

ONLINE BIBLE STUDY TOOLS (updated 12/27/15)

PERSONAL BIBLE STUDY

You Version Bible (youversion.com)

- **Level** — Beginners
- **Platforms** — FREE web and all mobile
- **Features** — dozens of Bible versions (in several languages), including some audio; also compare versions; dozens of Bible reading plans, devotionals, and videos; note taking, highlighting, bookmarking, sharing; personal login and cloud sync; customizable; notifications and alerts for Bible reading plans, etc.
- **Similar** — Bible Gateway (biblegateway.com)

E-Sword (e-sword.net)

- **Level** — Intermediate
- **Platforms** — Windows (FREE); Mac (\$9.99); iPhone (\$1.99); iPad (\$4.99); no Android
- **Features** — many free Bible versions and Bible study resources (Expositor's Bible Commentary); powerful searches; parallel or compare versions; built-in Strong's Lexicon; Bible reading plans and sharing features; maps, note-taking, harmony of the gospels; audio sermons, reference library; other Bible versions and Bible study resources available for purchase
- **Similar** — Olive Tree (olivetree.com)

Logos (logos.com)

- **Level** — Advanced
- **Platforms** — FREE core engine for Windows, Mac, all mobile; various paid packages
- **Features** — massive libraries (incl. devotional books, commentaries, bible dictionaries/encyclopedias, theologies, language lexicons and other resources, sermons, maps, charts, images, etc.), smart searches (incl. passage guides, word studies, cross references, etc.), and powerful original language features (incl. exegetical guides, word searches, etc.); saves you

research time, shelf space, and thousands of dollars; cites your sources for you; includes personal and community (FaithLife) study notes, which sync between devices, and sharing (FB, Twitter, email)

- **Similar** — BibleWorks (bibleworks.com); Accordance (accordancebible.com)

Glo Bible (globible.com/aninteractivebible/)

- **Platforms** — Windows (FREE lite version; \$49.98 premium version); Mac (FREE lite version; \$34.99 premium version); Apple mobile (FREE lite version; \$24.99 for premium upgrade); no Android
- **Features** — Media resources for Bible study (videos, images, animations, maps, virtual tours, articles, etc.); powerful geography, timeline, and topical helps; Bible reading plans and a few popular Bible versions

Our Daily Bread (odb.org)

- **Platforms** — FREE web, mobile (Apple, Android, Kindle Fire), ebooks, daily email, hardcopy
- **Notes** — There are many other daily devotionals available online (search Google), on your mobile device (search your App store), or as a daily email. Also, the bookstore has several hardcopy daily devotionals.

Bible for Kids (bible.com/kids)

- **Platforms** — FREE mobile only (Apple, Android, Kindle Fire)
- **Features** — fun, interactive stories from the Bible; notifications when new stories are available

SCRIPTURE MEMORY

Remember Me (remem.me)

- **Platforms** — FREE for all Android, Kindle Fire, BlackBerry, and Windows; paid for Apple iOS
- **Features** — multiple memory methods in various versions; intelligent review system; audio features; reminders and notifications

BibleMinded (biblemindedapp.com)

- **Platforms** — FREE mobile (Apple, Android, Kindle Fire)
- **Features** — multiple memory methods in various version; multiple memory plans; different study modes and testing features

PRAYER

Echo (echoprayer.com)

- **Platforms** — FREE mobile (iPhone and Android only)
- **Features** — add notifications and reminders; mark as answered; prayer timer; planned improvements

Prayer Notebook (prayernotebookapp.com)

- **Platforms** — paid for iPhone (\$1.99) and iPad (\$2.99) only
- **Features** — categories, link to contacts, sharing features; notifications & passcode protection; can subscribe to various prayer aids and Spurgeon's devotional; personal login and cloud sync
- **Similar** — Prayer Notes (chuchutrain.com/prayer-notes)

EVANGELISM

The Story (viewthestory.com/apps)

- **Platforms** — FREE web and mobile (Apple and Android only)
- **Features** — personalized web plugin; tracking capabilities; easy evangelism outline: creation, fall, rescue, restoration

Two Ways to Live (http://bit.ly/1YzrHew)

- **Platforms** — FREE web and mobile (Apple and Android only); paid Plus version for iPad only (\$3.99); paid Old Testament version for iPad only (\$.99)
- **Features** — clear gospel presentation system; the Plus version includes video content, common questions about Christianity, and personal testimonies and can be gifted to a friend; the Old Testament version serves as a tool to use in evangelistic conversations within the Jewish community

One Life (christianityexplored.org)

- **Platforms** — FREE web and mobile (Apple and Android only); excellent 7-10 week evangelistic Bible study through Mark's gospel
- **Features** — videos explaining Christianity, answering objections, sharing personal testimonies, etc.

The Exchange (coming soon!)

- **Details** — information about this app can be accessed at exchangemessage.org/exchange-app-video
- **Launch** — sometime in 2016

ORGANIZATION

Evernote (evernote.com)

- **Platforms** — FREE web and all mobile
- **Features** — note taking, filing, project management, organizing; web clipper; personal login and cloud sync
- **Suggested Uses** — prayer requests; filing system; journaling; ministry projects

GroupMe (groupme.com)

- **Platforms** — FREE web, mobile (Apple and Android only), and Windows; works over SMS texting with non-smart phones
- **Features** — group messaging, like a private chat room
- **Suggested Uses** — small groups, accountability groups, teams, etc.

Day One (dayoneapp.com)

- **Platforms** — paid for Mac (\$9.99) and iPad/iPhone (\$4.99) only
- **Features** — extensive journaling app

COLONIAL HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH

Website (colonialindy.org) — includes nice mobile web version (which, on some devices, you can save to your Home Screen)

- **Homepage:** rotating banners regarding upcoming events and important information
- **About Us:** highlights our staff, history, beliefs, core values, and covenant
- **Ministries:** detailed information regarding all our various ministries (i.e., age specific ministries, athletic outreaches, music, missions, CCS, other)
- **Resources:** gospel, bulletin, sermons, Community Bulletin Board, photo albums, video gallery, calendar, online giving, livestream, directory, and more
- **I'm New:** FAQ, campus map, and welcome video
- Social Network buttons (stay current on important info) — Facebook, Twitter, Vimeo; also send out regular enewsletter (let church office know if you're not receiving)

Sermons (sermonaudio.com/colonialindy)

- **Platforms** — FREE web (sermonaudio.com/colonialindy), iPhone/iPad and Android (<http://bit.ly/1QJoDNI>), and various other platforms (TVs/watches); search by date, series, text, speaker, and event category; stream on demand, receive as podcast, or download for later
- **Features** — sermons (by date, series, text, speaker, event category): stream on demand, receive as podcast, or download for later; some sermon notes; *Morning and Evening* by C. H. Spurgeon; map

Livestream (livestream.com/ColonialHillsindianapolis)

- **Platforms** — FREE web, mobile (Apple and Android only), and Roku TV
- **Features** — follow Colonial and be notified when an event is in progress; allows archiving of recorded videos; professional appearance and breadth of potential features

BIBLE TEACHERS AND RESOURCES*

Sermon Audio (sermonaudio.com)

- **Platforms** — FREE web, mobile, and various other platforms (TVs/watches)
- **Features** — sermons (by date, series, text, speaker, event category): stream on demand (video/audio), receive as podcast, or download for later (video/audio); live broadcasters; an online Bible, hymnal, daily devotionals (text and audio), and Bible reading plan; breaking news (esp. relating to Christianity); “My Church” setting for quick access to home church

Grace to You by John MacArthur (gtty.org)

- **Platforms** — FREE web and mobile
- **Features** — hundreds of articles, sermons, and other resources; daily devotional; video and radio broadcasts; conferences, seminars, and other events

iTunes U — FREE for Apple only; lots of Christian education classes

Kindle — FREE for all platforms; hundreds of Christian ebooks

*Disclaimer — Recommendation of these tools does not mean complete endorsement of all their resources or positions (cf. Acts 17:11).