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For You have magnified Your Word above all Your Name

WORD OF GOD
Psalm 138:2

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MAGNIFYING GOD'S WORD



Dance Studio Owner Discovers Grace Studying Blue Letter Bible

AFTER FOLLOWING CHRIST FOR OVER 20 YEARS, REBECCA, A DANCE STUDIO OWNER, ENTERED WHAT SHE DESCRIBED AS A "DARK SEASON." "I HAD BECOME SPIRITUALLY LAZY AND SELF SUFFICIENT," REBECCA REVEALS, "I WASN'T GROWING IN MY FAITH AND MADE CHOICES OPPOSITE OF WHAT THE BIBLE TEACHES."

Rebecca realized she needed to return to studying God's Word and she remembered that her pastor had recommended Blue Letter Bible.

One of the Blue Letter Bible resources that brought Rebecca from this time of despair was Bob Hoekstra's daily devotional, *Day by Day by Grace*.

"Pastor Bob pounded again and again on the fact that grace is the only means of salvation," Rebecca explained.

Pastor Hoekstra's clear teaching of the Scriptures helped Rebecca grasp that much of her dark path detour was caused by her poor understanding of grace. Rebecca shares, "I was trying to be sanctified by good works."

Rebecca adds, "Now, I know it was God's grace that let me fail in my own strength, in

order to show me that my sufficiency is in Christ alone. That's when God showed me grace and gave me peace!"

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Rebecca
Dance Studio Owner

Today, Rebecca not only uses Blue Letter Bible to continue her own personal Bible studies, but she also uses it to help others.

Currently, Rebecca is discipling her middle school and high school dance students about God's grace. **Continued on page 2**

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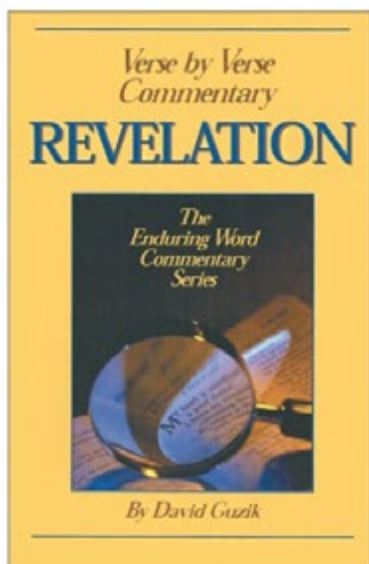
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MEET THE AUTHOR

DAVID GUZIK



Blue Letter Bible Users Shape the Focus of Prominent Author



Find all of David Guzik's commentaries online for your use at Blue Letter Bible.

"BEFORE MY TEACHING NOTES WERE DISTRIBUTED ON BLUE LETTER BIBLE, I HAD NO IDEA THEY MIGHT BE HELPFUL TO OTHERS," NOTES DAVID GUZIK, THE MOST WIDELY READ LIVING AUTHOR ON BLUE LETTER BIBLE.


"The Blue Letter Bible is one of the first and best Bible study resource sites available. One of the best things about it is the constant improvement and expansion of the resource. The good that BLB has done in the spiritual growth and development of millions is beyond the ability to calculate," reports Guzik, pastor of Calvary Chapel of Santa Barbara and teacher at Generation Bible College.

In Christian service for more than 30 years, Guzik's Bible commentaries are widely used and are being translated into many languages.

Guzik shares, "I use Blue Letter Bible for two main things: as a concordance to search for word use and Bible passages, and to access helpful commentators."

"I'm profoundly grateful to the people at Blue Letter Bible for distributing my teaching notes," Guzik adds.


Guzik also expressed how thankful he is for the many Blue Letter Bible users who encourage his work. He shares, "It has expanded the scope of what I do for Jesus far beyond what I ever expected. And it has made me more deliberate and focused in what I prepare, knowing that God may use it to help many, many others."

David concludes, "I encourage everyone who benefits from their hard work for Jesus to pray for continued blessing on that work." 



Dance Studio Owner Finds Grace

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When you give to Blue Letter Bible, you are providing valuable resources to godly leaders like Rebecca. She thinks her students will need four years to complete the lessons in the *Day by Day by Grace* series. Like dance, fluid understanding takes time. In time, not only will her students' young bodies move gracefully on the dance floor but soon their souls will be moved by the beautiful movements of God's grace. 



TECHNICAL EXPERTS
SHARE INSIGHT INTO
OUR NEW VERSION OF
BLUE LETTER BIBLE.

ASK The Experts

Q Can the new version save my study page preferences?

A Yes, you can create a personal account, which will save your study preferences such as font type and size, preferred Bible version, and copy/paste options. You can also easily manage email devotional and newsletter subscriptions.

Q Will the new version have the same resources?

A Yes, the new version contains all of the study resources that you enjoy most. We've restructured the new site to make finding resources even easier than before.

Q Is there a drop-down menu system to make it easier to select Bible books and chapters?

A Yes, many users asked for this feature, and a drop-down menu is now available for quick and easy navigation.

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Introducing Our New Version of Blue Letter Bible




*Our free website has a whole new look
and it's easier to use than ever!*

For over a decade we have continued to add new study resources and features without changing the overall layout of our site. Now our new version offers easier accessibility to all of the features that you use the most.

I'm extremely impressed. Blue Letter Bible is the most user-friendly Bible website I have ever come across. This is awesome!


—Jeff

Now you can personalize study pages with your favorite Bible versions and study resources, while using our powerful tools and simpler navigation system. We realize that change can be challenging, so we've also created short video tutorials and plenty of help pages to guide you. The old site has been renamed "BLB Classic" and will remain available and updated. 

NEW AT BLUE LETTER BIBLE: CREEDS, CATECHISMS, AND CONFESSIONS

WHILE CREEDS, CATECHISMS, AND CONFESSIONS CAN NEVER REPLACE SCRIPTURE, THEY ARE GROUNDED IN GOD'S WORD AND OFFER MANY BENEFITS FOR THOSE WHO STUDY THEM.

Blue Letter Bible now offers creeds, catechisms, and confessions in the content section. Creeds (from the Latin word "credo" which means "I believe") are miniature statements of faith. For centuries creeds have provided believers a way to see the core beliefs of their faith in summary form.

Catechisms are reference manuals of doctrine, written in a question-and-answer format with many supporting verse references. Confessions are written in essay style and organized according to subject, complete with verse proofs to reinforce your study of God's Word. We are able to provide resources like these thanks to the faithful gifts of donors just like you. 



Our Blue Letter Bible users find balanced, traditional, Orthodox Christian resources such as these in our content section:

- The Apostles' Creed*
- The Athanasian Creed*
- The Nicene Creed*
- Heidelberg Catechism of 1563*
- A Scripture Catechism**
- A Plain Catechism for Children**
- A Short Catechism about the Lord's Supper**
- A Puritan Catechism with Proofs*
- Augsburg Confession of 1530*
- Baptist Confession of 1689*
- Westminster Confession of 1646*
- * authored by Matthew Henry*



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

Sharing the Stories of Life Change


THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS AND GENEROSITY TO BLUE LETTER BIBLE. LIKE YOU, I EXPERIENCE GREAT JOY WHEN I ENCOUNTER THE STORIES OF LIVES CHANGED BY THE WORD OF GOD.

When Rebecca and Pastor Abhishek shared their stories with us (see front cover and below), I was eager to share them with you.

As you pray for and give to Blue Letter Bible, you are helping people all over the world find sound Bible study resources. You are a vital part of our ministry, which God is using to magnify His Word.

I would also enjoy hearing how Blue Letter Bible is impacting your life. Just email me direct at JMilligan@BlueLetterBible.org.

I want to encourage you to pray for us now that we have implemented the new version of the website. The overwhelming majority of our beta testers were extremely pleased with its ease of use. We believe you'll feel the same.

I truly appreciate your financial support and prayers. It is through the faithfulness of donors and prayer warriors like you that people are drawing close to God through the study of His Word on Blue Letter Bible. It is a joy to serve together. 

 **JIM MILLIGAN**
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



GLOBAL IMPACT


Flood Strikes Pastor Abhishek's Region in the Himalayas

IN OUR LAST LETTER TO BLUE LETTER BIBLE DONORS, WE SHARED HOW YOUR GIFTS ARE PROVIDING NEEDED HELP TO PASTORS IN THE REMOTE HIMALAYAN MOUNTAINS OF NORTHERN INDIA. A FEW WEEKS AGO, WE RECEIVED THIS UPDATE:

"Over the past three weeks, our area has been badly affected with floods," reports Pastor Abhishek. "There has been huge damage and loss of lives. The situation is horrifying. We are praying for help."

One of the specific ways Blue Letter Bible users can help is to provide Blue Letter Bible CDs to Christian leaders who are bringing help and hope in the midst of this tragedy. "I have been sharing Blue Letter Bible with more and more people but most of my colleagues are not able to access it online," Abhishek adds, "so the Blue Letter Bible CD comes in handy for them."

Currently, because of the generosity of people like you, we manufacture and mail over 10,000 free Blue Letter Bible CDs each year to leaders like Abhishek who minister in remote regions of our world.

Thank you for helping leaders like Abhishek receive Blue Letter Bible on CD. When you give, you are aiding them in ministering God's Word in remote or devastated areas. While the needs are great, Pastor Abhishek reports, "Ministry is progressing well." 

MORE OF ABHISHEK'S STORY: BLB.ORG/ABOUT/ABHISHEK



A representative model of Pastor Abhishek is used to protect him from persecution.



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If you are led to give, you can do so easily at our secure website: BlueLetterBible.org/give

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