

## Online Bible Resources

Free Online Bibles or Bible Apps are available at:

- Bible Gateway - <https://www.biblegateway.com/>
  - Note: Bible Gateway enables you to compare multiple translations, or versions, simultaneously.
- YouVersion - <https://www.youversion.com/>

Below are recommended translations, or versions, of the Bible to read as your primary translation:

- English Standard Version (ESV)
- New International Version (NIV)
- Grade school aged children and younger:
  - International Children's Bible (ICB)

*Finally brothers and sisters,  
whatever is true,  
whatever is honorable,  
whatever is just,  
whatever is pure,  
whatever is lovely,  
whatever is commendable  
—if there is any moral excellence  
and if there is anything praiseworthy  
—dwell on these things.  
~ Philippians 4:8 (CSB)*

## Recommended Reading & Study Plan - Young Believer

### Basics of Christianity

- **"Our Triune God: Living in the love of the Three-In-One"** by Philip Ryken & Michael LeFebvre
- **"The Apostles' Creed: A Guide to the Ancient Catechism"** by Ben Myers (2018)
- **"Why Trust the Bible?"** by Greg Gilbert (2015)
- **"It's About Time"** sermon series, Know the Truth with Philip DeCourcy (<https://www.ktt.org/broadcasts/its-about-time>)

### Introduction to Christianity

- **"31-Day Encounter with Jesus"** Bible reading plan, from Into Thy Word
  - <http://70030.netministry.com/apps/articles/default.asp?blogid=3801&view=post&articleid=33857&fldKeywords=&fldAuthor=&fldTopic=0>
- **"The Greatest Thing in the World"** by Henry Drummond (c1880)
  - <http://www.ccel.org/d/drummond/greatest/cache/greatest.pdf>
- **"A Guide to Inductive Bible Study"** by Precept Ministries International (pamphlet)
  - <https://shop.precept.org/products/guide-to-inductive-bible-study-download>
- **"30-Day Letters from Paul"** Bible reading plan
- **"Maturity: Growing Up and Going On in the Christian Life"** by Sinclair B. Ferguson (2019)
- **"95-Day Chronological Reading of the New Testament Events"** Bible reading plan
- **"Now That I'm a Christian: What It Means to Follow Jesus"** by C. Michael Patton (2014)
- **"45-Day Daily Gospels"** Bible reading plan, from Bible Study Tools
  - <http://www.biblestudytools.com/bible-reading-plan/daily-gospel.html>
- **"The New City Catechism"**
  - <http://newcitycatechism.com/>
- **"God's Big Picture: Tracing the Storyline of the Bible"** by Vaughan Roberts (2002)
- **Psalms** – "The Medicine Chest for the Soul"
- **Proverbs** – "The Book of Wisdom"

There are many great Bible reading plans, Bible study methods, and resources, other than those listed above in this pamphlet, to help you read, study and understand God’s Word and then apply it to your life. These have been chosen to provide an introductory, overarching framework for becoming a disciple of Jesus Christ. It is said that there are things you know (with varying degrees of expertise), things you know you don’t know (aware they exist but are not that conversant or familiar with), and things you don’t know (have no idea they exist). The purpose of this reading and study plan is to move key Christian concepts that you may not have known about into the “know I don’t know” category so that you can eventually move them into the “know” category.

Reading 15 minutes a day, 5-days a week, the average reader can expect to complete the “Recommended Reading and Study Plan” in 20-24 months. This does not include research time, if research is desired. You are encouraged, however, to go at your own pace.

## More Resources

### Bible Project

<https://bibleproject.com/explore/book-overviews/>

Visualize the shape and core themes of every book of the Bible through an illustrated outline.

A method of studying scripture, recommended by Alistair Begg (Truth for Life at [www.truthforlife.org](http://www.truthforlife.org)), is to ponder the following questions after reading a passage of scripture:

- Does this passage tell me anything about God the Father?
- Does this passage tell me anything about God the Son?
- Does this passage tell me anything about God the Holy Spirit?
- Does it show me a sin to avoid?
- Does it contain a promise to accept?
- Does it contain a command to obey?

### General Reading

- **"The Book Your Pastor Wishes You Would Read (but is too embarrassed to ask)"** by Christopher Ash (2019)
- **"Out of the saltshaker & into the world: Evangelism as a way of life"** by Rebecca Manley Pippert (1999)

## Daily Devotionals

A good daily devotional is a great resource in addition to daily Bible reading. The classic devotionals listed below are available in print and electronic formats; in original as well as updated English language versions.

- **"Morning and Evening"** by Charles H. Spurgeon (c 1880)
  - <http://www.ccel.org/ccel/spurgeon/morneve.today.html>
- **"My Utmost, for His Highest"** by Oswald Chambers (1927)
  - <https://utmost.org/>
- **"Streams in the Desert"** by L.B. Cowman (1925)
  - <http://www.crosswalk.com/devotionals/desert/>
- **"Old & New Testament Readings & Devotionals"** series by C.M.H. Koenig
  - <https://www.cmhkoenigbooks.net>

## Periodical

- **"Christian History Magazine"** by Christian History Institute
  - <https://christianhistoryinstitute.org/magazine/>

## Recommended Continuing Bible Reading Plans

A systematic reading through the entire Bible is highly recommended. Below are some options:

- **"For the Love of God: A Daily Companion for Discovering the Riches of God's Word, Volume 1"** by D.A. Carson (1998)
  - [http://s3.amazonaws.com/tgc-documents/carson/1998\\_for\\_the\\_love\\_of\\_God.pdf](http://s3.amazonaws.com/tgc-documents/carson/1998_for_the_love_of_God.pdf)
- **"For the Love of God: A Daily Companion for Discovering the Riches of God's Word, Volume 2"** by D.A. Carson (1999)
  - [http://s3.amazonaws.com/tgc-documents/carson/1999\\_for\\_the\\_love\\_of\\_God.pdf](http://s3.amazonaws.com/tgc-documents/carson/1999_for_the_love_of_God.pdf)
- **"The Busy-Life Plan"** Bible Reading Plan – Through the Bible in 2 years
  - <https://www.biblestudytools.com/bible-reading-plan/busy-life-plan.html>
- **"The Moody Church 3-Year Bible Reading Plan"** by Moody Church (PDF)
  - <https://www.moodychurch.org/>

<b>“30-Day Letters from Paul” Bible reading plan</b>			
<b>v</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Reading Passage</b>	<b>Theme</b>
	1	1 Corinthians 1-3	Cross - Soteriology
	2	1 Corinthians 4-6	Cross - Soteriology
	3	1 Corinthians 7-9	Cross - Soteriology
	4	1 Corinthians 10-12	Cross - Soteriology
	5	1 Corinthians 13-15	Cross - Soteriology
	6	1 Corinthians 16; 2 Corinthians 1	Cross - Soteriology
	7	2 Corinthians 2-4	Cross – Soteriology
	8	2 Corinthians 5-7	Cross - Soteriology
	9	2 Corinthians 8-10	Cross - Soteriology
	10	2 Corinthians 11-13	Cross - Soteriology
	11	Galatians 1-3	Cross - Soteriology
	12	Galatians 4-6	Cross - Soteriology
	13	Romans 1-3	Cross - Soteriology
	14	Romans 4-6	Cross - Soteriology
	15	Romans 7-9	Cross - Soteriology
	16	Romans 10-12	Cross - Soteriology
	17	Romans 13-16	Cross - Soteriology
	18	Colossians 1-2	Christ - Christology
	19	Colossians 3-4	Christ - Christology
	20	Philemon	Christ - Christology
	21	Ephesians 1-3	Christ - Christology
	22	Ephesians 4-6	Christ - Christology
	23	Philippians 1-4	Christ - Christology
	24	1 Timothy 1-3	Church - Ecclesiology
	25	1 Timothy 4-6	Church - Ecclesiology
	26	Titus 1-3	Church - Ecclesiology
	27	2 Timothy 1-4	Church - Ecclesiology
	28	1 Thessalonians 1-2	Coming - Eschatology
	29	1 Thessalonians 3-5	Coming - Eschatology
	30	2 Thessalonians 1-3	Coming - Eschatology