



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

BLUE LETTER BIBLE MAGNIFYING GOD'S WORD

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Worshiping in Spirit and Truth

When David was crowned king of Israel, he had a renewed desire to honor the Lord. His priority was to bring the Ark of the Covenant into Jerusalem. His zeal was so great he gathered all Israel to the place where the Ark had rested for many years. He wanted everyone to witness the transport of the Ark to the tabernacle. There was exuberant worship as the Ark rolled along on the ox cart that had been provided. But when there was a jolt to the cart, a man put out his hand to steady the Ark. When he died on the spot, David was angry the Lord would spoil this effort to magnify Him.

What was the problem? When David decided to look carefully into the Scriptures, he found he had not followed God's instructions for how the Ark was to be treated. After the priests and Levites consecrated themselves and carried the

Ark on poles as Moses commanded, the celebration resumed in a manner that was glorifying to the Lord.

We at BLB are praying you have a fresh desire to worship and serve the Lord as we get into the year 2020. We all need the passionate heart of King David!

But we also need to learn from his experience with the Ark. We need zeal that is in accordance with knowledge. Ignorance is not bliss! We need to channel our love for God within an accurate understanding of what God has communicated to us through His Word.

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This is where BLB comes in. Our passion is to help you and millions like you to go through this year with both zeal AND the wisdom that comes from a firm grasp of God's Word. We see the need quite literally all over the map. Have you seen the live map of users on our web site? (BLB.org/LiveMap) Each point of light is a person who is studying God's Word. Often these are believers who have no other free resource that can aid them in understanding the Scriptures. What joy to see this learning taking place!

Just one of the study tools we provide is the set of 14 different courses at the Blue Letter Bible Institute (BLBi) found online at Study.Bible (that's right, simply type "Study.Bible" in your web browser). The courses cover areas of biblical instruction ranging from six lessons on the grace of God to 38 lessons on the book of Matthew. For more details, see Page Three. Immersing ourselves in the doctrines of Christ and salvation and the Holy Spirit will give us the discernment we need to follow the Lord with the obedience that pleases Him. May this coming year be one of both zeal and insight for you! 



Live Stream Event

Have you ever wondered how Blue Letter Bible came to be? Or why it's called Blue Letter Bible? On December 11, BLB held an interactive livestream event, where CEO and President, Jim Milligan, Chief Operating Officer, Andy Guastafarro, BLB Board member, Steve Greenberg and Alan Pearson, Director of Donor Relations and Development answered these and other frequently asked questions about BLB. Others were able to get involved as well by submitting a question of their own during the live event. It was a blessing for all those who participated.

The livestream event is now available on our YouTube page. So head over to BLB.org/YouTube today, and learn more about who we are from our leadership. 



Jordan Replogle

STAFF TIP: Utilizing the Citation Tool



My staff tip is helpful for anyone who is writing papers or has the need to cite their work. On the top right of our menu bar, just left of our "Print" button is the "CITE THIS" button. With this tool, one can easily retrieve the citation information for the given page on BLB.org and copy it from the citation pop-up, and then paste the citation into their paper.

We have the citation formatted to multiple style guides: Modern Language Association (MLA), American Psychological Association (APA), Chicago Manual of Style, and Society of Biblical Literature (SBL), for those of you who attend a Bible college or seminary.

This tool works on all of our Bible pages, so whether you need to quote the Bible, reference a Bible dictionary or lexical entry, or cite a commentary on the Blue Letter Bible, this quick "CITE THIS" button will make it easy for you to copy and paste the needed citation.

For more information, check out our Citing the BLB help page at BLB.org/Help/Citation 

New Content / Announcements

Study.Bible – New Home of the BLB Institute

We completely redesigned the Blue Letter Bible Institute and are releasing it at a brand-new web location – Study.Bible.

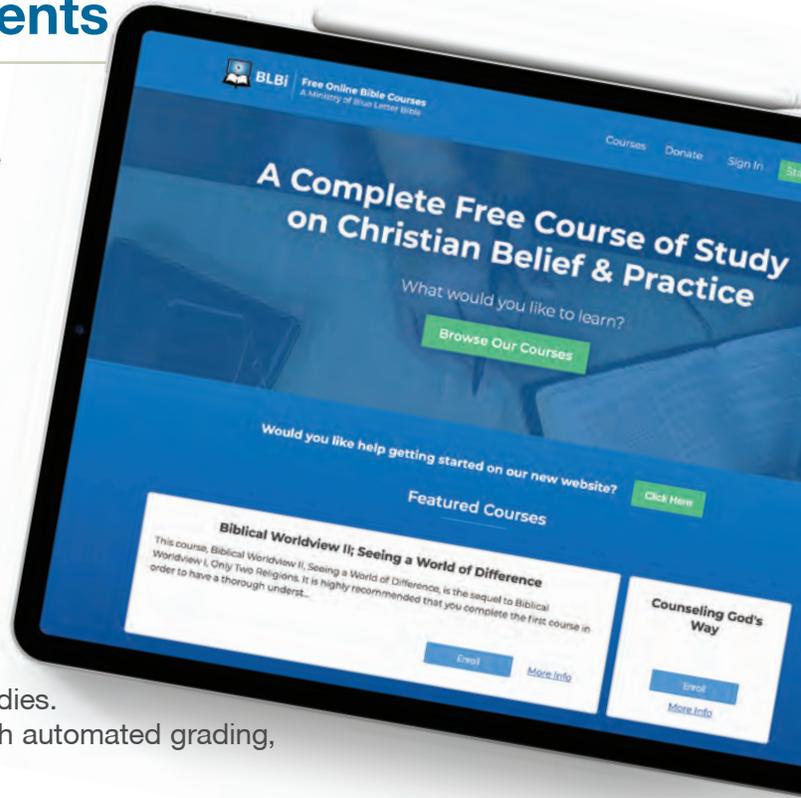
Take advantage of the following new features:

- Completely redesigned look and feel
- Easy-to-navigate experience
- Mobile and tablet-friendly platform for classes “on the go”
- Course progress tracking feature
- One unified account for the BLB Institute and BLB website

The BLB Institute offers 14 courses covering Doctrine of the Faith, Exposition of Scriptures, Christian Life and Practice, and Apologetics and Cults, and are working on eight more in the area of biblical studies.

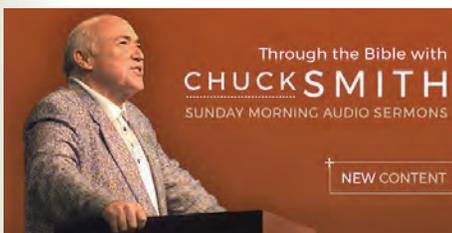
The courses are self-paced, contain exam questions with automated grading, and offer certificates upon successful completion.

Stay tuned for an exciting new partnership with an accredited Bible college--offering new courses and opportunities for BLB Institute students. 



New Study Resource – Bible Book Introductions by Grace to You

Now available on BLB is a complete collection of Bible book introductions, which have been made publicly available by the ministry of Grace to You. Including all 66 books of the Holy Bible, this resource offers key insights into the book’s author and setting, theological and historical themes, and literary outline—all of which is presented in an easy-to-read format. An essential resource for understanding a passage’s content. 



Pastor Chuck Smith’s Sunday Morning Audio Series

The Word for Today has graciously offered BLB access to Pastor Chuck Smith’s Sunday morning sermon series from 1985 to 1999. This audio series includes hundreds of Pastor Chuck’s messages that focus on key portions of Scripture from Genesis through Revelation. 

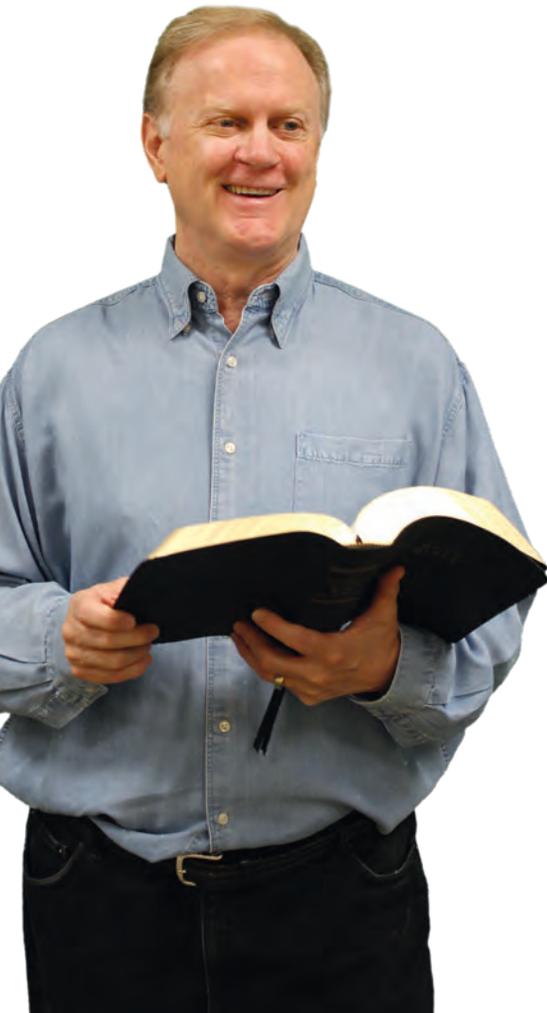


New Audio Content – Through the Bible with Pastor Raul Ries

Pastor Raul Ries of Calvary Chapel Golden Springs has graciously offered BLB access to his Through the Bible audio series. In this series, Pastor Raul provides expositional teaching on every book and chapter of the Bible. 



GOD'S WORD IS **ALIVE** & **ACTIVE**



Being Intentional in Our Study of God's Word

The Bible in 2 Peter 1:5 encourages us with these words: “applying all diligence, in your faith supply... knowledge.” Sometimes the diligent pursuit of knowledge is downplayed in the church. Is not just a zealous faith what counts? But the example of Apollos in Acts 18:24–26 is instructive. Apollos was “fervent in spirit.” He spoke eloquently and powerfully about Jesus. However, Priscilla and Aquila had to take him aside and explain the way of God “more accurately.” Apollos needed to supply additional knowledge to his faith. With a better understanding of the truth, he was a mighty force for the Lord in the early church.

This is the vision of BLB—the formation of many people like Apollos around the globe. A careful study of the Scriptures does not hinder zeal—it enhances our passion. And we cannot know the mind of God apart from extensive study of what He has told us about Himself. The tools available on our website—whether the lexicons, devotionals, commentaries, Bible courses, or our enhanced parsing tool—will aid you in this effort. Let's make 2020 a “Blue Letter Year” in our knowledge of our amazing God!

Jim Milligan
President/CEO

User Testimony

I use BLB almost every day to search for verses. One great exploration that brought me a better understanding of my Lord was a search for “I Am!” Reading verses from OT and NT gave me a precious view of my God! Thank you BLB for the tool and the Holy Spirit for revealing God's word to me. — Pat

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