Franklin Church of Christ
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AM Worship

How to Get More from Your Bible

Hebrews 4:12

Introduction:

A. **Why is reading the Bible so taxing?**
   1. Difficult to understand; overwhelming; boring.
   2. Out of date; not relevant.
   3. Many would rather read novels, magazines, etc.

B. **Conclusion: No desire to study it.**

Discussion:

I. Why Study the Bible At All?
   A. **Edification:** To stand approved before God. **2 Tim. 2:15**
   B. **Evangelism:** Give a reason for the hope that lies within us. **1 Pet. 3:15**
   C. **Because we simply want to** *draw closer to our God*!

II. Without Purpose or Urgency …
   A. **Without purpose** … there is no apparent need to study. cp. **Acts 8:30-31**
   B. **Without urgency** … there is no drive to study.
   C. **Without desire** … there will be no genuine study.

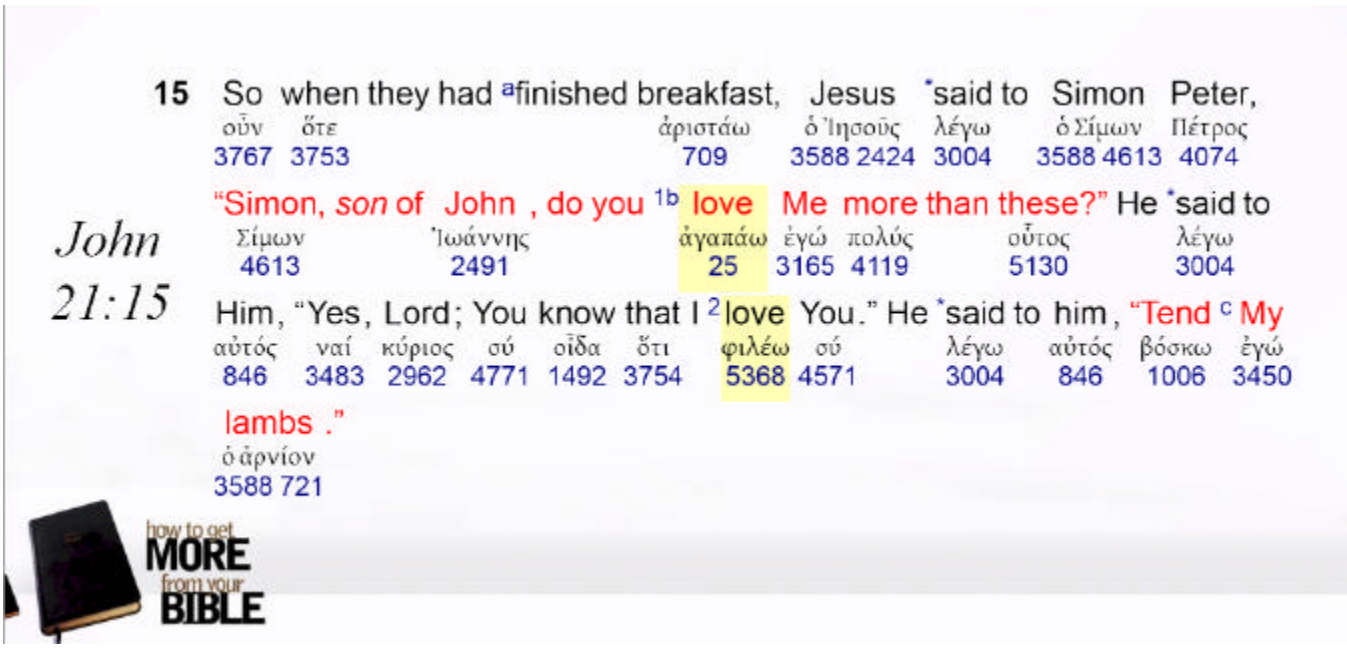
III. Keys to Effective Bible Study
   A. **Attitude!**
   B. **Perseverance:** learning is time consuming.
   C. **Bible Reading, Bible Reading, Bible Reading, etc.** (connecting the dots: dots get closer and the picture becomes clearer).

IV. No Good Without Good Tools
   A. You can study the Bible by just reading and discernment.
   B. Your studies are greatly enhanced, however, with tools.
   C. Studying the Bible without any or insufficient tools can be quite difficult!

V. Tools of the Trade
   A. **Translations**

King James Version	New American Standard Bible	The Lexham English Bible	English Standard Version
2 Ti 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.	2 Ti 2:15 Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, handling accurately the word of truth.	2 Ti 2:15 Make every effort to present yourself approved to God, a worker having no need to be ashamed, guiding the word of truth along a straight path.	2 Ti 2:15 Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.

B. **Interlinear**



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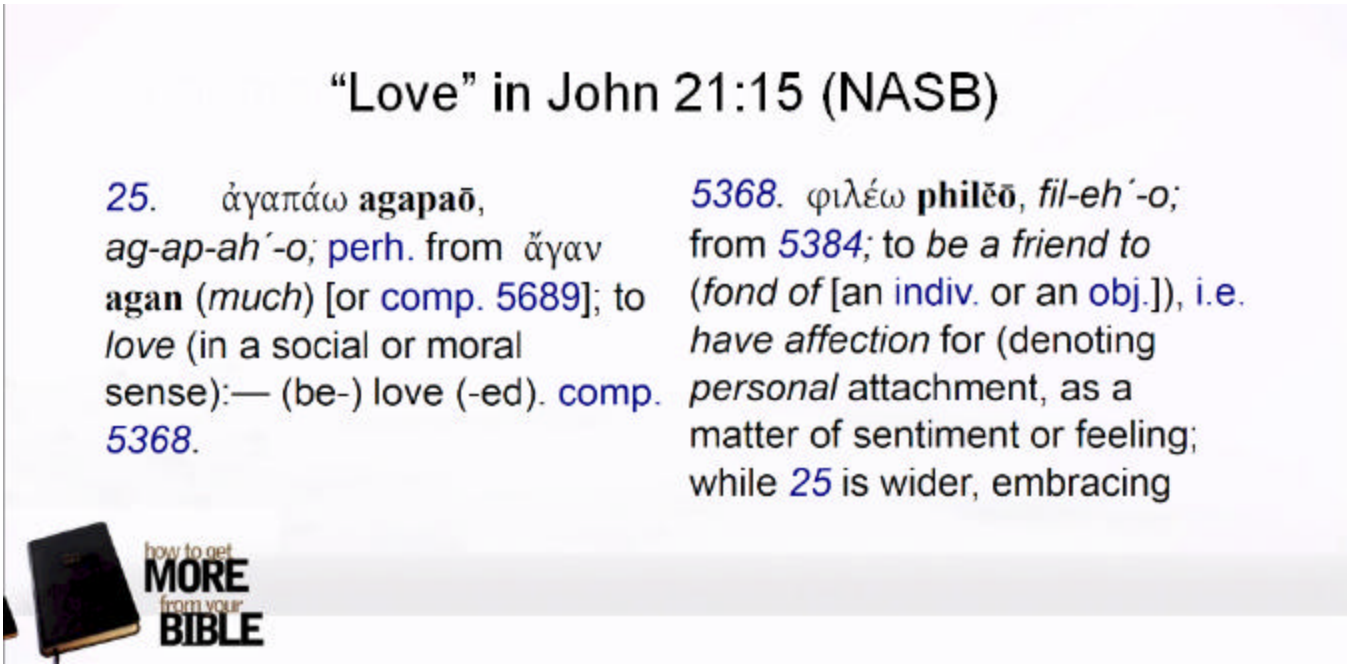

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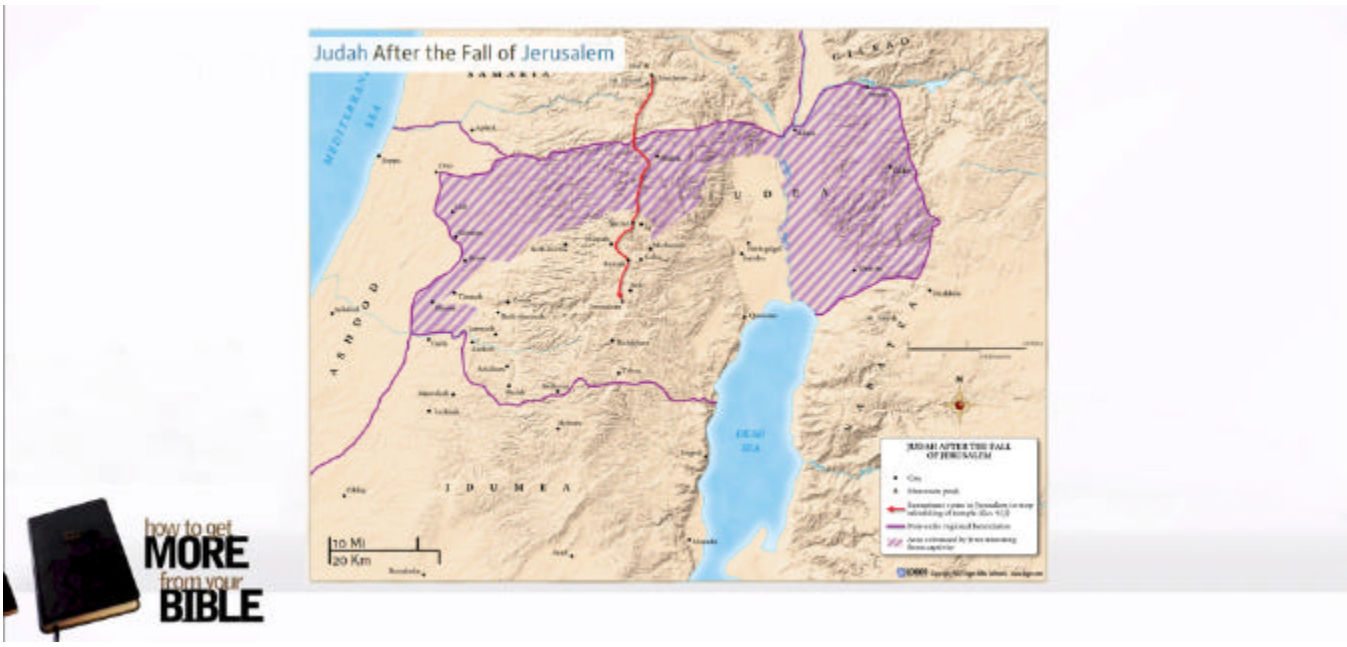
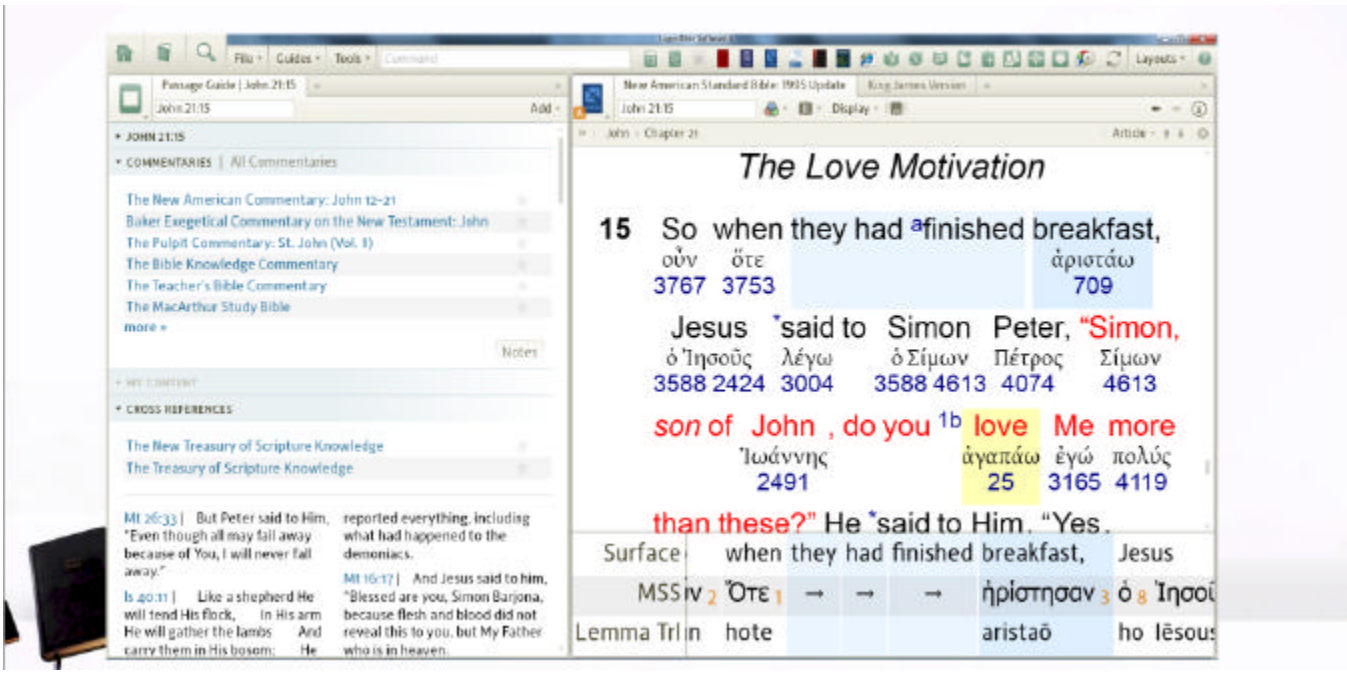


E. **Bible Software**

1. Use a Bible software program … much easier than books
2. Free: E-Sword (.net); The Word (.net)
3. Online: www.mystudybible.com www.youversion.com



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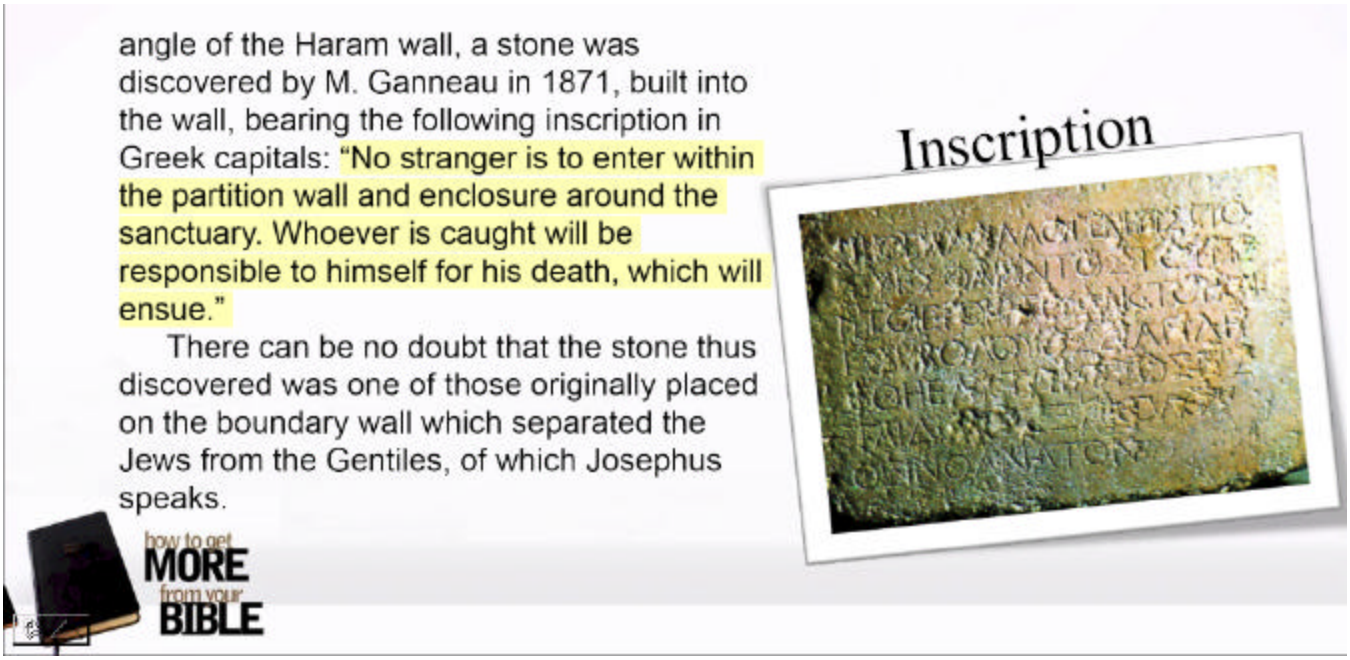

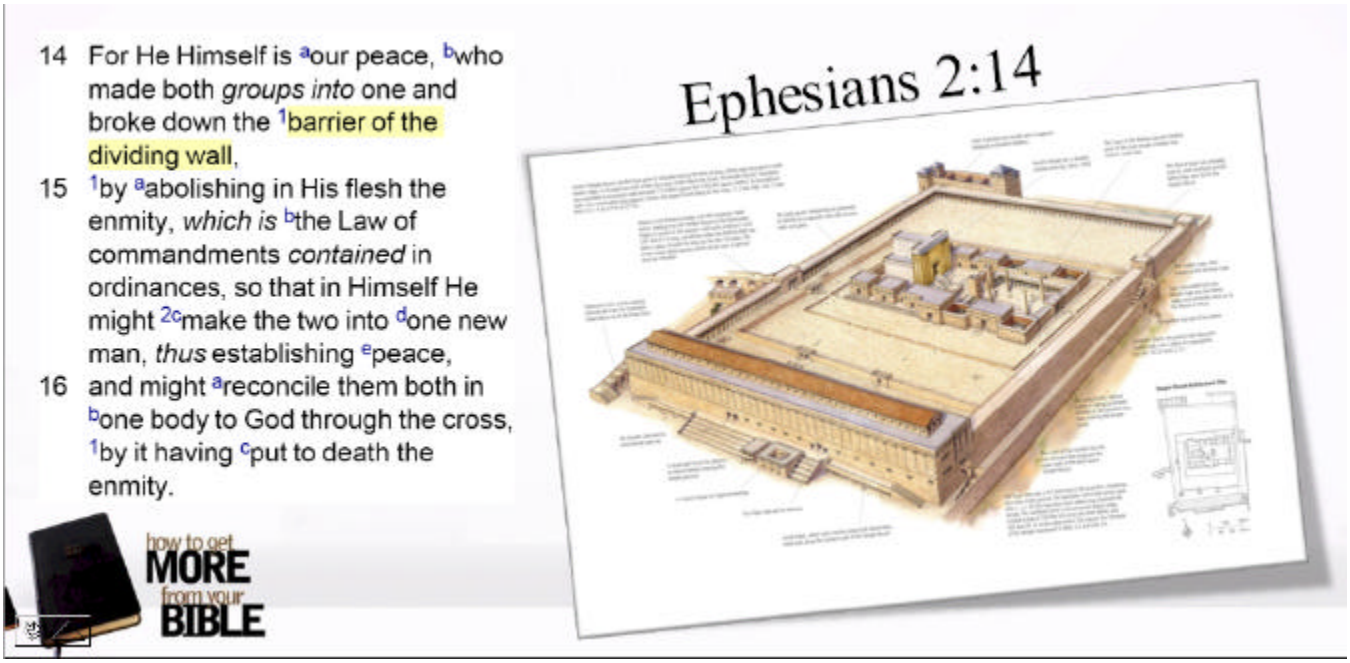

Conclusion ~ Life Application:

A. No Bible study has any value unless it affects you *personally*.
B. There is no desire to study unless we can appreciate the salvation given to us by God.
C. Because of our salvation we should long for souls to be **saved … and give all an answer for the hope that lies within each of us**!