



not to be ashamed, rightly dividing  
 λόγον (logos) → the word of truth. → ἀληθείας (alētheia)  
 John 1:14 → + ✨

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A NEWSLETTER DEDICATED TO MAGNIFYING THE  
 "For You have magnified Your Word above all Your Name."

**WORD OF GOD**  
 Psalm 138:2



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# MAGNIFYING GOD'S WORD

## From Kingdom Hall to the Kingdom of God



John Myres was shocked when he found himself being disfellowshipped by his local Kingdom Hall. His small business was failing and he sought advice. He was then cast out of what he believed to be the "only true" religion and was worried he might have lost God's favor forever, by the decision of the "committee" of his Jehovah's Witness congregation. He lost his entire network of friends and family.

John told us:

*"I lived in constant fear I would be doomed if I was not being continually faithful to Jehovah. Salvation was dependent upon proving myself acceptable or worthy to God."*

John heard the true Gospel preached for the first time, while visiting a Bible-based Christian church with his wife and children. He was relieved to hear about

the complete forgiveness of sin through Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. He also heard that he could never earn God's approval, but is only accepted by trusting solely in His Son.

*"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God." (Ephesians 2:8 NKJV)*

Today, John and his family actively serve the Lord, motivated by God's love and not from guilt or fear. Now, John looks back on the day he was disfellowshipped in a whole new light:

*"The Lord delivered me out of my former religion, and if He had not convicted me of sin, righteousness, and judgment, I'd still be in it until this day."*

It was a glorious day! Because God was working all things together, according to His purposes (Romans 8:28).

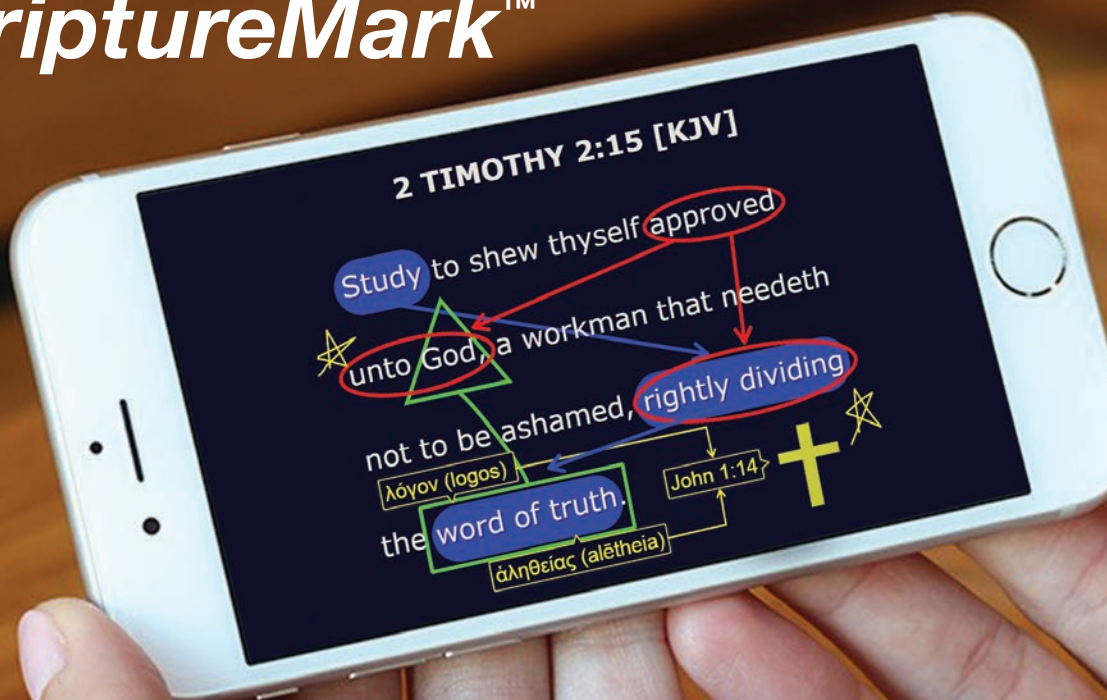
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# Announcing **ScriptureMark™**




We are always looking to create Bible study tools to help people know God in deeper ways. We are currently working on an exciting project, a new inductive Bible study tool called ScriptureMark™. We believe ScriptureMark™ will be a wonderful companion to the many in-depth Bible study tools already offered at Blue Letter Bible.

With ScriptureMark™, you can load selected Bible passages onto a canvas, and then mark it up using a variety of tools we have developed. Highlight, circle, or underline themes, key words, repetitive phrases, conjunctions, etc. Draw

relationships, drop in symbols (such as a cross), and add sticky notes. You can then save and share your projects!

We pray that ScriptureMark™ will not only benefit you personally in your study of God's Word, but will be used as a discipling and teaching tool to help others learn how to inductively study the Bible.


We plan to make ScriptureMark™ available online and as an app for your tablet or phone (Android / iOS). Stay tuned for future updates! 

## From Kingdom Hall to the Kingdom of God

Cover Story (continued from page 1)

John uses Blue Letter Bible to assist him in preparation for the home Bible studies he leads through his church. He tells us,

*"I am privileged to use Blue Letter Bible as my main study application. I truly appreciate that it is lovingly provided online, without cost or obligation. I consider BLB to be a genuine gift from God."*

John was delivered from the teaching of the Kingdom Hall, and now uses Blue Letter Bible to rightly divide God's Word. 





## Share Your Passion for God's Word

As a Blue Letter Bible user, you are passionate about the study of God's Word. But what about your friends and family? Have you ever wondered how God could use *you* to help others grow closer to God through an in-depth study of His Word?

We know even the most seasoned BLB users are not familiar with all the great features on our site, and explaining all BLB offers can be a tall order. We want to make it easy for you. We recently created a brief video entitled, "BLB: A 5 Minute Tour." It highlights the powerful features BLB offers.

Now you can easily share BLB with anyone by simply sharing the link (below) to this video. If you are a pastor, teacher, or ministry leader, you can show the video to your church members or Bible study groups. You can also play the video at your church or event in order to pique their interest (if you plan to, we would love to know). Contact us at [Partner@BlueLetterBible.org](mailto:Partner@BlueLetterBible.org) to request a higher resolution format.

We love it when users make others aware of BLB. Share your passion for God's Word with your friends, family, and churches today!

Watch video at [BlueLetterBible.org/5MinTour](http://BlueLetterBible.org/5MinTour) 


## Daily Bible Reading Plan Now Available on Android

BLB for Android now offers several daily Bible reading plans to help guide you through the Bible in one year. Choose from Canonical, Chronological, Historical, and Old and New Testament plans. Subscribe with daily accountability or read through the plan at your own pace. Also very exciting: take advantage of the wonderful Bible study tools within the daily Bible reading plan display! BLB for Android is available for free at the Google Play Store.



## The Blue Letter Bible Institute (BLBi)

In order to allow anyone, anywhere in the world, to learn more about the Christian faith, we created the Blue Letter Bible Institute (BLBi). This resource provides free courses of study relevant to the historical, conservative Christian faith. Numerous courses and exams are offered covering major areas such as: The Doctrine of Faith, Exposition of the Scriptures, Apologetics and Cults, and more. A printable version of each course's text is downloadable in PDF format. These courses are designed to be useful for personal study, family Bible study, or the classroom. To learn more about BLBi and to see a course catalog, please visit [BLBi.org](http://BLBi.org).

Watch for new courses on Biblical counseling and Biblical worldview, to be added in the coming months. 





# GOD'S WORD IS ALIVE & ACTIVE

## The Serious Commission of Handling God's Word

A high priority for us at Blue Letter Bible is the value of studying Scripture and making it available to the whole world. We take this commission of handling God's Word very seriously and we realize the necessity of maintaining accuracy in this endeavor. We sometimes refer to ourselves as "digital scribes." What can happen when Scripture gets twisted? Take our cover story about John, for example, as a sober reminder of the dangers when Scripture is not rightly divided.

Recently, I had the honor of being interviewed by Dr. Katherine Albrecht, a Harvard graduate who hosts a nationally syndicated radio program. She is an avid user of Blue Letter Bible. We discussed many of her favorite study features, and when Dr. Albrecht learned about some yet undiscovered tools, she joyfully exclaimed, "The scales are falling from my eyes! I now see that I have only been using Blue Letter Bible superficially!" Listen to the interview at [BlueLetterBible.org/BLBInterview](http://BlueLetterBible.org/BLBInterview).

Seeking to help both new and seasoned users navigate our wide array of study resources, we have just released a short video, highlighted on page three. This virtual tour of the most popular and essential features on BLB may introduce you to tools you did not know existed. We are also very excited about a new resource we are working on, known as "ScriptureMark™," which we believe will further help you to ponder the truths of God's Word, both personally and for discipling others. Read more about it on page two.

Finally, a special thanks to all of you who partner with us, to make sure the whole world has access to the Word of God.

**JIM MILLIGAN**  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



## David Guzik Videos on Serving in Ministry

*"When I'm preparing to teach, I spend a lot of time in the text with an emphasis on clarity and simplicity. I'm looking for the clear, simple sense of the text. That's what needs to be impressed upon my heart, so I can impress it upon others in my teaching. I use Blue Letter Bible to search for word use and Bible passages, and to access helpful commentators. Blue Letter Bible has made me more deliberate in what I prepare." – David Guzik, Senior Pastor*

We have just released six new videos from David Guzik. *Serving in Ministry* is a collection of short videos covering a range of helpful topics for those serving in ministry.



- *What Drives His Passion for Ministry* (2:00)
- *Lessons Learned in Ministry* (3:06)
- *Preparing a Message for Teaching* (4:24)
- *The Biggest Challenges Facing the Church Today* (3:54)
- *The Younger Generation Serving in Ministry* (3:26)
- *Considering the Cost and the Worth of the Call to Ministry* (2:24)

We invite you to view these videos at [BlueLetterBible.org/GuzikVideos](http://BlueLetterBible.org/GuzikVideos).

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