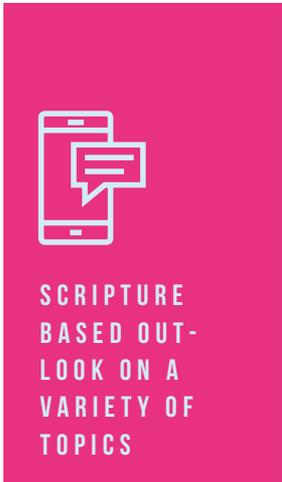


# WEEKLY CHRISTIAN FOCUS

## MY FAVOURITE TWO ENGLISH BIBLES!

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Greetings to our regular weekly audience. God bless you. This week marks the 52nd edition and the end of the first years' volume of the WCF! (We will be working on creating a digital book of all the 52 editions in the near future, and will let you know when it is available.)

We are going to wrap up this volume and this first year of weekly editions, with looking at my two favourite Bible translations in English: **The King James's Version (KJV)** and the **Amplified Bible Classic AMPC**.

I pray these thoughts and pointers will be a blessing to all of you who study the Bible in English.

### My personal story. The King James version.

I spent the years between the ages of 17 to 65 reading almost exclusively the King James's version of the Bible. I love it and still do.

NOTHING compares with the KJV in terms of purity. When you read the KJV, you know that by and large (with a few exceptions, nothing's perfect right?) that you are going to



get an accurate translation from the Hebrew and Greek original texts. Personally, I spent years and years memorising the KJV Bible verses as I am sure many of you have done. Hundreds of them, almost a thousand by the last count some decades ago, and that was when I was in my twenties. I found out that in all times of victory, trouble or anguish or whatever season of my life, the Word of God in the KJV came to life by the Holy Spirit in my mind and heart. A verse of passage was AL-

WAYS there to help direct my path and lead me into a victory.

Here are the opinions of a few other people about the KJV.

**The King James Version** is the world's most widely known Bible translation, using early seventeenth-century English. Its powerful, majestic style has made it a literary classic, with many of its phrases and expressions embedded in our language.

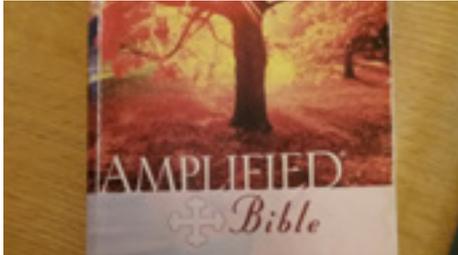
The KJV has stood the test of time and is the best Bible with a high level of vocabulary and speaks with authority.

The KJV doesn't pull its punches. It presents the Word of God in an unadulterated way, both the good and the bad as well as its blessings and warnings.

## The Amplified Classic Bible

About 4 years ago, I studied something that was presented to me in the AMPLIFIED BIBLE! As I read this Bible for the first time, I began to think, "Whoa! Where have I been all these years? This is way better than the KJV!" At least that was my first reaction.

What I do now, is that I study



my Bible in both, and compare them as I read chapters. I find this the best way to fully understand and meditate on the Word. Because the Word of God gives us Light, Victory, Faith, Encouragement, Praise and the Anointing to do many things, it's really important that we cherish and hunger for the Word of God. So getting the purest versions of the Bible is essential in my opinion for spiritual growth.

Let me give you the example, I feel would be good for you to realise how great these two versions are: and I hope our designer can place these Bible texts next to each other on the page.

### Hebrews 1:1-4 King James version

1 God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,

2 Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;

3 Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high:

4 Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.

### Hebrew 1:1-4 AMPLIFIED CLASSIC VERSION

1 In many separate revelations [each of which set forth a portion of the Truth] and in different ways God spoke of old to [our] forefathers in and by the prophets,

2 [But] in [the] last of these days He has spoken to us in [the person of a] Son, Whom He appointed Heir and lawful Owner of all things, also by and through Whom He created the worlds and the reaches of space and the ages of time [He made, produced, built, operated, and arranged them in order].

3 He is the sole expression of the glory of God [the Light-being, the [out]-raying or radiance of the divine], and He is the perfect imprint and very image of [God's] nature, upholding and maintaining and guiding and propelling the universe by His mighty word of power. When He had by offering Himself accomplished our cleansing of sins and riddance of guilt, He sat down at the right hand of the divine Majesty on high,

4 [Taking a place and rank by which] He Himself became as much superior to angels as the glorious Name (title) which

He has inherited is different from and more excellent than theirs.

### And also here is a random verse in Hebrew 3:13

**KJV** But exhort one another daily, while it is called Today; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

**AMPLIFIED BIBLE** : But instead warn (admonish, urge, and encourage) one another every day, as long as it is called Today, that none of you may be hardened [into settled rebellion] by the deceitfulness of sin [by the fraudulence, the stratagem, the trickery which the delusive glamor of his sin may play on him].

Faith comes by reading the Word of God. Romans 10:17 so It's vital we spend the right amount of time with God in the best possible Biblical environment. I pray this is a blessing to you.

Much love in Jesus,

Jerry



p.s for those of you who rely more on the audio Bible you can find the KJV read (every book corporately or individually on YouTube. Look for the version read by Alexander Scorby see: audio bible Scorby <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=og1Jp1JENTw>

the audio Bible is best heard on this: Flowing in the Light <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJFk4fbkunCcZc-JXRWUZ5wg> (starting point)

## [Why the King James Bible of 1611 Remains the Most Popular Translation in History - HISTORY](#)

[Amplified Bible, Classic Edition \(AMPC\) - Version Information - BibleGateway.com](#) (information about this version of the Bible)

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### **Here's a summary of the top fourteen Bible study apps:**

#1 – Accordance

#2 – Bible.IS

#3 – Bible Gateway

#4 – Bible Hub

#5 – Blue Letter Bible

#6 – Dwell: Audio Bible

#7 – eBible

#8 – e-Sword

#9 – Faithlife Study Bible

#10 – Filament Bible App

#11 – Just1Word Bible

#12 – Logo's by Faithlife

#13 – Olive Tree

#14 – The Bible App by You-Version

### **#1 – Accordance**

Accordance is a fast and powerful app that allows you to search, read, and study the Bible. It is known for its ease of use and flexibility as it

removes the common road-blocks to an in-depth scriptural study by keeping the Bible at the center of your studies.

Read along with commentary or enter your own notes

Compare to translations side by side in sync with each other

Take notes, highlight, and bookmark

Syncs across devices

Search for words and verses

Includes Greek and Hebrew search function

Price: Free with in-app upgrade options

Platforms: Mac, Windows, Android, and iOS

### **#2 – Bible.IS**

The Bible.IS app does more than reading you the Bible. It functions like a simple Bible study and reading app. You can download multiple translations and search the Bible. Share your favorite verses online, bookmark or highlight them, and record notes.

Free access to the Bible in 1,300+ languages

Easily create custom plans and playlists

Search Bible passages by language or country

Bookmark, highlight, and add notes

Access to Gospel Films

Social media and email integration

Price: Free

Platforms: iPhone, iPad, Android, Kindle Fire, and Online

### **#3 – Bible Gateway**

Bible Gateway App makes it easy to read, hear, study, and understand the Bible. Offers a Verse of the day in the translation of your choice and multiple plans to study and engage with the Bible in a way that fits your needs.

90 different Bible translations

Over 20 audio Bibles

Features note-taking, highlight, and star options

Night toggle mode

Compare up to three versions side-by-side

Share on Facebook and Twitter

Price: Free with upgrade options

Platforms: iPhone, iPad, Android, Kindle Fire, and online

### **#4 – Bible Hub**

Bible Hub offers quick access to the Bible with an offline Bible reader, search functionality, online Bibles, commentaries, devotions, topics, interlinear, and much more.

Study Tools

Search tools

Multilingual Bibles

Greek and Hebrew study tools

Price: Free

Platforms: iPhone, iPad, Android, and Online

## **#5 – Blue Letter Bible**

Blue Letter Bible features powerful Bible study tools linked to every verse in an easy-to-use, personalized Bible reader. You can customize your reading experience with themes, fonts, auto-scrolling, and parallel versions. It also features the ability to take notes, highlight and underline.

Powerful FREE Bible study tools

Customized Bible Reader

Ability to compare different versions simultaneously

Share socially

30+ Translations

Customized themes

Audio commentaries

Price: Free

Platforms: iPhone, iPad, Android, Kindle Fire, and Online

## **#6 – Dwell: Audio Bible**

Dwell allows you to explore scripture through stories, scripture, passages, and plans.

10 different voices

Original Music composed just for scripture

Original artwork to illustrate scripture

Price: \$29.99 year or \$149.99 for a lifetime subscription

Platforms: iOS or GooglePlay

## **#7 – eBible**

eBible marries a social network with Bible study in a nicely laid out mobile app. In addition to the Bible study site, there's also a Q&A section where users can post thoughts and answer other

people's questions. A subscription also adds other study tools. The subscription offers commentaries, dictionaries, and Strong's dictionaries.

Page-flip simulates real book experience

Journal notes and search by keywords

Create reading plans, bookmarks, and notes

Layered highlight option

Fast navigation

Sync to cloud and other devices

40+ translations

Price: Free with subscription upgrade options

Platforms: iPhone, iPad, Android, Online

## **#8 – e-Sword**

e-Sword is a fast and effective way to study the Bible. e-Sword is feature-rich and user friendly with more capabilities than you would expect in free Bible study apps. The fact that e-Sword is free is just one of the blessings and does not speak of the quality of the app. Below you'll find a list of features that you will discover helps make Bible study both enjoyable and enriching.

Parallel Bible

Integrated Editor

Graphics Viewer

Audio Sermons

Green and Hebrew tools

Sync across iOS products when purchasing device-specific apps.

Price: Free PC download with priced upgrade options for apps

Platforms: iPhone, iPad, Android, Kindle Fire, PC, and Mac via Website

## **#9 – Faithlife Study Bible**

The Faithlife Study Bible is structured to help you engage with God's Word. Discover intriguing insights in robust study notes based on the original languages of the Bible. It has beautiful graphics that will enrich your study and bring the Bible to life.

Compatible with many Bible translations

Offers 3 layers of study notes

365 -day devotional and reading plan

Access to over 400 photos, videos, and infographics

Price: Free

Platforms: iOS, Android Play Store, and Amazon App Store

## **#10 – Filament Bible App**

The Filament app pairs perfectly with the Filament Bible, and it is unlike anything else you've ever experienced. The Filament app has a depth of resources that you simply can't find in any print Bible, and it has the kind of seamless connection to a print Bible that no other app or Bible software can offer.

iPhone and iPad recognize Bible pages and connects directly to related content

In-depth study notes

Profiles of every person mentioned in the Bible

Articles about key topics

Devotionals and interactive maps

Price: Free

Platforms: iOS

### **#11 – Just1Word Bible**

The One Bible app gives you free Bible versions to read, study, and grow from. You can navigate by Book, topic, passage, search, and more. There are audio options to listen to your favorite passages when reading is impossible.

Personalize with notes, highlights, and bookmarks

Change font size, type, and background-color

Set daily reading plans with scripture-based devotions

Quick Navigation

Share verses and links socially

Price: Free

Platforms: iPhone, iPad, Android, Kindle Fire, PC (both Windows Store and web), and Mac via Website

### **#12 – Logos by Faithlife**

This app is not intended just for reading. It allows you to dive deep into the study with a library of biblical resources built-in. You can study through the carefully curated digital library or create your own plan.

Syncs across all devices

Available in all translations

Reference scanner

Text comparison and split-screen

Best note taking and highlighting tools

Customize the appearance of text

Large selection of Bible plan and course options

Create prayer lists and study topics

Price: Free with additional costs to add more features and versions

Platforms: Windows, Mac, iOS, and Android

### **#13 – Olive Tree**

Olive Tree equips you with easy-to-use Bible study tools so you can stop skimming Scripture and get answers. Features resources from audio Bibles, to reading plans, to ebooks and audiobooks.

Syncs across devices

Works on all systems

Easy to add notes

Can label high colors

Audio options to have Bible read to you

Ability to bookmark

Price: Free with upgrade op-

tions

Platforms: Mac, Windows, iPhone, iPad, Android, and Kindle Fire.

### **#14 – The Bible App by YouVersion**

The most downloaded Bible on any device comes from YouVersion. They own the website Bible.com where users can do most of what they enjoy in their app right on the web, including downloading modern translations as well as other languages.

Easy access to thousands of Bible versions in over 1,300 languages

60 languages to choose from in the Bible App interface

Offline Bible options

Connect with friends through social media and the app

Thousands of devotionals and plans

Customizable themes

Bookmark, highlight, and note options

Cloud syncing

Price: Free

Platforms: iPhone, iPad, Android, Kindle Fire, Online.

\*List from Church Tech Today. <https://churchtechtoday.com/14-best-bible-study-apps/>



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