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Preface

Research and writing are fundamental means in higher education of providing academic proof. Even at institutions aimed at preparing students for Christian ministry, providing proof requires a standard of excellence in presentation. This research and writing “Form and Style Guide” is a tool to help students achieve that standard.

Birmingham Theological Seminary has adopted *A Manual for Writers of Research Papers, Theses, and Dissertations*, 9th edition (Turabian) as the official resource concerning form and style in the writing of formal reports, term papers, and doctor of ministry projects with some institution-specific guidelines. If Turabian, along with this supplement, offers no clear pattern for writing presentation, then students should consult the evaluating professor. In this supplement, parenthetical references to *A Manual for Writers of Research Papers, Theses, and Dissertations*, 9th edition will be provided in **green font** where applicable.

Page Format

- Set the left margin 1.0 inch from the left edge of the page (**A.1.1**). If it is necessary to bind the paper in a folder, binder, or report cover, set the left margin at 1.5 inches.
- Set the right margin 1.0 inch from the right edge of the page. This does not mean full justification; in the paragraph settings, “alignment” should be set to “left,” so you will not have a straight edge on the right margin.
- Set the top margin 1.0 inch from the top edge of the page.
- Set the bottom margin 1.0 inch from the bottom edge of the page. The last line of the page must not intrude into the 1.0-inch bottom margin.
- The bottom line of typed material (whether text or footnote) must be no less than 1.0 inch nor more than 1.5 inches from the bottom of the page, with the exception of the last page of typed material (**16.3.4.1**).

- The first sentence of paragraphs, all lines of block quotations, contents subheadings, and all lines after the first line of sources in the bibliography are to be indented 0.5 inch from the left margin of the text (25.2.2.1 and A.1.3).
- Double-space text in the body of the paper (A.1.3).

Title Page (Figure A.2)

- Center the title page between a 1.0-inch left margin and 1.0-inch right margin.
- All the text on the title page should be 12-point font, centered and double-spaced.
- Title pages are to include four sections of text; see the examples below for the required keywords in each section:
 1. Paper title
 2. Type of paper and professor for the course
 3. Course information
 4. Name of student submitting the paper and the date of submission.
- Use bold font to highlight the title of a paper. Do not use all caps.
- No line of the title is to exceed 48 characters, including spaces.
- Multiple lines in the title are to be double-spaced in inverted pyramid form, so that subsequent lines are shorter than previous lines.
- Examples of acceptable forms of the student's name are Edward Joseph Young, Edward J. Young, E. Joseph Young, and Edward J. Young Jr. The student's name is not to be concealed in any fashion, and pseudonyms are not to be used.
- Notice that the keyword "In" is capitalized, but the keyword "by" is not.
- No page number should appear on a title page. See "note" in the "Page Numbers" section below.
- The following examples demonstrate the required spacing on the title page.

Sample Term Paper Title Page Spacing

A
The Inerrancy of Scripture
B
A Term Paper
Submitted to Dr. Jay Haley
C
In Partial Fulfillment
of the Requirements for the Course
Survey of Systematic Theology (ST3511)
B'
by
Haley Nella Jacob
November 19, 2019
A'

Sample DMin Dissertation Title Page Spacing

A
A Strategy for Developing Biblically Healthy
Pastoral Leaders in Reformed Churches
of Northern Alabama
B
A Dissertation
Presented to the Faculty of
Birmingham Theological Seminary
C
In Partial Fulfillment
of the Requirements for the Degree
Doctor of Ministry
B'
by
Jacob Allen Haley
November 19, 2019
A'

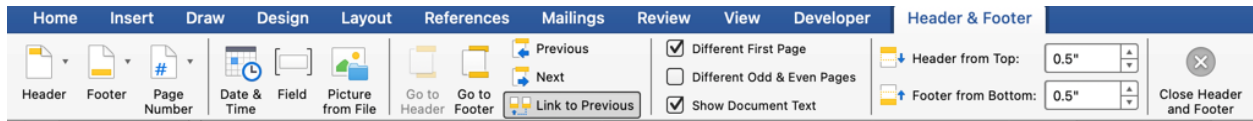
For spacing on the title page:

- The number of blank lines in sections A and A' should be equal.
- The number of blank lines in sections B and B' should be equal.
- Section C can have a variable number of lines.

Page Numbers

- Set all page numbers flush with the bottom center of the page (A.1.4).
- Use Times New Roman 12-point font for page numbers.
- Number preliminary pages (contents and for theses and dissertations, a list of tables, a list of abbreviations, etc.) with lowercase Roman numerals (ii, iii, etc.). The title page is page i, though the number must not show (A.2.1). See “note” below.

- Number all other pages (text, appendixes, bibliography) with Arabic numerals (1, 2, etc.).
- Note: to make page number i or 1 not appear on the title page in MS Word, click the “Different First Page” box under the Insert > Header& Footer tab.



Contents Page (Figures A.3 and A.4)

- The contents page begins on page ii and is written in lower-case Roman numerals in the center of the page's footer.
- The page is titled **Contents**. (Do not use “Table of Contents.”)
- Leave two blank lines after the **Contents** section heading before typing the first heading.
- Indent subheadings 0.5 inch.
- Set document to insert tabbed dot leaders, which should automatically align the dots vertically when tab is pushed.
- All headings and subheadings in the table of contents must correspond exactly to the headings and subheadings in the text.
- After final edits have been made to a paper, ensure that the page numbers listed on the contents page match the page numbers in the text.
- If you use a contents page generator, you will need to check all of these settings and adjust accordingly.

Sample Term Paper Contents Page

1 inch	1 inch	Contents	1 inch
		Introduction 1	
		The Meaning of Inerrancy.....2	
		Inerrancy and Ordinary Language.....4	
		Loose or Free Quotations5	
		Unusual Grammatical Constructions7	
		Current Challenges to Inerrancy8	
		For Faith and Practice Only?.....10	
		The Term <i>Inerrancy</i> 11	
		No Extant Inerrant Manuscripts12	
		Biblical Writers’ Use of Scripture.....13	
		Apparent Errors in Scripture15	
		Problems with Denying Inerrancy.....17	
		Conclusion.....20	
		Bibliography.....25	
	ii	1 inch	

Sample DMin Dissertation Contents

1 inch	1 inch	Contents	1 inch
		Chapter 1 Introduction 1	
		Socio-Cultural Context.....3	
		Definitions.....6	
		Chapter 2: Biblical Theology of Leadership7	
		Adam: The First Leader9	
		Noah and Abraham: The Family Leaders12	
		Moses: The Formal Leader 16	
		David: The Faithful Leader..... 19	
		Jesus: The Foremost Leader22	
		Paul: The Functional Leader26	
		Chapter 3: Acts Model of Team Leadership29	
		Chapter 4: Leadership Development Principles32	
		Chapter 5: Conclusion34	
		Bibliography35	
	ii	1 inch	

Font

- Use 12-point Times New Roman as the default font (A.1.2).
- Italicize (do not underline) book, magazine, and journal titles (16.1.4).
- For biblical languages, use the appropriate 12-point (or a similar size) font.

Chapter Titles and Subheadings (Figure A.9)

When including a chapter title, include the chapter and number at the top of the page (“Chapter 1”), follow with one blank line after chapter and number, give the chapter title, and follow with two blank lines before beginning text or a subheading. Center and bold the chapter number and title (A.2.2.4).

Number the introduction (Chapter 1) and conclusion (e.g., Chapter 6) of a ministry project as separate chapters, unlike Figure A.3 in Turabian 9.

First-Level, Centered Subheading

Center and bold a first-level subheading. If the subheading is more than five inches, divide it into two or more single-spaced lines in inverted pyramid form. Capitalize the subheading in title case. First-level subheadings are set with two blank lines above and one blank line below the subheading.

Second-Level, Centered Subheading

Center the subheading and use regular type. If the subheading is more than five inches, divide it into two or more single-spaced lines, in inverted pyramid form. Capitalize the subheading in title case. Second-level subheadings are set with two blank lines above and one blank line below the subheading.

Third-Level, Side Subheading

Place third-level subheadings at the left margin and italicize it (do not use bold). If the subheading is more than three inches, divide it more or less evenly into two or more single-spaced lines with the run-overs beginning at the margin. Capitalize the subheading in title case. Third-level subheadings are set with two blank lines above and one blank line below the subheading.

Fourth-level, side subheading

Place a fourth-level subheading at the left margin using regular type. If the subheading is more than three inches, divide it more or less evenly into two or more single-

spaced lines with the run-overs beginning at the margin. Capitalize the subheading in sentence case. Fourth-level subheadings are set with two blank lines above and one blank line below the subheading.

Fifth-level, paragraph subheading. Indent a fifth-level subheading 0.5 inch (same as paragraph indentation). Use bold type and place a period after it. Skip one space after the period, and begin the text on the same line. Capitalize the subheading in sentence case. Fifth-level subheadings are set with two blank lines above the subheading.

- A paper should seldom go beyond three levels of subheadings.
- It is always necessary to have at least two subheadings at each level.
- Do not place a subheading at the bottom of a page without at least one line of text. Use the “Line and Page Breaks” tab of Word’s paragraph settings to avoid widows and orphans (A.3.1.2).
- Chapter titles and levels of subheadings overview:

Chapter	Centered, boldface type
Level 1	Centered, boldface type
Level 2	Centered, regular type
Level 3	Flush left, italicized type
Level 4	Flush left, regular type
Level 5	Begins the paragraph, boldface type followed by a period

Tense

- In academic writing, it is conventional to use the “historical present” (e.g., Calvin says), even when the author or character in literature is dead. Please be aware of the exceptions below.
- To emphasize the past or contrast it with the present, the past tense is acceptable.
- Absolute consistency need not be a goal in long papers, but do not mix tenses near each other. In all cases, avoid awkwardness and illogical sequence in tense usage.

- Present tense and future tense forms may appear in a paper. If these tenses are used, make it evident to the reader that the discussion has to do with what is true at the time of reading or will be true in the future and does not refer to what has previously taken place.
- When quoting Scripture, use present tense (e.g., Paul says or Jesus says).

Capitalization

- Capitalize all proper nouns, holy days and holidays, names of deity, references to persons of the Trinity, pronouns referring to God, words beginning with Christ (e.g., Christian, Christlike), words for the Bible (Bible, Scripture, Gospel, Word, etc.), divisions and sections of the Bible, and names of specific ethnic or religious groups unless in direct quotes.
- Adjectives are not to be capitalized (e.g., biblical, scriptural, messianic) unless otherwise noted.
- Capitalize titles of books and articles even when the printer did not, except for titles in languages other than English, which should use sentence-style capitalization (17.1.2). For example:
 - The English title given by the publisher, “Godhead and humankind: The New Testament in unison with creedal Christianity,” should be revised to “Godhead and Humankind: The New Testament in Unison with Creedal Christianity.”
 - In French, *La métaphore vive* should not be revised.
- For titles in all capitals, change to upper- and lowercase, except for initialisms and acronyms (17.1.2).
- Do not capitalize *chapter* in the body of a paper (“the main idea of chapter two”).
- Capitalize the Fathers when referring to the church fathers, but do not capitalize “church fathers.”

Grammar

- Form the possessive of a name that ends in s with 's instead of s' (e.g., Jones's not Jones') (20.2.1–2).
- Contractions are not to be used (e.g., “do not” rather than “don’t”).
- Do not spell out the number used with percent or use the symbol % (e.g., 25 percent).

- Do not use or imply first and second person (I, we, us, our, you, and your).
- Prefer the active voice over the passive voice and weak beginnings. However, the passive voice may be used when it flows better in the sentence (11.1.6). Some examples of passive voice / weak beginnings and active voice alternatives are:

Weak: There are several problems with this issue.

Active: This issue presents several problems.

Passive: The historicity of the Bible has been questioned by many scholars.

Active: Many scholars question the historicity of the Bible.

Passive: The final exam was failed by over two-thirds of the class.

Active: Over two-thirds of the class failed the exam.

- Do not use *this*, *that*, or any other demonstrative adjective without an accompanying noun.
- Italicize the following: book titles (e.g., *Institutes of the Christian Religion*), magazine and journal titles (e.g., *Christianity Today*), newspapers (e.g., *The Birmingham News*), pamphlets (e.g., *Thoughts upon Slavery*), musicals, operas, movies (e.g., *Ben-Hur*), plays, radio shows (e.g., *The Dave Ramsey Show*), television shows (not episodes), art (e.g., *Mona Lisa*), musical CDs/albums, ships (e.g., *Titanic*), planes, and trains.
- Use quotation marks for the following titles: articles (e.g., “Jesus is Our Jubilee”), essays, book chapter titles, short stories (e.g., “Parker’s Back”), songs, and radio and television episodes.
- When noting dates and eras, always use BC and AD (rather than BCE or CE) except in direct quotations (24.1.2). Place AD before a date, and place BC after a date. (23.3.2).
- Pronouns should match in number (singular or plural) the nouns they represent. The use of *they* as a singular pronoun is not recommended for formal academic writing.

Avoid: If a student misses three classes, they will be withdrawn.

Revise: A student who misses three classes will be withdrawn.

- Transliteration of foreign languages is not allowed (22.2.1).

Hyphenation

- End text lines with a complete word; do not hyphenate words syllabically.
- Prefixes (pre, post, anti, re, un, etc.) that should be part of the word are not hyphenated.

- Hyphenate prefixes before proper nouns.
- Do not hyphenate *fold* when it should be written as part of the word (e.g., fivefold).
- Do not end a page with a hyphen.

Punctuation

- A comma does not come before or after *Jr.* and *Sr.* in the body of the paper (e.g., R. Albert Mohler Jr. says). In a footnote, cite as R. Albert Mohler Jr., *The Conviction to Lead*. . . . However, when the name is inverted (as in the bibliography), cite the name as Mohler, R. Albert, Jr. *The Conviction to Lead*. . . (24.2.1).
- Do not use periods in academic degree abbreviations (e.g., BA, MDiv, DMin).
- When used alone, do not separate a month and year with a comma (e.g., August 2019).
- When commas are used within any of the elements of a list, use a semicolon between the elements.
- Do not use a comma following terminal punctuation (e.g., ? . !).
- Place commas and periods inside single and double quotation marks.
- In bibliography entries, but not in footnotes, use a comma before the *and* when works are coauthored.
- Place a comma before the *and* in a series of three or more successive nouns.
- Place a comma before a quotation (run-in or block) introduced with terms such as *argues*, *claims*, *notes*, or *according to* (e.g., Mohler argues, “Convictions are not merely beliefs we hold; they are those beliefs that hold us in their grip.”) (25.2.1; 25.2.2.1).
- If a block quotation is introduced with a complete sentence, end the sentence with a colon (25.2.2.1).
- Place a comma after a *when* or *because* clause that introduces a sentence.
- Separate the title of a work from the subtitle with a colon.
- Ensure hyphens, en dashes, and em dashes are used appropriately.

Hyphen (-): a short line used as a minus sign in math equations, and used between syllables, compound nouns (mother-in-law), compound adjectives (well-known rule), or nouns with prefixes (pre-Christian) or suffixes (fat-free) (21.7.1).

En dash (–): twice as long as the hyphen, the length of N, used to signify range, such as years (1980s–90s), months (*Christianity Today*’s April–June issue), timeframe (9:00–11:50 a.m.), chapters (Isaiah 40–66), and verses (Matthew 6:19–34). An en dash signifies “to” as in “The Birmingham–Atlanta flight arrived early” (21.7.2).

Em dash (—): twice as long as an en dash, the length of M, used as an “emphatic comma” in three main ways: (a) to create a strong break—for which a comma will not suffice—in the structure of a sentence; (b) to set off appositives that contain commas; and (c) to introduce a list, restatement, amplification, or dramatic shift in tone or thought (21.7.2).

Note for Microsoft Word applications: To insert an en dash, place the cursor between the appropriate typed text, hold down CTRL then press the minus sign (-) on the numeric keypad. To insert an em dash, place the cursor between the appropriate typed text, hold down CTRL and ALT then press the minus sign on the numeric keypad.

Note for Mac applications: To insert an en dash, press and hold the option key + the hyphen key. To insert an em dash, press and hold the shift + option + hyphen keys at the same time.

Spacing

- Space between initials used in place of an author’s given name, such as E. B. White.
- Do not space before or after an em dash (—) or en dash (–).
- Use one space after terminal punctuation (periods, question marks, and exclamation points) (21.1).

Divisions

- Do not divide the following combinations at the end of a line: AD 70, 586 BC, 7:22 p.m.
- Do not end a line with a division mark such as (1) or (a).
- Do not end the last line of text on a page with a colon.
- Do not divide initials used in place of given names at the end of a line.

Quotations (25.1–3)

- Introduce direct quotations so that the sentence does not begin with a quotation mark.
- As a general rule of thumb, introduce quotations with present tense rather than past (e.g., Castellio says, not Castellio said).
- Use the full name of an author in the first reference and last name only thereafter.
- For a quotation within a quotation, use single quotation marks for the inner set of quoted words.
- When introducing a quotation with an attribution word or phrase such as *argues*, *believes*, *claims*, *comments*, *declares*, *explains*, *observes*, *notes*, *says*, *states*, *according to* or *points out*, place a comma between the word or phrase and the quote. An attribution alone does not adequately identify the source or avoid plagiarism; a footnote is also required.
- When a quotation is weaved into a sentence, do not use punctuation before the quotation unless punctuation would ordinarily appear there (e.g., Castellio contends that Servetus only “fought with reasons and writings” and, therefore, should not have been burned at the stake.).
- When a quotation is introduced with a complete sentence, end the sentence with a colon. (e.g., Castellio concludes his letter with his contention: “When Servetus fought with reasons and writings, he should have been repulsed by reasons and writings.”).
- A prose quotation of five or more lines must be presented as a block quotation.
- Single space a block quotation and leave a blank line before and after it.
- For block quotations, use 11-point font.
- Only use single quotation marks in a block quotation when it is within double marks. Do not add quotation marks at the beginning or end, but preserve any quotation marks in the original wording.
- Indent the entire left side of a block quotation as far as you indent the first line of a paragraph.
- If a block quote source is cited in a footnote, place the note number as a superscript at the end of the block quotation (16.3.4 and 25.2.2)
- Three examples of a block quotation that demonstrate the various options for introductory punctuation follow:

(1) Regarding Scripture, the Westminster Confession of Faith states,

Section VI. The whole counsel of God concerning all things necessary for His own glory, man's salvation, faith, and life, is either expressly set down in Scripture, or by good and necessary consequence may be deduced from Scripture: unto which nothing at any time is to be added, whether by new revelations of the Spirit, or traditions of men.(m) Nevertheless we acknowledge the inward illumination of the Spirit of God to be necessary for the saving understanding of such things as are revealed in the Word:(n) and that there are some circumstances concerning the worship of God, and government of the Church, common to human actions and societies, which are to be ordered by the light of nature and Christian prudence, according to the general rules of the Word, which are always to be observed.¹

(2) The Westminster Confession of Faith's standards on Scripture may be found in

Section VI. The whole counsel of God concerning all things necessary for His own glory, man's salvation, faith, and life, is either expressly set down in Scripture, or by good and necessary consequence may be deduced from Scripture: unto which nothing at any time is to be added, whether by new revelations of the Spirit, or traditions of men.(m) Nevertheless we acknowledge the inward illumination of the Spirit of God to be necessary for the saving understanding of such things as are revealed in the Word:(n) and that there are some circumstances concerning the worship of God, and government of the Church, common to human actions and societies, which are to be ordered by the light of nature and Christian prudence, according to the general rules of the Word, which are always to be observed.¹

(3) The Westminster Confession of Faith provides the following standards on Scripture:

Section VI. The whole counsel of God concerning all things necessary for His own glory, man's salvation, faith, and life, is either expressly set down in Scripture, or by good and necessary consequence may be deduced from Scripture: unto which nothing at any time is to be added, whether by new revelations of the Spirit, or traditions of men.(m) Nevertheless we acknowledge the inward illumination of the Spirit of God to be necessary for the saving understanding of such things as are revealed in the Word:(n) and that there are some circumstances concerning the worship of God, and government of the Church, common to human actions and societies, which are to be ordered by the light of nature and Christian prudence, according to the general rules of the Word, which are always to be observed.¹

- Do not end a page with an introduction to a quotation.
- If more than one paragraph is quoted, do not add extra lines between paragraphs, but indent the first line of the second and subsequent paragraphs farther than the rest of the quotation.

Citing Scripture (24.6)

- Spell out book names of the Bible or Apocrypha in the main text, but use “traditional” abbreviations in parenthetical or reference material (24.6.1).

In main text: In Revelation 21:1a, John says, “And I saw a new heaven and a new earth.”
In parentheses: John says, “And I saw a new heaven and a new earth” (Rev. 21:1a).

- When referencing an entire book of the Bible, *book* is not capitalized (e.g., The book of Revelation is categorized as apocalyptic literature).
- The first instance a Scripture passage is cited, place it in parentheses with a translation abbreviation. Cite it in a footnote, indicating the translation’s general use and formal name and include the standard full footnote citation information.

Example in text:

John says, “Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth” (Rev. 21:1a, NET).¹

Note that the footnote superscript number is after the terminal punctuation behind the parenthesis.

Example footnote:

¹ Unless otherwise noted, all biblical passages referenced employ the *NET Bible. The Holy Bible: New English Translation* (Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson, 2019).

Indicate the use of alternate translations (other than the one generally used in the paper) with a footnote citation; include a detailed explanation as to why a different translation is used.

- Sacred texts, such as the Bible, are not to be listed in the bibliography.
- References to biblical passages should be cited in the main text or parentheses rather than in a footnote.
- Use the following style in citing Scripture:

1 John 3:10 (not I John 3:10. However, render it First John 3:10 if beginning a sentence.)

John 3:3–5 (be exact; not John 3:3f. or 3ff.)

John 3:3, 5 (fourth verse omitted; a space follows a comma if referring to a verse in the same chapter.)

Revelation 1–3 or (Rev. 1–3) refers to three chapters.

Revelation 1; 3 or (Rev. 1; 3) refers to two chapters.

Semicolons separate references to chapters as well as books:

Daniel 7:8–25; 11:32–45; and Revelation 13:5 or (Dan. 7:8–25; 11:32–45; Rev. 13:5).

When context makes the book and chapter clear, *v.* or *vv.* is to be used in parentheses and notes (e.g., *v.* 14; *vv.* 32, 34–35).

Note differing verse numbers in the Hebrew Bible and Septuagint only if it is relevant to the paper.

Omitting initial conjunctions or adverbs is permissible; it is unnecessary to cite an entire verse (e.g., In Revelation 21:1a, John says, “I saw a new heaven and a new earth.”) Ellipsis points are not used either at the beginning or end of such a citation.

Abbreviations

- Use the two-letter postal code for names of states in footnotes and in a bibliography (24.3.1).
- Abbreviate second edition as 2nd ed., third edition as 3rd ed., fourth edition as 4th ed., etc. Do not use superscript letters in the ordinal suffix (17.1.3.1).
- Only use *etc.*, *e.g.*, and *i.e.* within parenthetical references.
- Only use *et al.* in a footnote with four or more authors. Do not use this abbreviation in the bibliography (16.1).
- For titles in a footnote or bibliography entry, change an ampersand (&) to “and.” (17.1.2).
- Use the “traditional” abbreviation for books of the Bible and books of the Apocrypha.
- The “traditional” abbreviations for books of the Bible follow.

Hebrew Scripture

Book Name	Abbreviation	Book Name	Abbreviation
Amos	Amos	Judges	Judg.
1 Chronicles	1 Chron.	1 Kings	1 Kings
2 Chronicles	2 Chron.	2 Kings	2 Kings
Daniel	Dan.	Lamentations	Lam.
Deuteronomy	Deut.	Leviticus	Lev.
Ecclesiastes	Eccles.	Malachi	Mal.
Esther	Esther	Micah	Mic.
Exodus	Exod.	Nahum	Nah.
Ezekiel	Ezek.	Nehemiah	Neh.
Ezra	Ezra	Numbers	Num.
Genesis	Gen.	Obadiah	Obad.
Habakkuk	Hab.	Proverbs	Prov.
Haggai	Hag.	Psalms	Ps. (Pss.)
Hosea	Hosea	Ruth	Ruth
Isaiah	Isa.	1 Samuel	1 Sam.
Jeremiah	Jer.	2 Samuel	2 Sam.
Job	Job	Song of Solomon	Song of Sol.
Joel	Joel	Zechariah	Zech.
Jonah	Jon.	Zephaniah	Zeph.
Joshua	Josh.		

Greek Scripture

Book Name	Abbreviation	Book Name	Abbreviation
Acts	Acts	Mark	Mark
Colossians	Col.	Matthew	Matt.
1 Corinthians	1 Cor.	1 Peter	1 Pet.
2 Corinthians	2 Cor.	2 Peter	2 Pet.
Ephesians	Eph.	Philemon	Philem.
Galatians	Gal.	Philippians	Phil.
Hebrews	Heb.	Revelation	Rev.
James	James	Romans	Rom.
1 John	1 John	1 Thessalonians	1 Thess.
2 John	2 John	2 Thessalonians	2 Thess.
3 John	3 John	1 Timothy	1 Tim.
John	John	2 Timothy	2 Tim.
Jude	Jude	Titus	Titus
Luke	Luke		

- The “traditional” abbreviations for books of the Apocrypha are as follows:

Apocrypha (Apoc.)

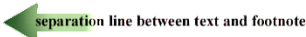
Book Name	Abbreviation	Book Name	Abbreviation
Baruch	Bar.	Prayer of Manasses (Manasseh)	Pr. of Man.
Bel and the Dragon	Bel and Dragon	Song of the Three Holy Children	Song of Three Children
Ecclesiasticus (Sirach)	Ecclus.	Susanna	Sus.
1 Esdras	1 Esd.	Tobit	Tob.
2 Esdras	2 Esd.	Wisdom of Solomon	Wisd. of Sol.
Judith	Jth.		
1 Maccabees	1 Macc.		
2 Maccabees	2 Macc.		

Footnotes

- Guard against plagiarism by citing sources correctly; see Turabian 4.2.4 and 7.9.
- Number footnotes consecutively throughout a research paper. In a DMin project, number footnotes consecutively in each chapter, not consecutively throughout the paper.
- Indent 0.5 inch for the first line of each footnote.
- Single space footnote text, but double space between footnotes.
- Set footnote font for Times New Roman 10-point (stay consistent with text font).
- Some words spelled out in the text should be abbreviated in a footnote (names of states, books of the Bible, etc.).
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² Stanley Grenz, “The Community of God: A Vision of the Church in the Postmodern Age,” *Crux* 28 (June 1992): 25.

³ Paul G. Hiebert, “Planting Churches in North America Today,” *Direction* 20 (Fall 1991): 7.

⁴ Walter Bauer, *A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early*

Christian Literature, rev. and ed. Frederick W. Danker [BDAG], 3rd ed. (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2000), 576.

⁵ Gleason L. Archer Jr., *Daniel*, in vol. 7 of *The Expositor's Bible Commentary*, ed. Frank E. Gaebelin (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1985), 50–51.

⁶ John Bunyan, *Antichrist and His Ruin* (1850; repr., Bellingham, WA: Faithlife, 2006), 2:42, Logos Electronic Software.

⁷ Alister E. McGrath, *Science and Religion: A New Introduction*, 2nd ed. (Singapore: Wiley-Blackwell, 2010), 43, Perlego Online Library.

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