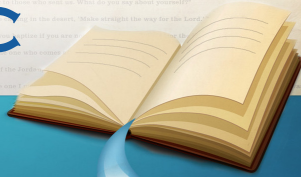


How To STUDY THE BIBLE @ FBC NAC



PART 2 — SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2017

Deuteronomy 17:18–20 (CSB)

¹⁸When he is seated on his royal throne, he is to write a copy of this instruction for himself on a scroll in the presence of the Levitical priests.

¹⁹It is to remain with him, and he is to read from it all the days of his life, so that he may learn to fear the Lord his God, to observe all the words of this instruction, and to do these statutes.

²⁰Then his heart will not be exalted above his countrymen, he will not turn from this command to the right or the left, and he and his sons will continue reigning many years in Israel.

1. If the ***king*** needed to be intimately ***familiar*** with the word of God, then so do we (18-19).
2. Bible study is key to ***humility*** (20).
3. Bible study is key to ***wisdom*** and ***self-control*** (20).
4. Bible study is key to leaving a ***legacy of faithfulness*** (20).
5. Bible study should be, at least in part, _____ (18).
6. Bible study should be _____ (19).

Bible Study Tools

Three Essential Tools for Bible Study

1. _____ Bible
2. Pen and _____
3. _____ Bible

Study Bible

A Study Bible is a Bible with a few key Bible study tools built in.

- Cross reference system
- Verse by verse commentary
- Introductions to each book of the Bible
- Basic maps
- Sometimes it will include...
 - Concise concordance
 - Gospel harmony outline
 - Concise topical index
 - Special features
 - CSB puts all Old Testament quotes in bold.
 - Some Bibles use the “Red Letter” feature.
- The good and the bad...

Helpful tips and instructions for using a Study Bible...

- You should use a Bible version and a font size that is easy for you.

- The cross-reference system is the best Bible study tool there is.

- Do not look at the commentary first, or second, or third.
 - First, look at the text.
 - Second, look at the text.
 - Third, look at the cross-references.

- The commentary is a helper; it is not Scripture.
 - While they can be helpful, commentaries are fallible.
 - Don't confuse where the Bible stops and the commentary starts.

Recommended Study Bibles

- CSB Study Bible (Christian Standard Bible)
 - Available soon

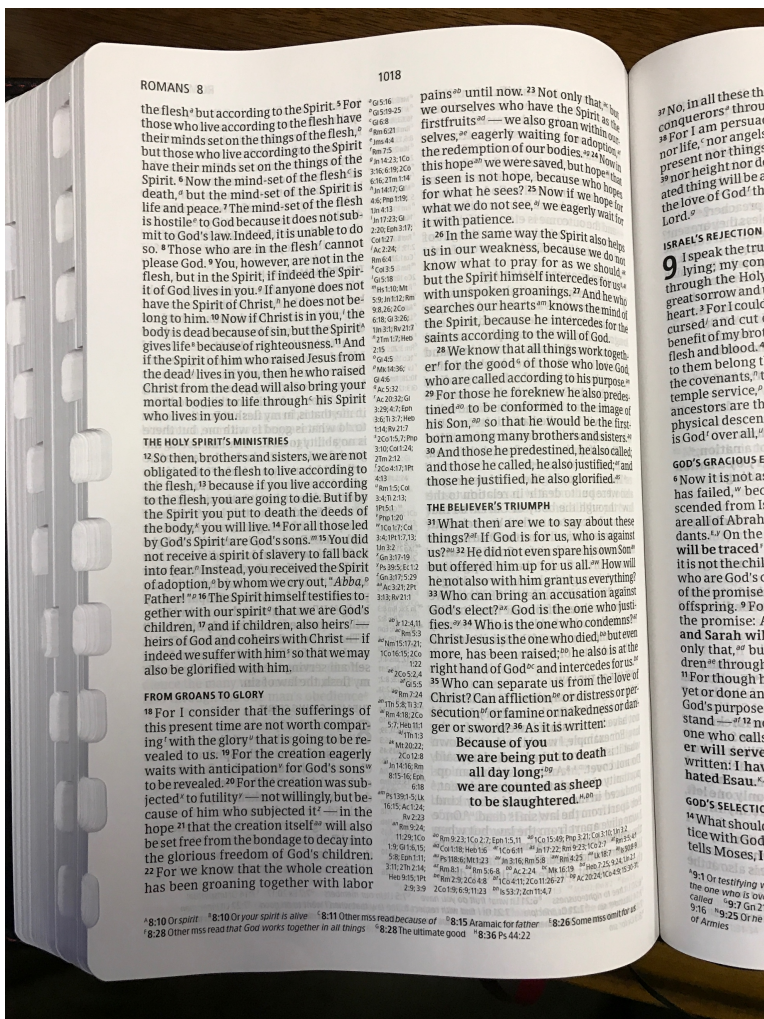
- ESV Study Bible (English Standard Version)

- MacArthur Study Bible (ESV, NKJV, NASB, NIV)

- Life Application Study Bible (NLT, NIV, NKJV, NASB, KJV)

How to use a cross reference system

- There are two types of cross reference systems.
 - Center column reference
 - Side column reference
- The time it takes to look up cross references will always be time well spent.
 - *Small Post-It notes are invaluable when studying with cross references.*



ROMANS 8

the flesh⁵ but according to the Spirit.⁶ For those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on the things of the flesh,⁷ but those who live according to the Spirit have their minds set on the things of the Spirit.⁶ Now the mind-set of the flesh is death,⁸ but the mind-set of the Spirit is life and peace.⁷ The mind-set of the flesh is hostile⁹ to God because it does not submit to God's law. Indeed, it is unable to do so.⁸ Those who are in the flesh⁹ cannot please God.⁹ You, however, are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you.⁹ If anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ,⁹ he does not belong to him.⁹ Now if Christ is in you,⁹ the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit gives life because of righteousness.⁹ And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead¹⁰ lives in you, then he who raised Christ from the dead will also bring your mortal bodies to life through¹⁰ his Spirit who lives in you.¹⁰

THE HOLY SPIRIT'S MINISTRIES

¹² So then, brothers and sisters, we are not obligated to the flesh to live according to the flesh,¹² because if you live according to the flesh, you are going to die. But if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body,¹² you will live.¹² For all those led by God's Spirit¹² are God's sons.¹² You did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear.¹² Instead, you received the Spirit of adoption,¹² by whom we cry out, "Abba," Father!¹² ¹⁶ The Spirit himself testifies to together with our spirit¹⁶ that we are God's children,¹⁶ and if children, also heirs — heirs of God and coheirs with Christ — if indeed we suffer with him¹⁶ so that we may also be glorified with him.

FROM GROANS TO GLORY

¹⁸ For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing¹⁸ with the glory¹⁸ that is going to be revealed to us.¹⁸ For the creation eagerly waits with anticipation¹⁸ for God's sons¹⁸ to be revealed.¹⁸ For the creation was subjected¹⁸ to futility — not willingly, but because of him who subjected it¹⁸ — in the hope¹⁸ that the creation itself¹⁸ will also be set free from the bondage to decay into the glorious freedom of God's children.¹⁸ ²² For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together with labor

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pains²⁰ until now.²³ Not only that,²³ but we ourselves who have the Spirit as our firstfruits²³ — we also groan within ourselves,²³ eagerly waiting for adoption, the redemption of our bodies,²³ and this hope²³ we were saved, but hope that is seen is not hope, because who hopes for what he sees?²³ Now if we hope for what we do not see,²³ we eagerly wait for it with patience.

²⁶ In the same way the Spirit also helps us in our weakness, because we do not know what to pray for as we should,²⁶ but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with unspoken groanings.²⁶ And he who searches our hearts²⁶ knows the mind of the Spirit, because he intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

²⁸ We know that all things work together for the good²⁸ of those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.²⁸ For those he foreknew he also predestined²⁸ to be conformed to the image of his Son,²⁸ so that he would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.²⁸ And those he predestined, he also called, and those he called, he also justified,²⁸ and those he justified, he also glorified.²⁸

THE BELIEVER'S TRIUMPH

³¹ What then are we to say about these things?³¹ If God is for us, who is against us?³¹ He did not even spare his own Son³¹ but offered him up for us all.³¹ How will he not also with him grant us everything?³¹ Who can bring an accusation against God's elect?³¹ God is the one who justifies.³¹ Who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is the one who died,³¹ but even more, has been raised;³¹ he also is at the right hand of God³¹ and intercedes for us.³¹ Who can separate us from the love of Christ? Can affliction³¹ or distress or danger or sword?³¹ As it is written:

Because of you we are being put to death all day long;³¹ we are counted as sheep to be slaughtered.³¹

³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Can affliction or distress or danger or sword? As it is written: Because of you we are being put to death all day long; we are counted as sheep to be slaughtered.³⁵

⁹ No, in all these things we conquer⁹ through Christ Jesus our Lord.⁹ For I am persuaded, neither life, nor angels, nor height nor depth, nor anything that will be created will be able to separate us from the love of God the Father.⁹

ISRAEL'S REJECTION I

⁹ I speak the truth: my con- gress through the Holy Spirit, for I could be cursed and I am the benefit of my brother and blood,⁹ to them belong the covenants,⁹ the temple service,⁹ the ancestors are the physical descent is God's offer.⁹

GOD'S GRACIOUS EYE

⁹ Now it is not as has failed,⁹ because descended from Israel are all of Abraham's descendants.⁹ On the other hand, it is not the child who are God's of the promise: offspring.⁹ For the promise: A and Sarah will only that,⁹ but dren⁹ through⁹ the Spirit.⁹ For though h yet or done an God's purpose: stand — ¹² no one who calls er will serve written: I have hated Esau.⁹

GOD'S SELECTION

¹⁴ What should we with God tells Moses, I

⁸ 8:10 Or spirit. ⁸ 8:10 Or your spirit is alive. ⁸ 8:11 Other mss read because of. ⁸ 8:15 Aramaic for father. ⁸ 8:26 Some mss omit that we are. ⁸ 8:28 Other mss read that God works together in all things. ⁸ 8:28 The ultimate good. ⁸ 8:36 Ps 44:22

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— **Romans 8:18** | *For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing^t with the glory^u that is going to be revealed to us.* (CSB)

— **2 Corinthians 4:17** | *For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison.* (ESV)

— **1 Peter 4:13** | *But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed.* (ESV)

Pen and paper

- The act of writing will help you slow down and process what you are thinking.
- The act of writing will aid your memory.
- The act of writing will give you something to refer to in the future.
- Is it ok to write in your Bibles?
- Highlighter recommendation: Sharpie GEL



Topical Bible

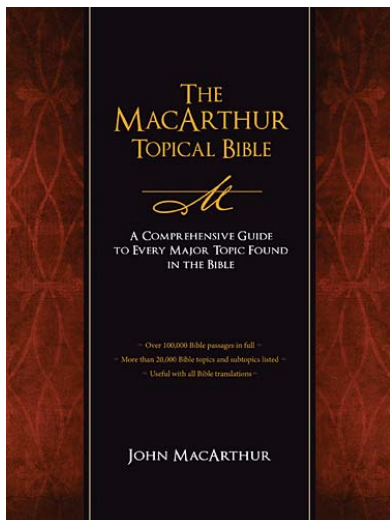
A Topical Bible is a Bible with the verses arranged by topic.

Helpful tips and instructions for using a Topical Bible

- A Topical Bible should not be the tool for your daily Bible reading.
- A Topical Bible is different than a concordance.
- You want a Topical Bible that has the actual Bible text, not just the verse reference.
- You want to find the sweet spot between being too concise and exhaustive.

Recommendation

- *The MacArthur Topical Bible*



Bonus Tools for Bible Study

1. A more _____ Bible translation
2. A Bible _____
3. _____ Bible
4. Exhaustive _____
5. A _____ of the Gospels
6. Interlinear Bible with _____ Numbers and concise _____
7. _____ theology reference

Other Bible versions

- More “word-order” Bible version recommendation
 - *New American Standard Bible*
- More “paraphrased” Bible version recommendation for supplemental study
 - *New Living Translation*
- Example...

— **Hebrews 1:3** | *The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact expression of His nature, sustaining all things by His powerful word. After making purification for sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high. (CSB)*

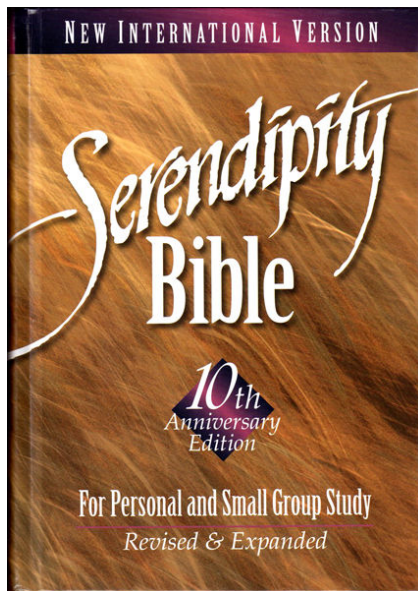
— **Hebrews 1:3** | *And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, (NASB95)*

— Literal (minus tenses and cases): *Who be radiance the glory and representation the nature he sustain even the all the word the power he purification the sin to make to sit down at right the greatness on high.*

— **Hebrews 1:3** | *The Son radiates God's own glory and expresses the very character of God, and he sustains everything by the mighty power of his command. When he had cleansed us from our sins, he sat down in the place of honor at the right hand of the majestic God in heaven. (NLT)*

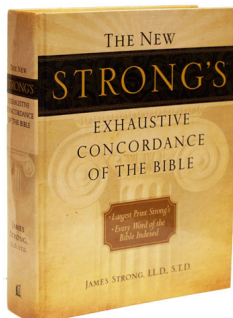
Serendipity Bible

- Provides thought-provoking questions for personal reflection.
- Great training-wheels for learning to do devotional studies.
- This Bible is called *Serendipity Bible for Groups* in some editions.



Exhaustive concordance

- An exhaustive concordance is an index for every word in the Bible.
- This resource is valuable for deeper Bible study but is cumbersome and can be replaced with a Topical Bible.
- Recommendation
 - *The New Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible*



Harmony of the Gospels (Sometimes called Gospel Parallels)

- A Harmony of the Gospels puts the events in the four gospels together in chronological order.
 - Note: The chronology represents someone's educated guess.
- A harmony index can be found in many Study Bibles and online.
 - <https://www.blueletterbible.org/study/harmony/>

MATT. 17:1-8—MARK 9:2-8—LUKE 9:28-36			
171. THE TRANSFIGURATION.			
Matt. 17:1-8	Mark 9:2-8	Luke 9:28-36	
1 And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain apart, and he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his garments became white as light.	2 And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart to pray, and he was transfigured before them, and his garments became white as light, and his face shone as the sun, and his clothes became shining, intensely white as the fuller on earth could bleach them.	28 Now about eight days after these sayings he took with him Peter and James and John, and went up on the mountain to pray. 29 And as he was praying the appearance of his countenance was altered, and his clothes became shining white, could bleach them.	28 Now about eight days after these sayings he took with him Peter and James and John, and went up on the mountain to pray. 29 And as he was praying the appearance of his countenance was altered, and his clothes became shining white, could bleach them.
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Bible (interlinear or not) with Strong's Numbers & concise lexicon

- Strong's Numbers are a system where each Greek and Hebrew word have been assigned a number for easy reference.
- A Strong's Numbers Bible with a lexicon (dictionary) will allow you to look up the original language words.
- Example

— **2 Thessalonians 3:12** | *Now we command and exhort such people by the Lord Jesus Christ that quietly working, they may eat their own food.* (HCSB)

- “*Command*” is Strong's Number: G3853
 - The Strong's Definition of that word: “to pass on an announcement”
- “*Exhort*” is Strong's Number: G3870
 - The Strong's Definition of that word: “to call, beseech, exhort, or comfort”

Systematic theology reference

- Recommendations
 - *Systematic Theology* (2 Volumes), James Leo Garrett
 - *Systematic Theology*, Wayne Grudem
 - *Systematic Theology*, Norman Geisler

Electronic Tools

Mobile Devices (phones and tablets)

- YouVersion (free)
 - CSB is available there.
- FighterVerse (free)
 - Tool for Bible memory
- Logos (basics are free)
 - Bible study software

Desktop Software

- Logos.com
 - Many resources for free.
 - Lexham English Bible
 - Faithlife Study Bible Notes
 - Lexicons
 - Harmony of the Gospels
 - Interlinear and Reverse Interlinear Bibles
 - Unlimited resources for purchase.
 - What can it do?