FAQ SEARCH STRATEGIES

General FAQ Research Strategies:

Encyclopedias and Dictionaries:

Search Solomon Advanced

The easiest and best method of finding encyclopedia & dictionaries on any topic is to use Search Solomon Advanced.

- In the first search box select [in subject] [contains] <encyclopedias OR dictionaries>. NOTE: “encyclopedias” and “dictionaries” must be plural; “OR” must be in all caps.
- In the next search box, select [contains] and your topic keyword. You may want to limit this keyword to the subject field or leave it “anywhere” in the record. Which field you choose depends in part on how broad or narrow your topic keyword is within the hierarchy of its related field. For example put "biblical" in the subject. On the other hand, put "salvation" anywhere in the record.

It is also very helpful to limit the Material Type: to Books and the Search Scope: to Books and more, so you get the books and not review articles about the books. Consider limiting the Language: to English as well.

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]

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- [in subject] - [contains] (<book of the bible>)[commentaries OR criticism>
  - [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*”

Theological FAQ Research Strategies:

Assurance of salvation:

Search Solomon*:

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Minimum Requirements for Salvation:

Search Solomon Advanced
Could Jesus have sinned?

**Search Solomon**
- Look for "jesus temptation" and change the default [anywhere in the record] to [in subject]
- Find several systematic theologies and read the sections on Christology.
  
  *An easy way to find many of these is to do a search in Solomon for the keywords “systematic theology” [in the title]*

**Search Databases**
- select the category Biblical Studies and again search "jesus temptation" and change the default to [in subject]

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**Biblical Counseling FAQ Research Strategies:**

**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.

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**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.

Sufficiency of Scripture:

Search Solomon
- <sufficiency of scripture> - [exact phrase] - [anywhere in the record]
- <bible inspiration> [that contains my query words] - [in subject]
  - Note: “Bible--Inspiration” represents 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 “I” 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.