

Online Resources

Organised by Topic

Bibles

<https://bible.com>

Good for range of English versions – also contains some minority language versions.

<https://live.bible.is/>
<https://faithcomesbyhearing.com>

Good range of minority language versions (including all translations under the auspices of Wycliffe Bible Translators).
All freely available online – downloads require registration.

Bible Study

E-sword (<https://www.e-sword.net>)

Downloadable program. Free version comes with limited resources (out of copyright = older). More modern resources can be purchased individually.

Accordance (<https://www.accordancebible.com>)

Free trial download didn't work on my PC, but might be worth trying out.

<https://biblicalstudies.org.uk>

Part of <https://theologyontheweb.org.uk> – includes freely available resources and links to purchase resources – be aware of the difference.

<https://stepbible.org>

Online and offline versions available. (Note that offline version also uses the internet browser). Only limited resources (out of copyright = older) available.

<https://app.logos.com>

Logos – seen as the peak resource. Free version available with usual free out-of-copyright resources. Subscription version contains a lot of resources. (Not just Bible study)
NB – even free version requires subscription to download desktop version.

<https://app.biblearc.com>

Online Bible study tools, produced by Bethlehem College & Seminary. Free tools available for institutions in the developing world.

Theology (may include biblical studies)

<https://theologyontheweb.org.uk>

Range of resources – mainly out of copyright, but also some newer resources made available through agreements.

Made up of these linked sites:

<https://biblicalstudies.org.uk>

<https://biblicalarchaeology.org.uk>

<https://earlychurch.org.uk/>

<https://medievalchurch.org.uk/>

<https://reformationchurch.org.uk/>

<https://theologicalstudies.org.uk/>

<https://missiology.org.uk/>

<https://www.christianstudylibrary.org/>

Based in South Africa. Digital resources arm of the Reformational Study Centre (<https://www.refstudycentre.com/>). Resources are curated by topic, and also labelled as ‘basic’, ‘popular’, ‘semi-technical’, and ‘technical’. RSC have done a lot of indexing to provide descriptions of each article.

Post-Reformation Digital Library (<https://www.prdl.org>)

Niche resource listing digital books relating to C¹⁵-C¹⁸

Christian Classics Ethereal Library (<https://www.ccel.org/>)

Wide range of online books. Not specifically academic resources. Limited to out-of-copyright material. Also contains many audio books. Also contains many books in xml format – a user with the necessary expertise can use tools to make these compatible with other platforms.

Monergism (<https://www.monergism.com>)

Specifically Reformed resources. Includes sermon transcripts and audio files.

Institute for the Study of Islam and Christianity online library (<https://library.barnabasfund.net>)

Partners of Barnabas Aid so reliable. Members only site, but free to majority world.

Theological Book Network (<https://www.etbn.global/>)

Designed for majority world institutions

General

Academic Journals

Directory of Open Access Journals (<https://doaj.org>)

General, not specifically theological. Over 10 million articles – need to budget time to do some advanced searching to find a good set of results.

Globe Ethics (<https://repository.globethics.net>)

Indexed collections of open access journal articles with an emphasis on ethics, but including much theological material.

Open Access Digital Theological Library
(<https://libguides.thedtl.org/oadt/>)

One of the most comprehensive places to start a search – contains material referenced in most of the other sources mentioned here.

<https://www.tyndalebulletin.org>

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<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/themelios>

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https://biblicalstudies.org.uk/articles_sbet-01.php

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(1983 to 2013)

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<https://missionalia.journals.ac.za>

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<https://atjcs.netact.org.za>

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These are a sample of some of the high quality academic resources which are available online as open source journals

Ebsco

<https://essentials.ebsco.com/>

This is where Ebsco indexes free and open source resources. Unfortunately, they only bundle this up with the Academic Search Ultimate package

ATLA(S) / Premier;Elite;Ultimate

These are the most common licensed packages which are available as an Ebsco subscription

JSTOR (<https://www.jstor.org>)

This is a collection of ebooks and journal articles. The focus is social science, but there is valuable material here for practical theology (especially counselling) and Africana. Some material is made freely available to African institutions.

<p>Books</p> <p>AOSIS (https://books.aosis.co.za/index.php/ob)</p> <p>https://library.ivpbooks.com/</p>	<p>Open source. General, not theological, but includes some theological series.</p> <p>The full range of IVP titles available online on a personal subscription basis.</p>
<p>Theses</p> <p>E-Theses Online Service (https://ethos.bl.uk/Home.do)</p> <p>Open Access Theses and Dissertations (https://oatd.org)</p>	<p>Database of UK PhD theses and dissertations. This uses a strange funding model, where the first person to request a thesis has to pay for it to be digitised, and all subsequent requests are free.</p> <p>NB – not currently available, following the cyber attack on the British Library in October 2023.</p> <p>Comprehensive list of theses and dissertations from around the world – general, not specifically theological.</p>
<p>Citation</p> <p>Zotero (https://www.zotero.org)</p>	<p>Standalone source manager and bibliography creator, with plugins for browsers and word processors.</p>
<p>Parallel Tracks</p> <p>https://african.theologyworldwide.com</p> <p>https://africanpastors.org/what-we-do/evitabu/</p>	<p>Website designed to make African resources available worldwide. Consists of bibliographies, individual articles and portals. Can be filtered to include only free materials.</p> <p>Collection of theological e-resources on a physical e-reader or a smartphone app. E-readers have to be requested (contact details on website), and app version will be populated with resources when the user creates an account and signs in.</p>