unavailable, so I searched for 100, which produced a two-page preview for that work.

2. Search by keyword or title phrase.

Enter a distinctive word or phrase from the title. If you use more than one word, place the phrase in quotation marks for a more precise search.

3. Search using part of a known quotation.

If you have a sentence or phrase from the book, search a short portion of that line, putting phrases in quotation marks. If the initial attempt yields no results, try a different phrase in the quotation.

4. Search on a word that that will likely be on almost every page of the book.

E.g., take the commentary by John Stott on <u>The Epistles of John</u>. Let's say it was unavailable. Then I do a search on the word **John** and retrieved over 500 hits which allows me access to most of the book. This does not always work and you make need to experiment.

5. Refresh limited previews.

Occasionally a page will open but fail to render fully (displaying only "Limited Preview"). Try refreshing the page—F5 on Windows or Command + R on Mac—which sometimes allows the content to load correctly.

RECOMMENDED WORK-AROUND WHEN A LINK SAYS "PAGE NOT FOUND" (404 ERROR)

Many older links, especially those from early versions of the site, may return a "Page Not Found" (404) message. The following simple workaround often recovers the missing page:

- 1. Go to: https://web.archive.org/
- 2. Copy and paste the URL that produced the dead link.

Example: Sermon on Isaiah 34

URL: https://bstudy2.calvaryfullerton.org/23%20lsa/1999/23lsa34a.htm

Paste this **URL** into the search box on archive.org.

- 3. Press Enter on your keyboard.
- 4. A Timeline will appear, with vertical black bars showing the years the page was archived (this example shows 8)
- 5. Click one of the years—I usually recommend choosing one of the earlier years.
- 6. After selecting a year, a 12-month calendar appears. Dates highlighted in **blue** indicate an archived version. In this example, 2016 shows April 30 in **blue**.
- 7. Hover over the blue date and you will see a timestamp (e.g., 18:05:20). Click that link.
- 8. The archived page—in this case, the sermon notes on Isaiah 34—should now load.

Although this process may look complicated at first glance, it becomes very easy after doing it a few times. If the first year you choose does not display the document, simply try another year on the timeline. Using this method, I have been able to recover "missing" pages about 90% of the time over the past decade.

If you come across a bad link, would you kindly let me know? Please send the broken link AND the page where you found it using the contact form. Thank you for helping keep the site useful for everyone.

COMMENTARIES ON JOHN'S EPISTLES

Note: These are not in any particular order.

<u>The Preacher's Outline & Sermon Bible : New Testament, King James Version</u> 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

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

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

Epistles of John & Jude: a self-study guideby Jensen, Irving

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.

The Expositor's Bible Commentary - 1994 edition - Abridged - New Testament

1-3 John by Thompson, Marianne Meye -- see below

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

God's children. Rather, such conduct is the consequence or expression of a relationship that already exists" after rebirth (87). Many issues are left in a blur, for instance "God's seed remains" (3:9).

The Epistles of John by Hobbs, Herschel H

The Bible Exposition Commentary - Ephesians through Revelation - Warren Wiersbe

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

The letters of John the Apostle: an in-depth commentary by Burdick, Donald W

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

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

The Epistles of John by Burdick, Donald W

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

1, 2, 3 John: Bible study commentary by Vaughan, Curtis

The Epistles of John by Marshall, I. Howard, author

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

<u>1, 2, 3 John - Morris, Leon. "New Bible Commentary Revised</u>,ed. D. Guthrie et al. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1970.

Cyril Barber - 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. 2

1, 2, and 3 John by Johnson, Thomas Floyd - New International Biblical Commentary

James Rosscup - Johnson identifies the writer of the Gospel of John as "The disciple whom Jesus loved" (20:20, 24), but sees these epistles as by an "elder," a different man (2). The concise verse comments are usually clear and well-reasoned, showing the idea of the Greek with Greek words transliterated, and with explanations of word meaning and grammar. Sections of added notes in smaller print take up some details. Some problems receive discussion, some are bypassed, in the latter category limited or unlimited atonement in I John 2:2, or interpretations of 2:12–14, or 5:16 (where much is not explained or not explained well). True, the commentary quite often is helpful, but uneven, and not one of the better all-around works one can more consistently count on.

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.

1, 2, 3 John by Smalley, Stephen S - Word Biblical Commentary

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

Cyril Barber - This is a scholarly work that is well deserving of careful reading. Following a thorough introduction (pp. xvii-xxxiv), Smalley treats his readers to a word-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

Exploring 1, 2, 3 Johnby Vines, Jerry

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

The Epistles of John by Brown, Raymond Edward

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

Cyril Barber - †Meticulous in detail, exhaustive in analysis, persuasive in argument, this study provides the best answers available to questions and controversies that have troubled scholars and nonscholars 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

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

STUDY BIBLES, ETC.

<u>KJV Bible Commentary</u> - **NO RESTRICTIONS** 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.

Very well done conservative commentary that interprets Scripture from a literal perspective <u>user reviews</u>

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.

NKJV Study Bible: New King James Version Study Bible NO RESTRICTIONS (formerly "The Nelson Study Bible - NKJV") by Earl D Radmacher; Ronald Barclay Allen; Wayne H House. 2345 pages. (1997, 2007). Very helpful notes. Conservative. Premillennial. 917 ratings

The Wycliffe Bible Commentary - only the New Testament NO RESTRICTIONS (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.

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.

<u>The King James Study Bible Second Edition</u> 2240 pages (2013) (Thomas Nelson) General Editor - Edward Hindson with multiple contributing editors. . <u>3.194 ratings</u>. Pre-millennial. See <u>introduction on How to Use this Study Bible</u>.

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.

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

<u>Life Application Study Bible: Old Testament and New Testament</u> New Living Translation. Has some very helpful notes especially with application of texts. <u>4,445 ratings</u> 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

<u>The David Jeremiah Study Bible</u> - (2013) 2208 pages. <u>2,272 ratings Logos.com</u> - "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."

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

<u>Disciple's study Bible: New international version 54 ratings</u> 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.

<u>The Living Insights Study Bible : New International Version</u> - 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

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

<u>Halley's Bible Handbook</u> Henry H. Halley - (2000) 2720 pages (much larger than original edition in 1965 and no time limit on use). (<u>Halley's Bible handbook</u>: 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

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

Harper study Bible: the Holy Bible, Revised Standard Version

The Jewish Study Bible - Only OT - Interesting Jewish perspective.

The Student Bible: New International Version

Hebrew-Greek key word study Bible: New international version

Key word commentary: thoughts on every chapter of the Bible by Water, Mark

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

Eerdmans' Handbook to the Bible (1983) 688 pages

Tyndale Handbook of Bible charts & maps by Wilson, Neil

Bible Handbook and A-Z bible encyclopedia

International Children's Bible field guide: answering kids' questions from Genesis to Revelation by Richards, Larry

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

Today's handbook of Bible times & customs by Coleman, William L

The new Unger's Bible dictionary by Unger, Merrill Frederick, 1909-

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

Survey of the Bible: introductory insights, background studies, book-by-book survey by Unger, Merrill Frederick

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

The Hodder Bible handbook by Unger, Merrill

Kregel Bible handbook: a full-color guide to every book of the Bibleby 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 Bibl

<u>Dictionary of Biblical Imagery</u> - 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.

Dictionary of Paul and his letters - from IVP's critically acclaimed series of dictionaries of the New Testament

<u>Dictionary of the later New Testament & its developments 71 ratings</u> 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 - NO RESTRICTIONS

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.

<u>Dictionary of deities and demons in the Bible (DDD)</u> - 950 pages (1995) Read some of the <u>65 ratings</u> (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

<u>The Complete Word Study Dictionary: New Testament</u> 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.

<u>Analytical Lexicon of the Greek New Testament</u> 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.

<u>Shorter Lexicon of the Greek New Testament</u> 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.

ONLINE RESOURCES

DANNY AKIN SERMONS 3 JOHN

- 1, 2, 3 John 1 John 1:1
- SEBTS: What Will Our Reputation Be? 3 John
- Four Men and Their Reputations 3 John 1-14
- Creeds, Deeds, and the Great Commission Insights from 3rd John 3 John 1-14
- Does Your Life Bring Praise to the Name of Jesus? (John's Letters Series) 3 John 1-14
- CBMW Message: The Evangelistic Power of a Christian Family 3 John 1-14

COMPILATION OF COMMENTARIES

Explanation - Click link below and retrieve comments from 36 separate commentaries on ONE PAGE on this one verse. Most of these are older commentaries like Matthew Henry, etc. but are generally conservative. To go to the next verse simply click "2 John 1:2" in the upper right corner. If you want to go to a specific verse here is the URL - https://www.studylight.org/commentary/2-john/1-1.html. E.g., if you want to go to 2 John 3, simply change the URL (this is in the address box at top of the page) and you change "1-1" to "1-3" (https://www.studylight.org/commentary/2-john/1-3.html)

3 John 1:1 Commentary

WILLIAM ALEXANDER

3 John Commentary

HENRY ALFORD

- 3 John Commentary
- 3 John 1 Commentary- heavy on Greek

PAUL APPLE

■ 3 John - REBUKE OF DOMINEERING CHURCH LEADERSHIP

WILLIAM BARCLAY

3 John 1 Commentary

ALBERT BARNES

3 John 1 Commentary

BRIAN BELL - sermon notes

3 John 1 Sermon Notes

JOHANN BENGEL

• 3 John 1 Commentary (Gnomon of the NT)

BIBLE GATEWAY

■ <u>Devotionals related to 3 John</u> - you will need to go through the search list - use discernment

BIBLE.ORG RESOURCES

■ 3 John 1

BIBLICAL ILLUSTRATOR

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- 3 John 1:4
- **3** John 1:5.6
- **3** John 1:7,8
- **3** John 1:9-11
- **3** John 1:11
- **3 John 1:12**
- 3 John 1:13-14

A E BROOKE

A Critical and Exegetical Commentary on the Johannine Epistles

JOHN CALVIN

3 John 1 Commentary

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.

CAMBRIDGE GREEK TESTAMENT Alfred Plummer

- 3 John 1 Commentary Cambridge Greek Testament for Schools and Colleges
- 3 John 1 Commentary Cambridge Bible for Schools and Colleges

JOHN CEREGHIN

• 3 John Commentary - scroll down to page 193

ADAM CLARKE

3 John 1 Commentary

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.

STEVEN COLE

• 3 John - The Prosperous Soul

THOMAS CONSTABLE

3 John 1 Expository Notes

JOHN DUMMELOW

3 John 1

J LIGON DUNCAN

- 3 John 1:1-4 Truth and Love in Life
- 3 John 5-13 Tension in the Church

CHARLES ELLICOTT

■ 3 John 1

James Rosscup - Though often scanty, the work edited by a brilliant scholar is sometimes very helpful. Ellicott was an Anglican bishop. The New Testament part is more valuable. The work dates back to 1897 and is verse by verse, consisting of 2,292 pp. Ellicott was an outstanding Anglican conservative scholar of the 19th century in England.

EXPOSITOR'S BIBLE COMMENTARY - William Alexander

- Introduction
- 3 John 1 Commentary

EXPOSITOR'S DICTIONARY OF TEXTS

3 John 1

EXPOSITOR'S GREEK TESTAMENT - DAVID SMITH

3 John 1 Commentary

SINCLAIR FERGUSON

Guidelines for Separation

G G FINDLAY

An Exposition of the Epistles of St John

A C GAEBELEIN

3 John 1 Commentary

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. 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. Gaebelein was premillennial and dispensational, and editor for many years of Our Hope Magazine.

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

- 3 John; Principle #1; 3 Jn. 1-4; Wealth and Health: Though we are to pray for one another that our heavenly Father will meet our physical needs, we must not use this text to promote prosperity theology. <u>Video</u>
- 3 John; Principle #2; 3 Jn. 5-12; Hospitality and Generosity: Those qualified believers who devote large amounts of time to ministry and have personal financial needs should be cared for by the church body. Video

JOHN GILL

3 John 1 Commentary

Rosscup - His commentary is evangelical, wrestles with texts, is often wordy and not to the point but with worthy things for the patient who follow the ponderous detail and fish out slowly what his interpretation of a text is.

GOTQUESTIONS

- Survey of 3 John
- Who was Gaius in the Bible?
- Who was Diotrephes in the Bible?

L M GRANT

3 John 1 Commentary

DAVID GUZIK - Brief well-done comments from a modern expositor

3 John 1 Commentary

W. HALL HARRIS III

3 John 1 Commentary

ROBERT HAWKER

3 John 1 Commentary

MATTHEW HENRY

3 John 1 Commentary

Rosscup - This evangelical work, devotional in character, has been in constant demand for about 280 years. Its insight into human problems is great, but it often does not deal adequately with problems in the text. The one-volume form eliminates the Biblical text and is thus less bulky. It has sold very well. The late Wilbur M. Smith, internationally noted Bible teacher, seminary professor and lover of books, tabbed this "The greatest devotional commentary ever written" (cover, I volume edition). Henry was born in a Welch farmhouse, studied law, and became a Presbyterian minister near London. He wrote this commentary in the last 13 years before

he died at 52 in 1714. The first of six volumes was published in 1708. He completed through Acts, and the rest of the New Testament was done by 14 clergymen

D EDMOND HIEBERT Studies in 3 John - articles in Bibliotheca Sacra

Annual \$50 fee or \$5 monthly [click] required to view the entire article but will give you access to literally thousands of conservative articles (recommended).

Anything written by D Edmond Hiebert is worth your time in consulting!

John Walvoord - While our generation has produced many notable scholars, few have achieved excellence in writing biblical commentaries from the standpoint of evangelical theology. The tendency has been in religious literature to discuss the views of men rather than the inspired Word of God. Dr. D. Edmond Hiebert has manifested extraordinary gifts as a leading scholar in the field of biblical exegesis. In his writings he has shown thorough research, a comprehensive review of pertinent literature, and, more importantly, a penetrating discernment of the precise meaning of the scriptural text. He has combined depth in scholarship with practical application and has manifested an ability to communicate the results of his study in an understandable way. His works have benefited both the scholar and the lay reader and have served to provide a solid basis for interpreting Scripture for a generation which has deviated more from biblical truth than any generation in the past. God has raised up men such as Dr. Hiebert to provide a sure word in an age that is groping for eternal truth. (For more see Tributes to D Edmond Hiebert)

- Studies in 3 John Part 1: An Exposition of 3 John 1-4
- Studies in 3 John Part 2: An Exposition of 3 John 5-10
- Studies in 3 John Part 3: An Exposition of 3 John 11-14

FBHOLE

3 John 1 Commentary (Plymouth Brethren)

H A IRONSIDE

3 John 1 Commentary

James Rosscup - A famous Bible teacher much sought after a few decades back continues to minister after his departure, as A. C. Gaebelein, A. W. Pink, W. H. Griffith-Thomas and others. He is staunchly evangelical, showing good broad surveys based on diligent study, practical turns, even choice illustrations. In prophecy he is premillennial dispensational.

IVP COMMENTARY Marianne Meye Thompson

- 3 John
- Living in Truth (vv. 1-2)
- Working Together with the Truth (vv. 3-8)
- Imitating Truth (vv. 9-12)
- Closing Greetings (vv. 13-14)

JAMIESON, FAUSSET, AND BROWN

- 3 John 1 Commentary
- 3 John Commentary unabridged

Rosscup - This is a helpful old set of 1863 for laypeople and pastors to have because it usually comments at least to some degree on problems. Though terse, it provides something good on almost any passage, phrase by phrase and is to some degree critical in nature. It is evangelical. There is also a 1-volume edition, briefer at some points (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1961). Especially in its multi-volume form this is one of the old evangelical works that offers fairly solid though brief help on many verses. Spurgeon said, "It contains so great a variety of information that if a man had no other exposition he would find himself at no great loss if he possessed this and used it diligently" (Commenting and Commentaries, p. 3). Things have changed greatly since this assessment! It is primarily of help to pastors and lay people looking for quick, though usually

somewhat knowledgeable treatments on verses.

J HAMPTON KEATHLEY

• The Non-Pauline Epistles

WILLIAM KELLY

<u>Hiebert's critique</u> - Prints author's new translation. Twenty wordy lectures by a noted Plymouth Brethren scholar of the past century. Provides an important study of the text with numerous comments and illustrations of the religious scene from a perspective of intense loyalty to the Scriptures.

3 John 1

PAUL KRETZMANN- LUTHERAN PERSPECTIVE

3 John 1 Commentary

LANGE COMMENTARY

Hiebert's critique - A full exposition with an abundance of doctrinal, ethical, and homiletical material added.

Rosscup - The treatments of books within this evangelical set vary in importance. Generally, one finds a wealth of detailed commentary, background, and some critical and exegetical notes. Often, however, there is much excess verbiage that does not help particularly. On the other hand, it usually has something to assist the expositor on problems and is a good general set for pastors and serious lay people though it is old.

- 3 John Variable Quality (sometimes liberal) with occasionally useful comments
- 3 John 1

JOHN MACARTHUR - CONSERVATIVE, EVANGELICAL

- 3 John 1–8 Friends and Foes in the Church, Part 1
- 3 John 9-14 Friends and Foes in the Church, Part 2

ALEXANDER MACLAREN Sermons on 3 John

James Rosscup - This evangelical work is both homiletical and expository and is often very good homiletically but weaker otherwise. Helpful in discussing Bible characters, it is weak in prophecy at times because of allegorization. It is not really as valuable today as many other sets for the serious Bible student. The expositions are in the form of sermons.

- 3 John 1:2 Prosperous Soul
- 3 John 1:7 For the Sake of the Name
- 3 John 1:8 Fellow-Workers with the Truth
- 3 John 1:12 The Christian's Witnesses to Character

J VERNON MCGEE

3 John 1 messages -Thru the Bible Mp3's

IAN MACKERVOY

3 John - Easy English

F B MEYER (THROUGH THE BIBLE COMMENTARY)

3 John 1

3 John 1 Commentary

MONERGISM - Audio messages

- 3 John Messages
- 3 John Mp3 Messages

G CAMPBELL MORGAN

3 John 1 Commentary

James Rosscup - Morgan deals with the Bible chapter by chapter, with nearly 300 words on each. He devotes 400 pages to the Old Testament, 150 to the New Testament. It is a stimulating broad evangelical coverage of Scripture, if the reader is looking for synthesis rather than detail. Morgan was a master expositor in the early part of this century. Some of the effort is so general it is of little help except to those looking for sketchy treatment. It is evangelical and premillennial. Morgan is better in such works as The Crises of the Christ.

HENRY MORRIS - DEFENDER'S STUDY BIBLE - NOTES

- Introduction
- 3 John 1:1 elder wellbeloved
- 3 John 1:2 in health
- 3 John 1:3 walkest in the truth
- 3 John 1:4 walk in truth
- 3 John 1:7 taking nothing
- 3 John 1:8 receive such
- 3 John 1:9 church Diotrephes
- 3 John 1:11 doeth good
- 3 John 1:12 Demetrius

ROBERT NEIGHBOR - WELLS OF LIVING WATER COMMENTARY

- Introduction
- 3 John 1 Commentary

NET BIBLE NOTES

• 3 John 1 Commentary Notes

JAMES NISBET (CHURCH PULPIT COMMENTARY)

3 John 1

OUR DAILY BREAD Devotionals

- 3 John Climate Control
- 3 John South Pole
- 3 John Imitate The Good
- 3 John My Dear Friend
- 3 John 1:1-8 No Greater Joy
- 3 John 1:4 The Value of God's truth
- 3 John 1:4 The "Pistol" And The Lord
- 3 John 1:9 Diotrephes

JOSEPH PARKER

3 John

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)

PETER PETT

3 John 1 Commentary

ALFRED PLUMMER - CAMBRIDGE GREEK TESTAMENT

3 John 1 Commentary

MATTHEW POOLE English Annotations Commentary 1 John

3 John 1 Commentary

PREACHER'S HOMILETICAL

• 3 John 1 Expository Notes

PULPIT COMMENTARY

- 3 John 1 Expositional Commentary (scroll down for homilies)
- Homiletics below
- 3 John 1-14 An Apostolic Pastoral to a Christian Man
- 3 John 1-14 The Aged Presbyter's Letter to a Private Church-Member
- 3 John 1:2 Ideal Prosperity
- 3 John 1:3-4 Spiritual Prosperity
- 3 John 1:5-6 Hospitality
- 3 John 1:7-8 Missionary Workers and Helpers
- 3 John 1:9, 10 Diotrephes: A Beacon
- 3 John 1:11, 12 Imitating the Good
- 3 John 1:13, 14 Valediction

WIL POUNDS

• 3 John - Three Greek Men in a Church

REFORMATION STUDY BIBLE STUDY NOTES 1 John

- 3 John 1:1-2
- 3 John 1:3-4
- 3 John 1:5–8
- **3 John 1:7**
- 3 John 1:9–10
- 3 John 1:9
- 3 John 1:10
- 3 John 1:11
- **3 John 1:12**
- 3 John 1:13–14

GRANT RICHISON - verse by verse comments

Disclaimer: I do not agree with a number of Richison's comments. An example of one on 2Ti 2:12 in his First John Notes "**A Christian is still a Christian even though he disowns the Lord**" Read Jesus' words in Mt 10:33 and John's in 1 Jn 2:23+. Many of Richison's comments and applications are excellent, but just **be sure you read them with a Berean mindset** Acts 17:11+!

- **3** John 1:1
- 3 John 1:2
- **3 John 1:3**
- 3 John 1:4
- 3 John 1:5
- 3 John 1:6
- 3 John 1:7
- 3 John 1:8
- 3 John 1:9
- 3 John 1:10
- 3 John 1:10b
- 3 John 1:11
- 3 John 1:11b
- 3 John 1:12
- 3 John 1:12b
- 3 John 1:12c
- 3 John 1:13-14

A T ROBERTSON

• 3 John 1: Word Pictures in the New Testament

SERMON BIBLE COMMENTARY

3 John 1 Commentary

CHARLES SIMEON

- 3 John 1:1-3 The Benefits of Arising from Faith in Christ
- 3 John 1:5-7 The Importance of Being Conformed to God's Image
- 3 John 1:8, 9 Confession Necessary to Forgiveness

CHUCK SMITH

3 John 1 Bible Commentary

DAVID SMITH

• 3 John 1 Commentary (Expositor's Greek Testament)

JOHN SCHULTZ

3 John Commentary

CHARLES SIMEON - SERMON

3 John 1:4 A Minister's Chief Joy

SPEAKER'S COMMENTARY

- 3 John Intro
- 3 John 1:1-6
- 3 John 1:7-8
- 3 John 1:9-11
- 3 John 1:12-14

- 3 John 1–4 Third John
- 3 John 5–8 We Ought to Support
- 3 John 9–15 Imitate Good

CH SPURGEON

- 3 John 1:2 Sermon Notes Soul Health
- 3 John 1:3 The Vital Importance of Truth
- 3 John 1:4 The Parent's and Pastor's Joy
- 3 John 1:9 Unity and the Spirit of Diotrephes
- 3 John 1:4 No Greater Joy

RAY STEDMAN

• 3 John: A Tale of Three Men

THIRD MILLENNIUM STUDY NOTES

- The elder" (3 John 1:1)
- Continued Faithfulness" (3 John 1:11-12)
- The Salutation" (3 John 1:1-2)
- Final Greetings" (3 John 1:13-14)
- Good health ... all may go well" (3 John 1:2)
- Tell about your faithfulness" (3 John 1:3)
- Faithfulness to the Truth" (3 John 1:3-10)
- Walking in Truth" (3 John 1:3-8)
- My children" (3 John 1:4)
- Doing for the brothers ... show hospitality" (3 John 1:5-8)
- Not Walking in Truth" (3 John 1:9-10)

JOHN TRAPP

3 John 1 Commentary

James Rosscup writes "This work has long been ranked by many as the best older effort on the Greek text. It is detailed, thorough, and very useful for its incisive, definitive statements on problem areas as well as grammatical matters (<u>Commentaries for Biblical Expositors: An Annotated Bibliography of Selected Works</u>

BOB UTLEY

3 John 1 Commentary

AUGUS VAN RYN - Plymouth Brethren

- Preface & Introduction
- Introduction: The First Epistle Of John
- The First Epistle of John: Chapters 1-2
- The First Epistle of John: Chapters 3-5
- The Second Epistle Of John
- The Third Epistle Of John

BOB UTLEY

• 3 John 1 - Brief comments

MARVIN VINCENT

3 John 1 Word Studies in the New Testament

DANIEL B. WALLACE

• 3 John- Introduction, Argument, and Outline

B F WESTCOTT

Epistles of St John

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DANIEL WHEDON

3 John 1 Commentary

SERMONS BY VERSE OLDER EXPOSITIONS

Christian Character	The Weekly Pulpit	3 John 1:1
Some First Century Church Members	J. M. Gibbon.	3 John 1:1
The Ideal Christian	T. Davies, M. A.	3 John 1:1
The Quietness of True Religion	Abp. Wm. Alexander.	3 John 1:1
The Aged Presbyter's Letter to a Private Church-Member	R. Finlayson	3 John 1: 1-14
Ideal Prosperity	W. Jones	3 John 1: 2
Gaius the Beloved	D. Rhys Jenkins.	3 John 1:2
Gaius, and His Soul's Prosperity	A. Whyte, D. D.	3 John 1:2
<u>Health</u>	K. Braune, D. D.	3 John 1:2
Health the Chief Thing		3 John 1:2
New Year's Wishes	J. H. Gurney, M. A.	3 John 1:2
Prosperity and Piety	W. Patten, D. D.	3 John 1:2
Soul Prosperity	P. Morrison.	3 John 1:2
Soul Prosperity	J. L. Burrows, D. D.	3 John 1:2
Soul-Health	C. H. Spurgeon.	3 John 1:2
Spiritual and Temporal Prosperity	W. Dickson.	3 John 1:2
Spiritual Health	J. G. Greaves.	3 John 1:2
Spiritual Prosperity	J. Caird, D. D.	3 John 1:2
St. John's Prayer for Gaius	J. Orton, D. D.	3 John 1:2
The Christian's New Year's Compliment	J. Cumming, D. D.	3 John 1:2
The Health and Prosperity of the Soul	J. Vaughan, M. A.	3 John 1:2
The Helpfulness of Health	R. Baxter.	3 John 1:2
<u>Fame</u>	W. Jones, D. D.	3 John 1:3
<u>Gaius</u>	S. Cox, D. D.	3 John 1:3
The Testimony of Others	T. Davies, M. A.	3 John 1:3
Spiritual Prosperity	W. Jones	3 John 1: 3, 4

A Minister's Chief Joy	Sketches of Sermons	3 John 1:4
The Christian Minister's Joy	T. Kidd.	3 John 1:4
The Christian Walking in the Truth	C. Bradley, M. A.	3 John 1:4
The Minister's Greater Joy	T. Davies, M. A.	3 John 1:4
The Parent's and Pastor's Joy	C. H. Spurgeon.	3 John 1:4
Walk in Truth	H. Allen, M. A.	3 John 1:4
Allegiance to the Faith	J. Paterson, D. D.	3 John 1:5-6
<u>Hospitality</u>	W. Jones	3 John 1: 5, 6
Noble Deeds	The Weekly Pulpit	3 John 1:5-6
All Ought to be Fellow-Helpers	F. Clarkson.	3 John 1:7-8
Christian Missions	<u>T. H. Home, B. D.</u>	3 John 1:7-8
Fellow-Helpers to the Truth	H. Stowell, M. A.	3 John 1:7-8
Fellow-Helpers to the Truth	W. Jones, D. D.	3 John 1:7-8
For the Name's Sake	A. Raleigh, D. D.	3 John 1:7-8
Missionary Enterprise	The Weekly Pulpit	3 John 1:7-8
Missionary Workers and Helpers	W. Jones	3 John 1: 7, 8
Primitive Missionaries	O. A. Jeary.	3 John 1:7-8
Truth Helpers	R. Sewell.	3 John 1:7-8
The Aged Presbyter's Letter to a Private Church-Member	R. Finlayson	3 John 1: 1-14
Diotrephes: a Beacon	W. Jones	3 John 1: 9, 10
Ambition	C. H. Spurgeon.	3 John 1:9-11
Censorious Men		3 John 1:9-11
Covetousness in Sinning	W. Jones, D. D.	3 John 1:9-11
<u>Diotrephes</u>	S. Cox, D. D.	3 John 1:9-11
<u>Diotrephes</u>	Christian Treasury	3 John 1:9-11
<u>Diotrephes Rebuked</u>	W. Jones, D. D.	3 John 1:9-11
Love of Pre-Eminence	A. Roberts, M. A.	3 John 1:9-11
The True Method of Eminence		3 John 1:9-11
Evil not to be Imitated	W. Jones, D. D.	3 John 1:11
Godliness	W. Jones, D. D.	3 John 1:11
Sin Injurious to Spiritual Sight	The Weekly Pulpit	3 John 1:11
Imitating the Good	W. Jones	3 John 1: 11, 12
A Good Name	W. Jones, D. D.	3 John 1:12
<u>Demetrius</u>	S. Cox, D. D.	3 John 1:12
The Christian Character Will Stand Every Test	The Weekly Pulpit	3 John 1:12
Greet the Friends by Name	C. Wordsworth.	3 John 1:13-14
The Friends	J. Wesley.	3 John 1:13-14
The Sweetness of Christian Fellowship	The Weekly Pulpit	3 John 1:13-14

<u>True Friends Scarce</u>

J. Spencer.

3 John 1:13-14

<u>Valediction</u> 3 John 1: 13, 14