



Beyond the Library:

Resource Guide for Study & Ministry

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This guide¹ brings together free, open access resources to support continued learning, research, and ministry. Keep learning, keep growing, keep leading!

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Open Access: **Digital Libraries, Repositories, & General Resources**

**Check with local public, college, seminary, or university libraries for borrowing privileges and access to print and digital resources, including databases for articles.*

[Arca](#)

The digital repository for a number of post-secondary institutions in Western Canada.

[Atla Digital Library](#)

The Atla Digital Library brings together in a singular, searchable platform digitized collections from libraries, religious institutions, and other organizations worldwide who collect and preserve texts, records, maps, photographs, recordings, and other materials.

[BASE \(Bielefeld Academic Search Engine\)](#)

Under Advanced Search, select “Open Access”.

[Cambridge University Press](#)

Open access journals and books.

[Christian Classics Ethereal Library \(CCEL\)](#)

Free access to classic Christian literature and scripture.

[Digital Commons Network](#)

Provides free, full-text scholarly articles from hundreds of universities, including the Religion Commons.

[Early Christian Writings](#)

A collection of Christian texts from before the Council of Nicaea in 325 AD.

[Google Books](#)

[HathiTrust Digital Library](#)

A large repository of digitized, public-domain content from research libraries.

[Internet Archive](#)

Extensive collection of scanned, public-domain books and texts.

[JSTOR Open Access content](#)

Open access journals and books.

Open Access Digital Theological Library (OADTL)

The mission of Open Access Digital Theological Library (OADTL) is to curate high-quality content in religious studies and related disciplines from publisher websites, institutional repositories, scholarly societies, archives, and stable public domain collections.

Post-Reformation Digital Library (PRDL)

Focuses on theology and philosophy from the late 15th to the 18th century.

Project Gutenberg

Free full text of public domain books.

Religion Online

Open access journals and books.

Theological Commons (Princeton Theological Seminary)

A vast, free digital library of over 130,000 resources on theology and religion.

Open Access: **Biblical Study, Commentary, & Background Resources**

[AWOL - The Ancient World Online](#)

A list of open access, web-based scholarly resources on the ancient world.

[Atlas Biblica](#)

Interactive biblical atlas featuring maps, timelines, and searchable information on the people, places, events, and concepts of the Bible.

[Best Commentaries](#)

Lists and reviews of commentaries. Sort by perspective or difficulty level.

[The Bible and Interpretation](#)

Dedicated to publishing insightful writings and fostering engaging conversations on the Bible and the Ancient Near East for both public and scholarly audiences.

[Bible Gateway](#)

A searchable, free online Bible with over 200 versions and 70 languages.

[Bible Hub](#)

Free and subscription-based resources.

[Bible Odyssey](#)

Offers peer-reviewed articles on people, places, and themes in the Bible by the Society of Biblical Literature.

[Bible.org](#)

Features extensive articles, essays, and commentaries.

[Biblia Clerus](#)

Resource for the study of the Bible, including documents from the Church.

[Codex Sinaiticus](#)

Codex Sinaiticus, a manuscript of the Christian Bible written in the middle of the fourth century, contains the earliest complete copy of the Christian New Testament.

[ETANA \(Electronic Tools and Ancient Near East Archives\)](#)

Provides digitized texts and resources for studying the ancient world.

[Online Critical Pseudepigrapha](#)

The Online Critical Pseudepigrapha was established to meet the scholarly need for versatile, electronically formatted critical editions of extra-biblical early Jewish and Christian literature.

[Orion Dead Sea Scrolls Center](#)

Resources relating to the Dead Sea Scrolls.

[Sefaria](#)

Free digital library of Jewish sacred texts, translations, and commentaries.

[Step Bible](#)

Online tool from Tyndale House for looking up original Hebrew and Greek words alongside English translations.

[StudyLight.org](#)

Comprehensive site for commentaries, dictionaries, and ancient texts.

[Theology on the Web](#)

Provides free access to high-quality theological material in book and article formats.

[Tyndale House Research Tools](#)

Offers lexicons for biblical languages, online books, and various translations.

[Vatican Digital Library \(DigiVatLib\)](#)

Free access to digitized manuscripts.

[The Visual Commentary on Scripture](#)

Free, online resource that provides material for teaching, preaching, researching, and reflecting on the Bible, Art, and Theology.

Open Access: **Journals & Academic Papers**

[Directory of Open Access Journals \(DOAJ\)](#)

Searches scholarly, open-access journals.

[Google Scholar](#)

[Internet Archive Scholar](#)

Full text search of academic papers, research articles, and other scholarly documents.

[Open Access Theses and Dissertations](#)

[Paperity](#)

Multi-disciplinary aggregator of Open Access journals and papers. May be particularly helpful in searching for resources in the fields of Social Sciences, Humanities, Medicine, Psychology.

[PubMed Central](#)

Free full-text archive of journals. May be particularly helpful in searching for resources in the fields of Social Sciences, Humanities, Medicine, Psychology.

[Sage Journals](#)

Select “Open Access” from the filters on the left.

[ScienceDirect](#)

Articles, particularly in the field of Psychology.

Ministry & Vocational Resources

[American Association of Christian Counselors](#)

[Center for the Study of Global Christianity](#)

[Christian Association for Psychological Studies](#)

[Christian Counseling & Educational Foundation](#)

[CT Pastors](#)

[The Gospel Coalition](#)

[Ministry Toolbox \(PAOC\)](#)

[Pew Research Center](#)

[Research in Ministry](#)

PAOC & Partner Denominational Repositories & Archives

[Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary Digital Repository](#)

[Centre for Mennonite Brethren Studies](#)

[Consortium of Pentecostal Archives](#)

[PAOC Archives](#)

[Pentecostal and Charismatic Research Archive](#)

[Ambrose University Institutional Repository](#)

[Ambrose Archives: Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada](#)

[Church of God in Western Canada - Resources](#)

[Church of God Archives Museum](#)

Paid & Subscription Resources

[Accordance Bible Software](#)

[Barna Access Plus](#)

[Logos](#)

Various individual plans.

[Ministry Matters](#)

Subscription options: Scroll to bottom of page for “Tools for Members”.

[Perlego](#)

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