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The apostle Paul summed up his whole ministry as existing "to testify to the gospel of the grace of God" (Acts 20:24). That single-minded goal is the heartbeat of the ESV Gospel Transformation Bible. Produced out of the conviction that the Bible is a unified message of God's grace culminating in Jesus, it is a significant new tool to help readers see Christ in all of Scripture, and grace for all of life.

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Brian Pate says

It took me 3 years to make it through the GTB with all the notes, but it was worth the journey. Excellent notes.

My favorite contributors were Willem VanGemeren (Gen), Michael Horton (Josh), Ray Ortlund (Prov), Graeme Goldsworthy (Jer), Jim Hamilton (Hos, Rev), Nancy Guthrie (Mic), Frank Thielman (Matt), Scotty Smith (John), Stephen Um (2 Cor), and Kevin DeYoung (Eph).

Gail Welborn says

application, heart transformation and personal spiritual growth

What makes the ESV Gospel Transformation Bible different from other Bibles? This Bible answers the "what," "when," "why" and "how" Bible questions and puts the emphasis on the "why" and "how" in a practical way that equips readers to understand and apply God's word to their lives. The theme is the transforming power of God's love and grace that leads to personal heart transformation because of "God's transforming grace..." Acts 20:24

The 8-point font size in this crisp black letter edition is sharp and easy-to-read. The two-column layout runs across the top half of the page and features section headings in bold with the notes and reference segments along the bottom half of the page. Book introductions include author, date, outline and in some cases...Full Review: <http://www.examiner.com/list/looking-...>

Eric Molicki says

One of the better study Bibles out there. Definitely recommend.

Jen says

Excellent. I enjoyed the gospel devotions/notes that were added - a great addition for daily Bible reading.

Bill says

My goal for this year was to read this cover to cover -- finished!

Doug Dale says

I just finished reading through this over the course of the year in 2014. I highly recommend it. The ESV Bible text is accompanied by commentary pointing to Jesus, the gospel, and God's plan of redemption in practically every passage in the Bible. It makes clear that God's plan for the world in Jesus was in place from the beginning of the world. Not just the New Testament, but the Old Testament also, portrays a God who is patient, full of grace, and desires his people to trust Him by faith, not by the keeping of rules. The notes are very encouraging and enlightening.

James says

The Gospel Transformation Bible is not a Study Bible, at least in the traditional sense. A team of scholars and pastors have joined together under Bryan Chappell's and Dane Ortlund's editorial direction to answer two questions: (1) How is the gospel evident in all of scripture? and (2) How does the gospel of grace bring about our transformation? Each of the books of the Bible have a brief introduction which describes authorship and date and how the gospel is illuminated (how it fits into the larger story of salvation). The notes on the bottom of each page, continue this dual focus on God's larger plan of redemption and implications for our life. Sometimes the notes are as detailed (particular books have more expansive and detailed notes). Some passages are passed over without comment (i.e. certain narratives in the Old Testament historical books do not carry much comments). The reason for this is that the notes are focused and so do not attempt to untangle every difficulty in the text (like a Study Bible would).

What is the gospel that contributors describe? It is focused on Jesus' life, death and resurrection as God's plan of redpemtion for humanity. But Jesus did not come in a vacuum. The Bible tells the story of God's relationship to his people and the First Testament anticipates Christ's coming. Thus the contributors to this volume, read the Bible Christologically (yet sensitively).

Some great scholars and interpreters have contributed to this Bible. Among them are Michael Horton (Joshua), V. Philips Long (1-2 Samuel), Bruce Ware (Psalms), Graeme Goldsworthy (Jeremiah, Lamentations), Bryan Chapell (Daniel), Frank Thielman (Matthew), R. Kent Huges (1-2 Timothy) and more. Because some of the scholars are more scholarly and others more pastoral, there is a lack of consistency from book to book. Each of these individual interpreters give their particular spin on the gospel implications of a passage or book, though they share a broad agreement on the gospel.

Scot McKnight argued in *The King Jesus Gospel* (Zondervan 2011) that certain evangelicals have reduced the gospel to the message of personal salvation, rather than describing how Jesus fulfills the hopes of Israel. In general I would say that most of the interpreters in this volume are not guilty of McKnight's charge. They have attended to the wider biblical story and not just the 'order of salvation.' However there are occasional lapses. For example, Daniel Doriani's notes on James reduce the book's gospel value to illustrating our inability to enact 'true religion,' driving us back to the grace of Christ. I would say that James carries social implications (care of widows and orphans) which make the gospel manifest. The gospel in James should not be reduced to the level of personal sin (only). But this is one example. At other points, I think the notes are brilliant and illuminating.

Another feature I appreciate about this Bible, is the use it makes of the ESV cross-reference system. Following these cross references sheds light on particular themes and I find that helpful. Purchasing the Bible in print gives you access to the Bible online (it is easier to access cross-references if you don't have to flip through pages for every verse). This makes this a very practical choice for personal study.

In general I am pretty happy with the quality of this Bible. The notes are not always perfect (some interpreters are more perfect than others), but the inspiration of the Bible does not extend to marginal notes. I appreciate how well executed the final product is. And I absolutely loved finding Phil Long's contribution (on Samuel). Long was my professor for two classes of Exegesis at Regent College (neither of which focused on Samuel, but because it is an area of some expertise I heard plenty of Samuel examples). From Phil I learned to read Old Testament narrative sensitive to its narrative craft, its historical value and theological import. I like having some of his practical insights in print form.

I give this Bible 4 stars and would recommend it for personal study. I am not a huge fan of 'study Bibles,' but the unique features and perspectives of this Bible make it a valuable contribution.

Thank you to Crossway for providing me a copy of this book in exchange for my honest review.

Amy Koehler says

Over the last year I read through this Bible and most of the footnotes. For the most part, the notes encouraged my heart to see the big picture of the Bible, to see the cross and Christ as fulfillment. Sometimes I did want more of a study Bible answer, but in those cases I would utilize another Bible or Bible dictionary. It was great to see women on the roster of contributors. Highly recommend especially for new believers!

Pascal Denault says

My review: <http://www.unherautdansle.net/2013/11...>

Amanda Renaud says

I used this version for my 2018 RMM Bible reading plan. I really appreciated the brevity but depth of the commentary. It takes on a much higher-level view than the ESV study bible (which I also love and use often) and does a great job of explaining how every book and chapter ultimately point to Jesus Christ.
