

**CHARITY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH  
BIBLE STUDY BASICS - JANUARY 16, 2021**

Effective Bible requires some basic Bible Study resources. I suggest the following:

1. Guidance of the Holy Spirit through prayer.
2. An authorized version of a good Study Bible. Some that I like are:
  - a. NLT Study Bible by Tyndale
  - b. NKJV Study Bible by Thomas Nelson Study Bible
  - c. NIV Study Bible by Zondervan
  - d. NIV Thompson Chain-Reference Study Bible
  - e. The Message Bible (Paraphrase)
  - f. NIV (New International Reader's Version)

*I am NOT a fan nor frequent user of the King James Version because it is too often inaccurate in its translations and in many places discriminatory, sexist and racist.*
3. Bible Concordance (Should be included in any good Study Bible)
4. Bible Dictionary by Thomas Nelson, Easton, Smith, or New Unger
5. Parallel Bible by Thomas Nelson or Tyndale KJV, NIV and NLT are a must
6. Commentaries by Bible Knowledge Commentary, Stony the Road We Trod African American Biblical Interpretation by Cain Hope Felder, Bible Exposition Commentary by Warren Wiersbe or Expositor's Bible Commentary by John R. Kolhenberger
7. Young's Literal Translation (In some Study Bibles and software)

As you can see, a good set of Bible Study basic resources can be costly. A better and far less expensive way to get even more Bible Study resources and help is to get on the internet.

Bible study tools are a necessity for effective Bible study. Below you will find links for free resources available to aid your studies. All links, with the exception of the last 2 links, are on-line utilities. The last 2 are free downloadable Bible Study programs.

**[Bible Pathway.Org](#)**

On-line Bible study with commentary in 10 different languages. Structured as a 15 minute a day reading, leading to a complete reading of the Bible in a year. A good starting place for beginners to get in the habit of establishing a study system. Relying solely on the commentaries provided is not recommended as an adequate program of study.

**[KJV On-line](#)**

On-line Bible browser and search utility by the Electronic Text Center of the University of VA. Includes the option to view side-by-side comparison between the KJV and the RSV.

**[Cross Walk.com](#)**

An extremely versatile on-line study site. Browse, study, and search the Bible in 17 versions, including 'Young's Literal Translation'; also, has the option of using either the KJV or RSV keyed to 'Strong's Concordance. The site also provides a large selection of study tools.

- Interlinear Bible
- The ability to compare 2 translations of scriptural verse at the same time.
- 12 different Commentaries keyed to the verse or chapter that you are studying.
- 4 various Concordances
- 6 Bible Dictionaries
- A scriptural Encyclopedia
- 2 Lexicons

### [E Sword](#)

This is a very versatile free bible study program download. It is comparable to extremely expensive Bible software. It is the main program, which I use, for off-line study and research. It is an easy to use, customizable, program with browse, search, and other options, that is safe to download. The basic E Sword program comes with the KJV annotated to Strong's numbers, Strong's Concordance, and Matthew Henry's Complete Commentary. This program allows you to compare various Bible versions with a mouse click. It has a 4 part browser window, which allows you to display Bible chapters, with commentaries and concordance dictionaries, displayed on the same screen and keyed to the verse you select. Also, it has two note pads, one keyed to chapt. & verse and one general. Depending upon your internet connection, it may take awhile to download but it is well worth the time. After you have downloaded the basic program you are able to download any, or all, of the following add-ons at no cost:

- 26 Bible Versions
- 35 Bible language translations
- 15 Commentaries
- 12 Dictionaries
- 29 extra references

### [Bible Pro](#)

Another free downloadable Bible study program. The following are provided with the free download:

- Bibles
    - KJV & ASV
  - Commentaries
    - Darby's Commentary & Spurgeon's Morning & Evening Devotionals
  - References
    - Easton's, Smith's, & Hitchcock's Bible Dictionaries; KJV Words & Names Dictionaries; Torrey's & Nave's Topical Indices.
- A CD add-on to the program is available containing 43 Bibles, 250,000 Commentaries, & 1,750,000 References. The CD is free but you pay a small fee of \$8.95US for shipping, handling, etc.

**IF YOU HAVE AN IPHONE, IPAD, SAMSUNG OR ANDROID PHONE, ANOTHER FREE RESOURCE IS THE BIBLE APP YOU VERSION BIBLE. IT'S A GREAT APP!**