

THE HOLY BIBLE

Translations & Versions

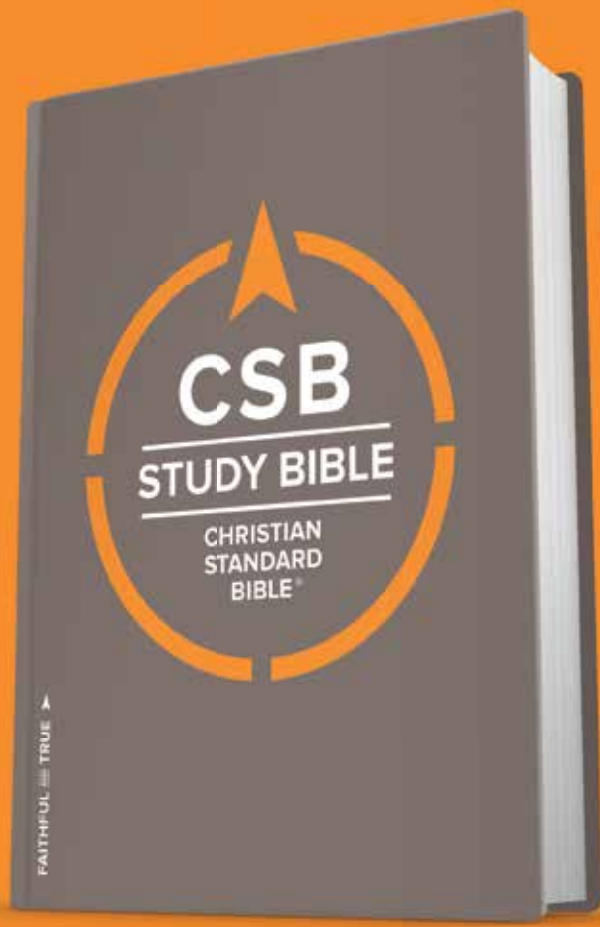
Translation/Version	Paraphrase or Type of Translation	John 3:16-17	Target Audience	Denomination/Theological Affiliation	Publisher	Year Released
AMP Amplified Bible	Formal equivalence: word-for-word plus additional amplification of word meanings	"For God so [greatly] loved and dearly prized the world, that He [even] gave His [One and] only begotten Son, so that whoever believes and trusts in Him [as Savior] shall not perish, but have eternal life. For God did not send the Son into the world to judge and condemn the world [that is, to initiate the final judgment of the world], but that the world might be saved through Him."	Those looking for more detailed shades of meaning in Scripture	None	Zondervan	1965, 1987 (expanded edition)
CEB Common English Bible	Hybrid: Verbal equivalence with dynamic balance and common language	"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him won't perish but will have eternal life. God didn't send his Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through him."	Bible readers of all ages	Interdenominational	Abingdon Press (sole distributor)	2010 (NT) 2011 (OT)
CEV Contemporary English Version	Dynamic equivalence	"God loved the people of this world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who has faith in him will have eternal life and never really die. God did not send his Son into the world to condemn its people. He sent him to save them!"	Bible readers of all ages and second language readers	Conservative, evangelical, and mainline	American Bible Society	1995
CJB Complete Jewish Bible	Dynamic equivalence (with transliterations of Hebrew names and places in easy-to-read English)	"For God so loved the world that he gave his only and unique Son, so that everyone who trusts in him may have eternal life, instead of being utterly destroyed. For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but rather so that through him, the world might be saved."	Jews and Christians interested in the Jewish background and context of the Bible	Messianic Jewish	Messianic Jewish Publishers/Jewish New Testament Publications	2017 (Updated text and introductions to each book added)
CSB Christian Standard Bible	Optimal equivalence	"For God loved the world in this way: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him."	Bible readers of all ages; suitable for preaching and serious study, reading, and sharing with others	Conservative, evangelical, interdenominational	Holman Bible Publishers	2017 (Revised from HCSB)
ESV English Standard Version	Formal equivalence: essentially literal	"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."	Bible readers of all ages	Evangelical, interdenominational, conservative	Crossway	2001
GNT Good News Translation — (formerly Good News Bible / Today's English Version)	Dynamic equivalence: thought for thought	"For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not die but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to be its judge, but to be its savior."	Evangelical and mainline Protestant; Catholic; Orthodox	Evangelical and interconfessional	American Bible Society	1976, 1992 (second edition), 2001 (GNT/Zondervan)
ICB International Children's Bible	Dynamic equivalence	"For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son. God gave his Son so that whoever believes in him may not be lost, but have eternal life. God did not send his Son into the world to judge the world guilty, but to save the world through him."	Elementary readers	Broad Evangelical	Thomas Nelson	1989
KJV King James Version — (also known as the AV — Authorized Version)	Formal equivalence	"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved."	Conservative Protestant	Church of England, conservative, and evangelical	Various	1611
KJVER King James Version Easy Read	Formal equivalence	"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved."	Conservative Protestant	Conservative and evangelical	Whitaker House	1974
MEV Modern English Version	Literal, formal equivalence	"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved."	Leaders or lay people poised to aid in the spiritual formation and discipleship of all believers	None	PASSIO/Charisma House	2014
MSG The Message	Contemporary equivalence	"This is how much God loved the world: He gave his Son, his one and only Son. And this is why: so that no one need be destroyed; by believing in him, anyone can have a whole and lasting life. God didn't go to all the trouble of sending his Son merely to point an accusing finger, telling the world how bad it was. He came to help, to put the world right again."	People who have never read the Bible, and long-time Christians wanting to read the Bible with fresh eyes	Evangelical	NavPress Publishing Group	2002
NAB New American Bible	Formal equivalence	"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him."	Catholic	Roman Catholic	Various	1970, 1986 (revised NT), 1991 (revised Psalms)
NABRE New American Bible Revised Edition	Formal equivalence	"For God so loved the world that he gave" his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn" the world, but that the world might be saved through him."	Catholic Youth	The Catholic Church	Fireside Catholic Publishing	Rereleased in new translation 2011
NASB New American Standard Bible	Formal equivalence	"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him."	Conservative, evangelical Protestant	Conservative and evangelical	Various	1971, 1995 (updated edition)
NCV New Century Version	Dynamic equivalence	"God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son so that whoever believes in him may not be lost, but have eternal life. God did not send his Son into the world to judge the world guilty, but to save the world through him."	Those who want a highly readable translation of the Bible in today's language	Conservative and evangelical	Thomas Nelson Publishers	1988, 1991 (revised)
NiRV New International Reader's Version	Dynamic equivalence: simplified NIV with an emphasis on meaning when necessary	"God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son. Anyone who believes in him will not die but will have eternal life. God did not send his Son into the world to judge the world. He sent his Son to save the world through him."	Children ages 10 and under and adults (ESL)	Conservative and evangelical	Zondervan	1996, 1998 (revised)
NIV New International Version	Dynamic equivalence: balance between word-for-word and thought-for-thought	"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him."	Bible readers of all ages	Conservative and evangelical	Zondervan	1978, 1984 (revised), 2010 (updated)
NKJV New King James Version	Formal equivalence	"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved."	Those who want a readable translation of the Bible that is great for study but maintains the poetry of the King James Version	Conservative, evangelical Protestant; Orthodox	Thomas Nelson Publishers	1982
NLT New Living Translation	Original meaning-focused Dynamic equivalence	"For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him."	For readers of all ages desiring a reliable contemporary English translation	None; broadly conservative and evangelical	Tyndale House Publishers	1996, 2004 (revised), 2015 (updated)
NRSV New Revised Standard Version	Formal equivalence	"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."	All mainline denominations	Mainline and interconfessional	Various	1989
RVR60 Reina-Valera Revised 1960	Formal equivalence: Spanish	"Porque de tal manera amó Dios al mundo, que ha dado a su Hijo unigénito, para que todo aquel que en él cree, no se pierda, mas tenga vida eterna. Porque no envió Dios a su Hijo al mundo para condenar al mundo, sino para que el mundo sea salvo por él."	Adults, pastors, ministries	Universal	American Bible Society and licensees	1960
TLB The Living Bible	Paraphrase	"For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son so that anyone who believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. God did not send his Son into the world to condemn it, but to save it."	Adults and children	All denominations	Tyndale House Publishers	1971
TLV Tree of Life Version	A balanced, vetted translation with Hebrew words and concepts	"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him. The one who believes in Him is not condemned; but whoever does not believe has been condemned already, because he has not put his trust in the name of the one and only Ben-Elohim."	Messianic Jews and Christians interested in the Jewish essence of the Bible	Messianic Jewish	Baker	2016
The Voice	Dynamic equivalence	"For God expressed His love for the world in this way: He gave His only Son so that whoever believes in Him will not face everlasting destruction, but will have everlasting life. Here's the point. God didn't send His Son into the world to judge it; instead, He is here to rescue a world headed toward certain destruction."	Those seeking to connect or reconnect with God	Broad evangelical	Thomas Nelson Publishers	2012

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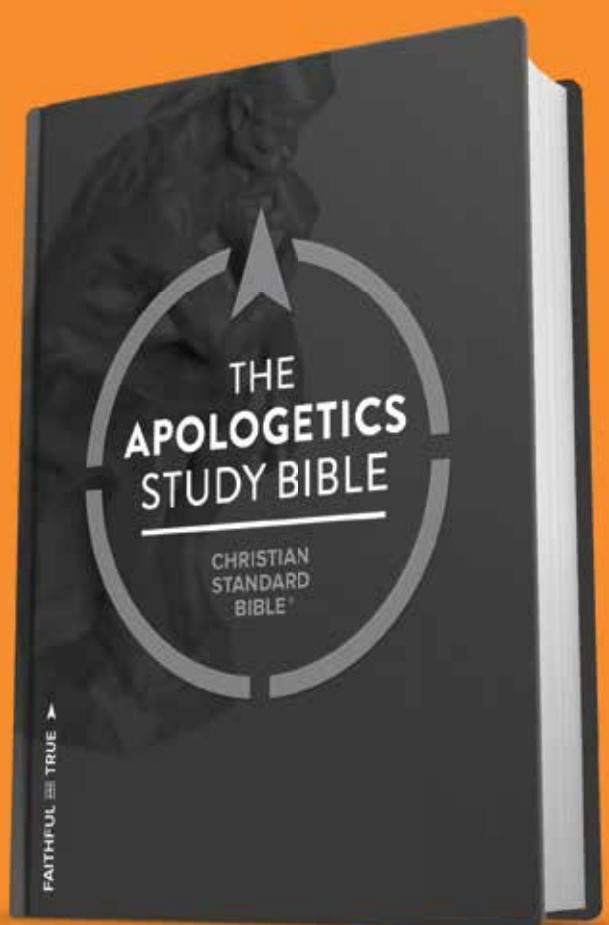
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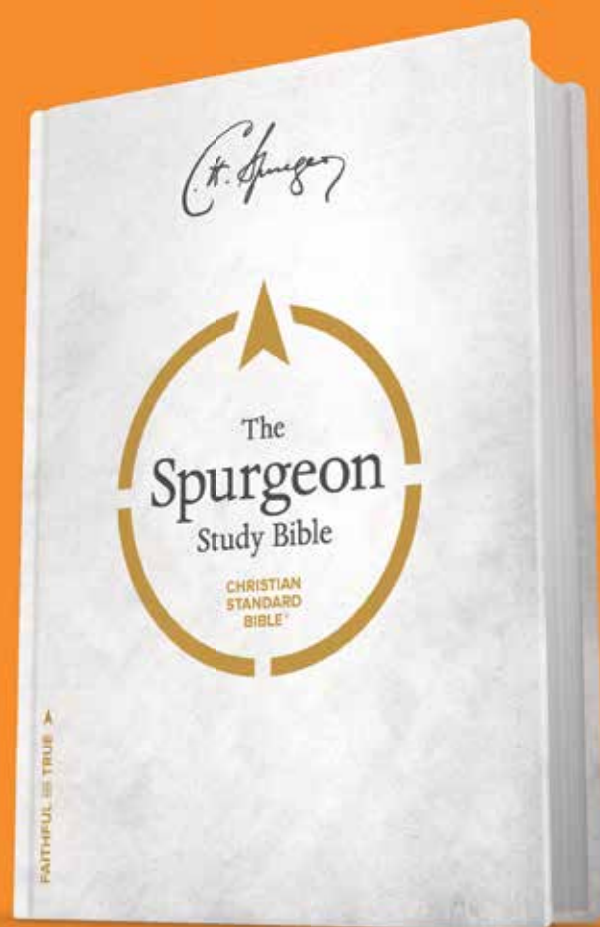
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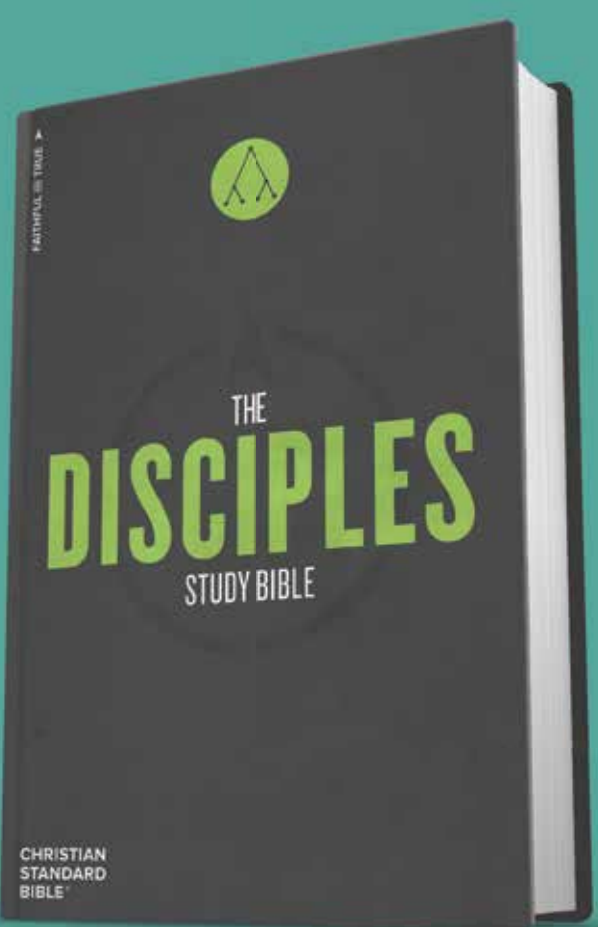
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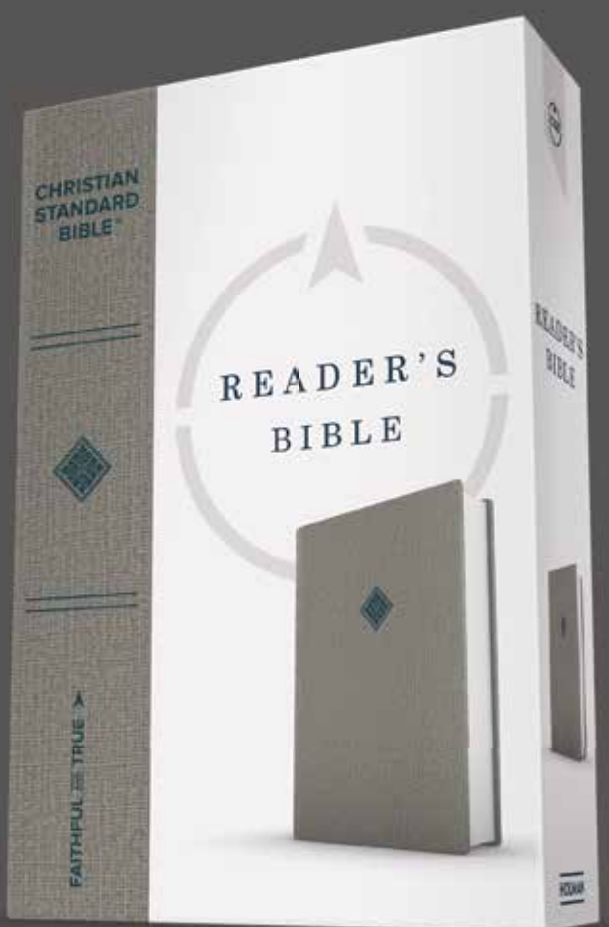
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