Frequently Requested SEARCH STRATEGIES

Assurance of salvation:

**Search Solomon**

- `<theology AND assurance OR perseverance>` in Subject

Biblical view of Hope:

**Search Solomon Advanced**

- put `<hope>` in the first search block then in the next search block put `<biblical teaching>` [in subject] - [contains]. Adjust Publication Date, Material Type, Language and Search Scope as needed.

Egalitarian view of marriage:

**Search Solomon**

- `<equal*>` marriage christianity - [that contain my query words] - [anywhere in the record]
- `<equal*>` marriage biblical - [that contain my query words] - [anywhere in the record]
- `<egalitarian* OR equal* AND marriage>`- [that contain my query words] - [anywhere in the record]

**Search Solomon Advanced**

- First search block: [any] - [contains] - `<(man OR male) AND (wom?n OR female)>`
  In the second block: [any] - [contains] - `<headship>`
  In the third search block: [in subject] - [contains] - `<biblical OR theol* OR christian*>`. Adjust Publication Date, Material Type, Language and Search Scope as needed.
Minimum Requirements for Salvation:

Search Solomon Advanced

- First search block: [any] - [contains] - <essential>
- In the second block: [in subject] - [contains] - <salvation>

Sufficiency of Scripture:

Search Solomon

- <sufficiency of scripture> - [exact phrase] - [anywhere in the record]
- <bible inspiration> [that contains my query words] - [in subject]
  - Note: Here are entered works which discuss the Bible as a
divinely inspired book. Works which attempt to establish the
truth of statements in the Bible and to present the Bible as a
book whose principles should be followed are entered under Bible-
-Evidences, authority, etc.
- <bible evidences> - [that contains my query words] - [in subject] {NOTE: used for bible-authority}
- <theology doctrinal> - [that contains my query words] - [in subject]

Search Solomon Advanced

Also find Theological Encyclopedias/Dictionaries for Scripture, Authority of and in some
cases "sola scriptura". The easiest and best method of finding theological dictionaries is to
use Search Solomon Advanced.

- In the first search box select [in subject] [contains] <encyclopedias OR dictionaries>.  
- In the next search box, select [any] [contains] <theol*>.

  NOTE: "encyclopedias" and "dictionaries" must be plural; "OR" must be in all caps and
the asterisk (**) must immediately follow the "l" in "theol".

You also could simply browse the 230's in the Reference collection. However, if anything is
off the shelf, you may miss some excellent choices.
Commentaries/Criticism

Search Solomon

- <[book of the bible] commentaries> - [that contains my query words] - [in subject]
- <[book of the bible] criticism>- [that contains my query words] - [in subject]

Search Solomon Advanced

- [in subject] - [contains]<[book of the bible]>
  [in subject] - [contains] <commentaries OR criticism>
  - NOTE: “commentaries” must be plural; “criticism” must be singular; “OR” must be in all caps.

TIP: To eliminate records with subject headings that include a person’s name i.e. John Owen, Luke Short, Matthew Arnold:

Gospel of Matthew, Mark or Luke

- [in subject] - [contains] <bible n t mark>
  [in subject] - [contains] <commentaries OR criticism>

Gospel of John

- [in subject] - [contains] <bible john NOT epistles >
  [in subject] - [contains] commentaries OR criticism

Books of the Bible with the same name (including the Epistles of John) use the name of the book along with the Arabic numeral 1st, 2nd or 3rd:

- [in subject] - [contains] <chronicles 2nd>
  [in subject] - [contains] <commentaries OR criticism>

Case Studies:

Library Catalog -- “case example*” “case stud*” also try just using “stud*”

**Browser compatibilities vary. Firefox and Safari work best with Solomon.**

**The asterisk is a truncation or wild card symbol that commands the search engine to find the root word and every variation thereafter. Truncation means “to cut off”. Therefore, <theol*> commands the computer to look for variations of words that begin with theol like: theology, theologian, theological while eliminating words like, theory, theoretical, Theodore and Theoden.”