Welcome

Remember that we have been 'bought with a price" to be "ambassadors for Christ" and our "salvation is nearer to us than when we believed" so let us "cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God" "so that when He appears, we may have confidence and not shrink away from Him in shame at His coming (parousia)." Hallelujah! Hosanna! Maranatha! Amen! (1 Cor 6:20+, 2 Cor 5:20+, Ro 13:11+, 2 Cor 7:1+, 1Jn 2:28+)

HOW TO MOST EFFICIENTLY USE PRECEPTAUSTIN

I realize that with well over 20,000 pages of material (with some individual HTML pages having the equivalent of 50 type-written pages or more of material) this site is voluminous and can be difficult to use and navigate. The site has evolved over about 20 years and is revised and added to almost daily (See <u>Recently Updated Pages</u>).

IS THERE AN APP?

No, but there is what I call a 'Pseudo App" for quick access to preceptaustin resources. Click for instructions on how to make an icon for your iphone or ipad to allow quick access to the site and to the major resource subdivisions. Sorry, there is no "real" App as it is too costly.

HOW DO YOU SEARCH PRECEPTAUSTIN?

Since I can't always remember the articles I've written over the past 20 years, my go-to method is to use the "Search Site with Google" feature—not the search box at the top of the page. The most helpful tool is the Google-powered search box located at the top right of every page.

HOW DO I USE THE GOOGLE SEARCH ON PRECEPTAUSTIN?

This is my typical approach throughout the day. When I need information about a term or topic, I simply type it into the **Google search bar**. If there's a relevant article about the subject (for example, "rest"), it usually appears as the top search result, sometimes even accompanied by an Al-generated summary. However, searching for specific Bible verses isn't usually effective. For that purpose, I recommend using the "**Verse by Verse**" tab described below.

HOW DO I FIND COMMENTS ON SPECIFIC BIBLE VERSES?

In the ribbon (menu bar) across the top of each page locate the tab **VERSE BY VERSE**. If you are seeking commentary on a specific **VERSE**, the easiest way to find comments is as follows:

- 1. Click the Verse by Verse tab at top of each page.
- 2. Select book of the Bible from the list.
- 3. Let's say you would like a comment on Romans 1:4. Under the list of verses on Romans you will find Romans 1:1-4. Click that link.
- 4. This will take you to a page that has all the verses from Romans chapter 1 at the top of the page.Click Romans 1:4 and you are there.
- Alternatively you could click (and consider bookmarking) <u>Verse by Verse Commentary on the Entire</u>
 <u>New Testament</u> where you will find links to each of the 7,957 verses. Note that this page only has the NT.

 To find verses on the OT you must go through steps 1-4.

In general, the commentary on each verse follows this pattern:

- 1. **Full Verse** The entire verse is displayed.
- 2. Alternate Translations Other Bible translations are often listed below.
- 3. **Cross References** Sourced from the Treasury of Scripture Knowledge. Hovering over the references displays the full verse.
- 4. Chapter Resources Link A link to resources for the entire chapter, such as: Hebrews 3 Resources
- 5. **Related Passages** Sometimes included beneath the chapter resources.
- 6. **Verse Title** A short summary or heading for the verse.
- 7. Verse Commentary Comments on the verse, typically broken down phrase by phrase.

- 8. Greek Word Links Many verses include links to original Greek words.
- 9. Greek Word Definitions Often follows the commentary, providing more detailed explanations.
- 10. **Additional Resources** A variety of materials may follow, such as illustrations, devotionals, and explanatory notes relevant to the verse.

HOW CAN I VIEW SCRIPTURE POPUPS IN ANOTHER TRANSLATION?

Select Preferred Translation - On the right side of each page you can select the Bible version you prefer to display the Scripture popups and that version will be applied to pop ups on every page on the website.

HOW CAN I READ THIS SITE IN ANOTHER LANGUAGE?

Select Language - On the right side of each page is the Google translation drop down which allows you to choose from 104 languages currently available. Be aware that Google translate is not geared to theological words, phrases and concepts, so the translation may not be entirely accurate. If you encounter any translations that are overtly erroneous please send me an email. Note that if you select a language on one page, you will see that language on every page of the website. One other feature to note is that if you hold your pointer over a translated section, you will see the original English translation in the popup.

WHAT DOES THE "+" SIGN (or "-note") MEAN FOLLOWING A VERSE?

A "plus sign" next to a Scripture indicates that it links to a commentary on that specific passage. For example, if you click on the "+" next to Luke 1:1+ you will go to the commentary on that verse. I am currently in the process of replacing the "-note" designation with a "+" sign, but please be aware that some verses may still have the "-note" for now.

HOW DO I FIND COLLECTIONS OF RESOURCES ON ALL 66 BOOKS?

On the ribbon or menu at the top of every page find **COMMENTARIES**. Click for a list of all 66 Books of the Bible and then simply click on the Book you would would like study. All 66 Books have 100's of resources including sermons, commentaries, devotionals, illustrations, etc. to help you study that Book. Obviously I have not read every resource but have attempted to list resources that are conservative and trustworthy. Alternatively you can access the resources on the 66 Books by using the **drop down** menu under the **COLLECTIONS OF COMMENTARIES & SERMONS** located on the right side of each page.

HOW CAN YOU HELP MAINTAIN PRECEPTAUSTIN AND MAKE SURE IT REMAINS FUNCTIONAL AND USEFUL?

SHORT ANSWER - PLEASE HELP WITH BROKEN LINKS AND TYPOS. On the menu or ribbon bar at the top of each page, report the link or typo using the **CONTACT US** email. It is on the far right side of the menu.

Since I maintain this website by myself, I depend on users to report**BROKEN LINKS**. If you find a bad link please send two pieces of information (1) copy the link address (the URL in the browser window) of the preceptaustin.org page where the bad link is located and (2) copy the bad link.

If you find a **TYPO** (which I am sure you will!), please (1) copy the address (the URL in the browser window) of the preceptaustin.org page where the typo is located and (2) then copy the typo with a short explanation (which may not be necessary).

I occasionally receive kind offers from individual who would like to donate money, but monetary donations are not needed because God has provided. However there is one thing that you might consider "donating" and it is far more valuable than money. Of course I am referring to your prayers. If the Spirit moves you, each time you come to use the site, would you please consider praying a very specific prayer for all those around the world who are using the site, asking that by our Father, by His Spirit and His Word would cause all of them to "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen." (2Pe 3:18+). I am confident our Father will answer this prayer because of His promise in 1Jn 5:14-15+ and I also firmly believe that you will be storing up for yourself treasure in heaven (Mt 6:20+) when you meet some of those men and women who you have been faithfully praying for! Thank you in advance for co-laboring with me for the Lord. May God's grace, mercy and peace be yours in the Spirit, in abundance, in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen

As an aside, I am 79 this year (2025) and occasionally receive questions about what will happen to the site when I pass on. In short, my oldest son Joel, an elder in a Bible church and a gifted teacher of God's Word, has agreed to continue to website.

Certainly! Here's a clear and concise rewrite of your message, preserving your intent and friendly tone:

HOW CAN YOU HELP MAINTAIN PRECEPTAUSTIN AND KEEP IT FUNCTIONAL AND USEFUL?

If you come across a broken link or a typo, please help by reporting it! At the top of every page, you'll find a <u>CONTACT US</u> link on the far right of the menu bar. Use this to send an email with the following details:

For broken links:

- 1. Copy the URL of the PreceptAustin page where you found the bad link.
- 2. Copy the broken link itself.

For typos:

- 1. Copy the URL of the page with the typo.
- 2. Include the text containing the error (and a brief note if needed).

Since I maintain this website on my own, I rely on your reports to help keep everything working smoothly.

Some have kindly offered monetary donations, but thanks to God's provision, financial support isn't needed. The greatest gift you can offer is your prayers. If you feel led by the Spirit, please pray specifically for everyone who uses this site worldwide, that they may "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen." (2 Peter 3:18+). I am confident God hears this prayer (1 John 5:14-15+), and I believe your prayers will store up treasures in heaven (Matthew 6:20+) where you will meet those men and women who you have been faithfully praying for! Thank you for co-laboring with me for the Lord's work! May God's grace, mercy, and peace be multiplied to you by His Spirit, through our Great High Priest Jesus Christ. Amen.

A Note About the Future:

I occasionally get questions about the future of PreceptAustin. I'm 79 this year (2025). My oldest son, Joel—an elder and teacher at his church—has agreed to continue the website after me.