RESEARCH AND LEARNING TOOLS

These resources provide free access to library resources to assist Thirdmill Seminary students with their research and writing projects. If students have questions or need assistance with the use of these resources, please contact your professor.

Because Internet sites are constantly changing, we cannot guarantee that the links provided are always working properly.

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Commentaries

Bible Study Courses
http://biblestudycourses.org/
Rev. Don Ritsman provides excellent commentaries on many books of the Bible, with an emphasis on practical application.

Christianity.com
https://www.christianity.com/bible/
Click on the commentaries by Matthew Henry (Presbyterian) or John Wesley (Methodist).

Christian Classics Ethereal Library
http://www.ccel.org/
You can find the commentaries of Matthew Henry and John Calvin on this site. Just click on "Research" and write the name in the search box called "Book Title or Author."

Easton's Bible Dictionary
https://www.biblestudytools.com/dictionaries/eastons-bible-dictionary/
Online Bible dictionary.

Frame-Poythress
http://www.frame-poythress.org/
This website contains articles and books by these two important contemporary reformed theologians.

General Research Libraries

Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ)
http://doaj.org
The largest directory of open access journals. Includes journals in the health sciences and social sciences.

The Internet Archive
http://www.archive.org/
Not only does the Internet Archive have a vast archive of Web pages, it contains a great deal of free content, including public domain material, like books from Project Gutenberg.

Journal of Arts and Humanities (JAH)
http://www.theartsjournal.org/index.php/site
Peer-reviewed and open access journal in the academic discipline of arts and humanities.

JSTOR
http://about.jstor.org/rr
JSTOR is a repository of academic journals. It has a free option where individuals are given access to all of its holdings, but limits the number of articles one can read. You may be able to get full free online access from your local library, if you have a library card.
Note: Article viewing allowance increased from six to 100 articles per month to support researchers during the COVID-19 crisis.

Public Libraries
Many **public libraries** provide access to academic databases such as JSTOR to any patrons who have a library card. Ask your librarian for availability.

Online Learning and Presentation Tools

Book Creator – storyboarding

Glogster – presentation software

Trello – project management

Toggl – time tracking tool

GoConqr – content creation tools for digital learning

Popplet – collaborative visual mind map

Google Calendar – organizing and planning

Research Tools

Bible Gateway - http://www.biblegateway.com/versions/ This free software has many versions of the Bible and some commentaries.

Bible Hub - BibleHub.com is an online Bible study suite, featuring topical, Greek, and Hebrew study tools, plus concordances, commentaries, dictionaries, sermons, and devotionals. Click here to access.

Bible Researcher - Bible-researcher.com includes articles on topics such as the Greek text of the New Testament, the Hebrew manuscripts of the Old Testament, ancient versions of the Bible, the canon of the Bible, and interpretation of the Bible. Click on the general category of interest, then scroll down through the articles.

Bible Study Tools -: biblestudytools.com is a free online source of many versions of the Bible, commentaries, encyclopedias, and dictionaries.

BibleTraining.org - has free Bible lectures. Click here to access the Bibletraining.org.

Christian Classics Ethereal Library – CCEL.org has a collection of classic Christian writings that are in the public domain.

Christian Periodical Index - This is a list of full text periodicals that are available from publishers' websites.

Christian Standard Subject Index, 1967-1993 - This index provides information on articles published in the Christian Standard by author, title, and subject. It was compiled by the staff of the Jessie C. Eury Library of Lincoln Christian College and edited by Nancy J. Olson.

Chronology of the Bible - http://aschmann.net/BibleChronology/ For an excellent detailed study of the chronology of the complete Bible with links to explanatory articles, by Rick Aschmann.

Creative Commons - http://search.creativecommons.org

Dictionary of Theology - This free access online dictionary is a reference tool provided by the Christian Apologetics & Research Ministry. New entries are regularly added for reading of the Bible and also researching Scripture.

E-Sword - e-sword.net is a free software that offers many versions of the Bible, commentaries, and other resources

GlobeTheoLib (GTL) - launched in 2011 by Globethics.net offers free access to over 200,000 texts, documents, articles and other resources for academic study. Its focus is "intercultural theology and ecumenism, including contextual theologies, world mission and missiology, gender and theology, interreligious dialogue, theological education, and World Christianity." Once registered (registration is free), access is given to not only full text documents, but also journals, reference books and eBooks.

Google Scholar - https://scholar.google.com

Internet Public Library - http://www.ipl.org A curated list of sites on most topics of interest.

Internet Tools for Church Leaders - The Christian Ministry & Leadership program from partner school City Vision University has compiled and shared a list of *Internet Tools for Church Leaders*

(Bibles, Commentaries, Dictionaries, Encyclopedias, Scholarly Journals, Sermons, Word Studies and other resources).

Kerux - kerux.com provides "Online Archives" that are searchable by author or topic.

Logos - Logos.com, a fee-based software, has an enormous library of commentaries, dictionaries, and other resources for pastoral and academic study, including Greek and Hebrew tools. Search engines allow following links to Bible passages and volumes of helpful information.

Online Christian Library of Theological resources – NTSLibrary.com is a library project Northwestern Theological Seminary and Northwestern Christian University provided through the Christian Online Referral Services Library Project. Open access to research tools, reference books, religious resources and periodicals, world newspapers and other access points, many in full text or PDF format.

Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy – Plato.Stanford.edu is an open-access database, maintained by Stanford University which contains hundreds of articles on philosophical theory, biographies of key philosophers, and topics in philosophy.

Theological Research Exchange Network (TREN) - The Theological Research Exchange Network (TREN) has a collection of 10,000 plus theses and dissertations, and also conference papers, which can be searched and ordered online in one of three formats – downloadable e-docs; paper copies; or microfiche.

Worldcat - worldcat.org from OCLC, is the world's largest database of library catalogs. It is useful for finding out details about books, including where they are available, and can provide you with the proper citation formats for them.

Resources for Learning

LEARNING STYLE ASSESSMENTS
The more you know about how you learn, the more you learn
[VARK Sensory Learning Styles Assessment](#)
[Multiple Intelligences Assessment](#)
[Index of Learning Styles Assessment](#)
[Explanation of Index of Learning Styles](#)

READING STRATEGIES
Learn practical tips and skills to manage large volumes of reading
[Speed Reading, Reading Strategies and More](#)

WRITING RESOURCES
APA Style Guide http://www.apastyle.org

OWL - The Purdue Online Writing Lab http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/
The Purdue OWL is one of the best resources on academic writing. It contains extensive information on citing sources, grammar, and academic writing style.

Citation Machine http://www.citationmachine.net/
The Citation Machine is a web service that can generate citations for various sources in academic citation formats such as MLA and APA. It is especially useful for automatically generating citations for Web pages.