

COLOSSIANS



FOLLOWING JESUS

PRACTICE: BIBLE STUDY



WORD STUDY

When studying the Bible, it can be fun (and helpful) to take a deep dive in understanding a particular word. This week we study the word, “gospel”.

The original languages of the Bible were Hebrew (Old Testament) and Greek (New Testament). Most of us don't have time to learn these languages but there are wonderful tools to help us in our study.

ON WORD STUDIES:

► Doing a Word Study

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Pray:

Before you begin your word study, pause for a conversation with God. Thank him for being present with you by his Spirit. Ask him to speak to you as you study.

Study:

This week we study the word *gospel*, which appears just four times in Colossians but is significant to this book and all of Paul's teaching.

Where does “gospel” show up in Colossians and what does the context reveal about the meaning of the word?

Colossians 1:5-6

Colossians 1:23



Where does “gospel” show up in the other writings of Paul and what does the context reveal about the meaning of the word?

Biblegateway.com allows you to search a word in various ways by using the search tool. To find the word “gospel” in Paul’s writings follow this path: Biblegateway.com > Read the Bible > Advanced Search > Keyword Search > Enter the Word and under options limit your search to Pauline Epistles.

▶ **Here's a shortcut.**

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PRO-TIP:

Try to read words in their context for greater understanding. Just like English, where and how a word is used is key to understanding its meaning. Record what you learn about “gospel” in Paul’s writings:

Get Help:

You can go deeper into the word “gospel” by using a **lexicon of Old and New Testament words**. ▶ **studylight.org**

Fortunately for us, The Bible Project has a Word Study Video on “gospel” that will give context and meaning to the word from the original languages and the entirety of Scripture: ▶ **bibleproject.com/explore/video/euangelion-gospel**

Record what you learn about the word “gospel” from The Bible Project and/or the lexicon.

Worship:

Pause to worship God as he has revealed himself in the word “gospel”.

Living the Scripture:

What is one thing you will do this week as a response to what God revealed to you through this word study?

BONUS MATERIALS FOR A DEEPER DIVE INTO “GOSPEL”

▶ **Reading the Gospel while Black with Essau McCaulley and NT Wright**

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▶ **Scot McKnight: What is the Gospel?**

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▶ **NT Wright: What is the Gospel?**

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