

**Scriptures and Doctrine :: which study Bible to buy?**

**which study Bible to buy?, on: 2011/7/26 10:07**

I am looking to get more in depth into the scriptures with a study Bible. I currently study the NASB. My church uses the ESV and a friend who I meet with uses the ESV study bible. I'm looking for help deciding which study bible to buy since there are differences between them in doctrinal views. Thank you saints

**Re: which study Bible to buy? - posted by TELowe (), on: 2011/7/26 10:36**

I use the Thompson Chain Reference KJB. Ran me about \$70.00 but it's worth every penny.

[http://www.amazon.com/Thompson-Chain-Reference-Bible-KJV-Charles-Thompson/dp/0887073301/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1311690920&sr=8-1](http://www.amazon.com/Thompson-Chain-Reference-Bible-KJV-Charles-Thompson/dp/0887073301/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1311690920&sr=8-1)

**Re: , on: 2011/7/26 11:16**

While I am a "KJV-Preferred" man, I bought a Reformation Study Bible (ESV) from Ligonier Ministries (RC Sproul) about 8 months ago... and I absolutely LOVE it. It's great for helping you to learn and see God's sovereign hand throughout the Bible.

I know I know... I used to argue on here against reformed theology. What can I say? God has a way of revealing Himself and changing people! I am now very much "reformed".

Krispy

**Re: - posted by PaulWest (), on: 2011/7/26 12:51**

I've got a KJV-NLT parallel translation that I love to snuggle up with. I'll minister from it too, giving the faithful KJV rendering and then the easily-colloquialized NLT verse, which I find safely, accurately and dynamically captures the core of the sleepy Jacobean text.

Great resource.

**Re: , on: 2011/7/26 13:18**

Ummm... snuggle up with?? Did you really just say that, dude? lol

Krispy

**Re: - posted by PaulWest (), on: 2011/7/26 13:25**

Ya, I'm a softie, what can I say. My wife will tell you. Got to humble ourselves somehow, right? And I'm a big crybaby too .

:)

**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2011/7/26 13:44**

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I slept with my bible in the bed last night with my hand on it. We must not fall from our first love, the scriptures are either exceedingly precious to us or they are a necessary duty. I am currently using the new NIV 2011 translation and am finding it very edifying and readable. It only was \$30 for a great quality bible that I hope to use over at least the next 1-2 years.

**Re: , on: 2011/7/26 13:49**

How about those Bears...

Krispy

**Re: , on: 2011/7/26 13:50**

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...of course you know I agree with this 100%. :-)

Krispy

**Re: - posted by JB1968 (), on: 2011/7/26 14:36**

Thompson Chain Reference is one of the best. It seems to be non-sectarian. Love it!

**Re: which study Bible to buy?, on: 2011/7/26 15:18**

The scriptures indeed are precious to me. They align me with truth. They wash my mind with it. Sometimes I sleep with my Bible too =).

I use my reference bible as a chain-reference and study the various similar verses/topics.

**Re: which study Bible to buy? - posted by twayneb (), on: 2011/7/26 18:08**

I fall asleep reading the Bible fairly often. Does that count??? :-)

I am a big fan of the KJV for study purposes. a NKJV might be a next best choice. I hear the NASB is good as well. The reasons are pretty simple. The KJV is the most common version as far as having many classical resources keyed to it. Lexicons such as Brown Driver Briggs or Strong's or Thayer are all keyed to the KJV. I also think the KJV a pretty reliable and true to the original translation. I don't know if I have enough knowledge to say it is the best as some do, but I have quite a bit of faith in it.

**Re: - posted by Madefree (), on: 2011/7/26 21:03**

"God has a way of revealing Himself and changing people! I am now very much "reformed". - Krispy

Amen, had a similar experience myself. I have found myself to be very Reformed theologically. Interesting to see how God works in that way.

It's been mentioned here already, but I can certainly say that I like the Thompson Chain-Reference Bible a lot, it's probably the best study Bible I've looked at.

I also have the New Open Bible in KJV, it's pretty good, and has a large topical index in the front.

**Re: , on: 2011/7/26 23:00**

I also like the Thompson's Chain Reference. No comments just lots of scriptures chained by subject.

God has a way of revealing Himself and changing people. I am now very much informed. :-) (That's what your quote sounds like).

Julius

**Re: , on: 2011/7/26 23:57**

I wear the BDU pants that have the large cargo pockets. Always carry my New Testament in one of those pockets. Anytime I get a spare moment I pull it out and read it. Do you know that there are times I get hooked on the N.T. I can hardly let it go. This ever happen to anybody? By the way I am not reformed. Used to be. Now simply a follower of Jesus.

**Re: - posted by Madefree (), on: 2011/7/27 15:51**

"God has a way of revealing Himself and changing people. I am now very much informed. :-) (That's what your quote sounds like)." - Julius

I didn't mean it that way at all, brother, I used to be very very anti-Reformed, in fact I was almost hardcore Arminian, but God changed me through my personal study of the Scriptures, whether or not that's your view, that's what God has done with me. That's all I intended, if it sounded wrong I apologize. If you have Christ, you have all the information you need.

And the Thompson-Chain Ref is awesome. :-)

**Re: Great Study Bible - posted by Jessi (), on: 2011/7/27 16:38**

Came across this post and couldn't resist sharing about my absolute favorite study Bible. :) It's called the Key Word Study Bible, available from AMG publishers (I ordered mine from Christian Book Distributors years ago, and I believe it's still available there.). It's absolutely wonderful, in that it has key words in the text numerically coded to Strong's Exhaustive Concordance, Strong's dictionaries, and a whole lot more. It's a good-sized volume, but I consider it indispensable. My copy is worn, torn, faded and water-warped, but still it's a gem I'm not willing to let go. :) So...that's my ten cents.