

# ChristoPress Institute of Biblical Research Studies and Theological Education (CIBREST)



## CIBREST/IJBR RESEARCH NOTE TEMPLATE

*(Theological / Biblical Research)*

A polished and reusable template for short, focused theological and biblical research publications

<b>Purpose</b>	To present a precise insight, conceptual contribution, doctrinal clarification, or brief exegetical argument.
<b>Word Count</b>	1,500-3,000 words

**Research Note Focus:** This format is concept-driven and analytical. It answers the question, “What new idea or perspective am I contributing?”

### What a Research Note May Present

- Preliminary or partial findings of a larger study
- A new idea, concept, theory, or framework
- A targeted theoretical or doctrinal insight
- A brief exegesis of a specific biblical passage

### Design and Content Reminders

- Keep the note focused on one contribution
- Use 5-10 key Scriptures for the scriptural review
- Maintain tight academic prose with clear transitions
- Use SBL style for references and authentic sources only

## Front Matter

### Title

A concise, focused title of 10-15 words maximum.

- It must reflect one clear idea or contribution.

### Abstract (100-200 words)

Brief background in 1 paragraph.

- Problem or gap.
- Your main idea or framework.
- Method (for example, scriptural plus analytical).
- Key conclusion.

### Keywords (4-6 words)

For example:

**Keywords:** *grounded truth theory, scriptural authority, biblical methodology, faith theology, scriptural review.*

### Thesis Statement (1-2 sentences)

A sharp, direct statement of your central argument.

### Research Gap(s)/Problem(s)

Identify what is missing, unresolved, underexplored, insufficiently treated, or misinterpreted in existing scholarship.

## Body Structure

### 1.0 Introduction (200-400 words)

Context of the issue.

- Why it matters.
- The gap or tension.
- End with your main claim.

### 2.0 Scriptural Review (300-600 words)

Use 5-10 key Scriptures, preferably KJV unless otherwise indicated.

- Provide brief exegesis.
- Show clearly how Scripture grounds your argument.

### 3.0 Core Argument / Conceptual Insight (600-1,200 words)

This is the heart of the research note.

- Explain your main idea, framework, or concept.
- Define the key components carefully.
- Keep the entire section tightly focused on one contribution.

### 4.0 Brief Discussion (200-400 words)

State the implications of your idea.

- Highlight strengths.
- Address possible objections or tensions.
- Optionally interact briefly with one or two scholars.

### 6.0 Conclusion (150-300 words)

Restate the main contribution.

- Show its significance.
- Keep the ending concise and forward-looking.

### References / Bibliography (SBL Style)

Include the Bible (KJV by default, except otherwise indicated).

- Add 3-10 scholarly sources, such as books or journal articles.
- Include only authentic and verifiable sources actually used in the paper.

## Compact Writing Guide

### Recommended Flow

- Title
- Abstract
- Keywords
- Thesis Statement
- Introduction
- Scriptural Review

### Continue With

- Core Argument / Conceptual Insight
- Brief Discussion
- Conclusion
- References / Bibliography

**Important Note:** The full research note should remain within 1,500-3,000 words and should preserve sound scriptural grounding, concise exegetical engagement, conceptual clarity, and authentic SBL/CIBREST references.