

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

CIBREST / IJBRS TEMPLATE FOR FULL ARTICLES



Use for	Style	Bible Text
Journal articles, theses, and biblical research papers	SBL citations, footnotes, scriptural review	KJV, except otherwise indicated

Front Matter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abstract • Thesis Statement • Research Gap • Bible Version Used
Body Structure	1.0 Introduction to 9.0 Conclusion
Referencing	SBL/CIBREST style with authentic and verifiable sources
Minimum Length	Not less than 3,000 words, excluding the abstract

Front Matter

Place these elements before the main body of the article.

Abstract

150–250 words. Briefly summarise the topic, purpose, methodology, major findings, recommendations, and conclusion.

Thesis Statement

State the central claim or controlling argument of the paper in one or two direct sentences.

Research Gap

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

Bible Version Used

State the translation adopted in the study. Default: KJV, except otherwise indicated.

Compact Submission Format

Front Matter: Abstract • Thesis Statement • Research Gap • Bible Version Used

Body: 1.0 Introduction • 2.0 Scriptural Review • 3.0 Theo-Theoretical and Conceptual Frameworks • 4.0 Key Theme Development • 5.0 Findings • 6.0 Discussion • 7.0 Impacts • 8.0 Recommendations • 9.0 Conclusion

References/Bibliography: SBL/CIBREST Style

Body of the Article

Use numbered headings consistently throughout the paper.

Section	Purpose / Guidance
1.0 Introduction	Introduce the topic, background, significance, and overall direction of the research.
1.1 Secular Literature Review	Review interdisciplinary or non-confessional scholarship where relevant.
1.2 Christian Literature Review	Review biblical, theological, historical, pastoral, and faith-based scholarship.
1.3 Research Problem	State the problem clearly: what is unresolved, misread, lacking, or insufficiently treated?

1.4 Research Aim	Present the overall purpose of the study in a concise paragraph.
1.5 Research Questions	List the major questions guiding the research.
1.6 Research Methodology	Explain the methodology, methods, and design used in the research.
2.0 Scriptural Review	Provide critical exegesis, contextual analysis, lexical observations, and theological interpretation.
3.0 Theo-Theoretical and Conceptual Frameworks	Present the theology-governed interpretive framework guiding the study.
4.0 Key Theme Development	Develop major themes arising from literature, scriptural review, and analysis.
5.0 Findings	Present the principal findings clearly and directly.
6.0 Discussion	Interpret the findings in relation to the problem, questions, scholarship, and Scripture.
7.0 Impacts	State the positive impacts of the study on the church, society, and the individual believer.
8.0 Recommendations	Offer practical, theological, academic, spiritual, or ministerial recommendations.
9.0 Conclusion	Summarise the study, restate the argument, and close with theological and scholarly significance.

Recommended Biblical Research Methodologies

Select what fits your study and explain your choice clearly.

- 1 Sola Scriptura research
- 2 Grounded Truth Theory
- 3 Scriptural review method
- 4 Qualitative research

5	Biblical hermeneutics
6	Historical-grammatical method
7	Exegetical analysis
8	Theological analysis
9	Conceptual analysis
10	Comparative literature review

Important Submission Note

Use this as a final checklist before submission.

- The full article should not be less than 3,000 words, excluding the abstract.
- Include proper scriptural review and sound exegetical treatment.
- State the research methodology, methods, and design clearly.
- Use a defined theological / theo-theoretical framework.
- Include original footnotes and in-text citations where required.
- Use authentic, verifiable sources and format references in SBL style.