

## Using *ATLA Religion Database with ATLA Serials*

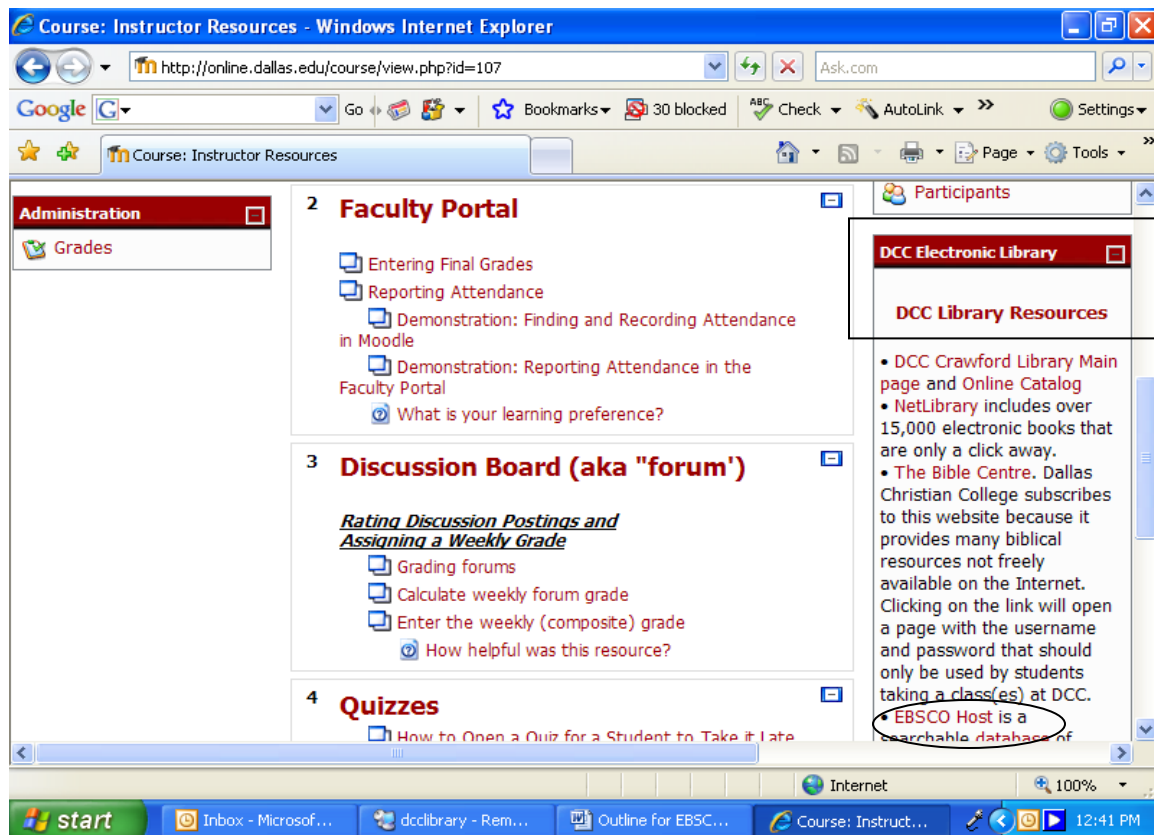
I will be using the EBSCO database *ATLA Religion Database with ATLA Serials* in this demonstration.

The *ATLA Religion Database with ATLASerials* provides information on subjects in all fields of religion through items such as journals articles, book reviews and collections of essays. This database provides access to an online collection of major religion and theology journals.

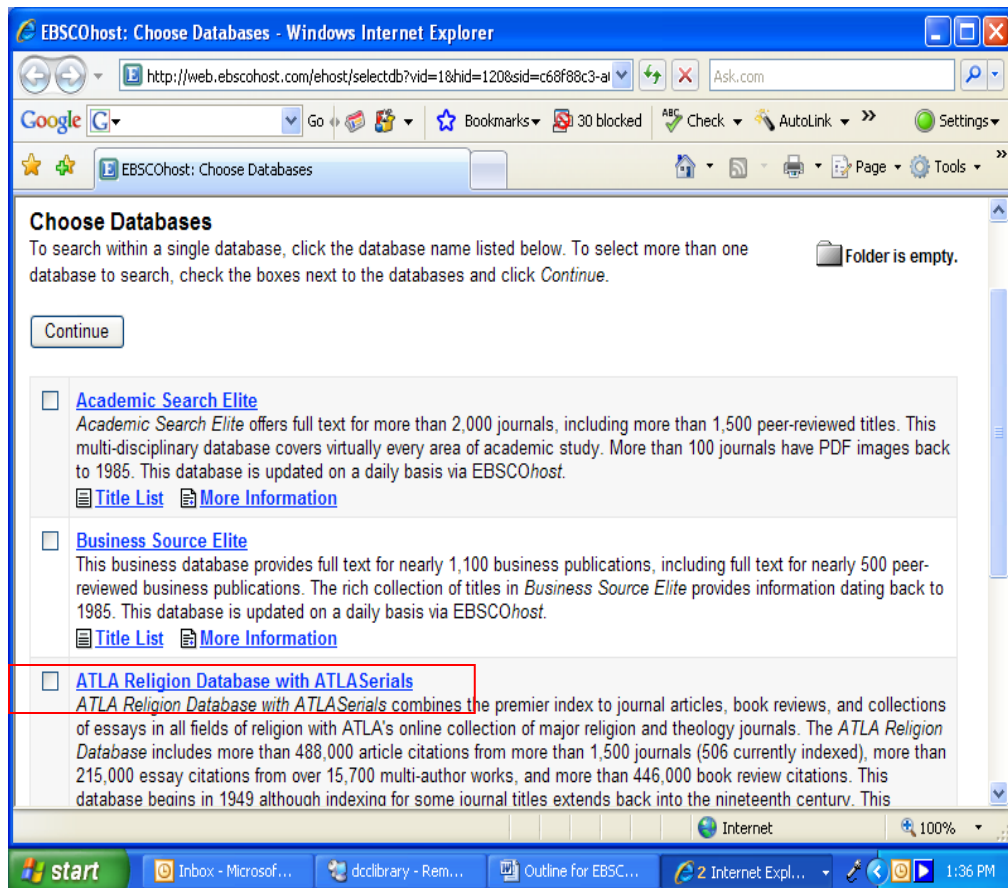
You will soon be taking a course called *How to Study the Bible*. For that course, you will be required to write an exegetical paper on either Colossians 1:9-14 or 2:9-15 as your final project. In this demonstration, we will research Colossians 1:9-14 in the ATLA database.

To access an EBSCOHost database:

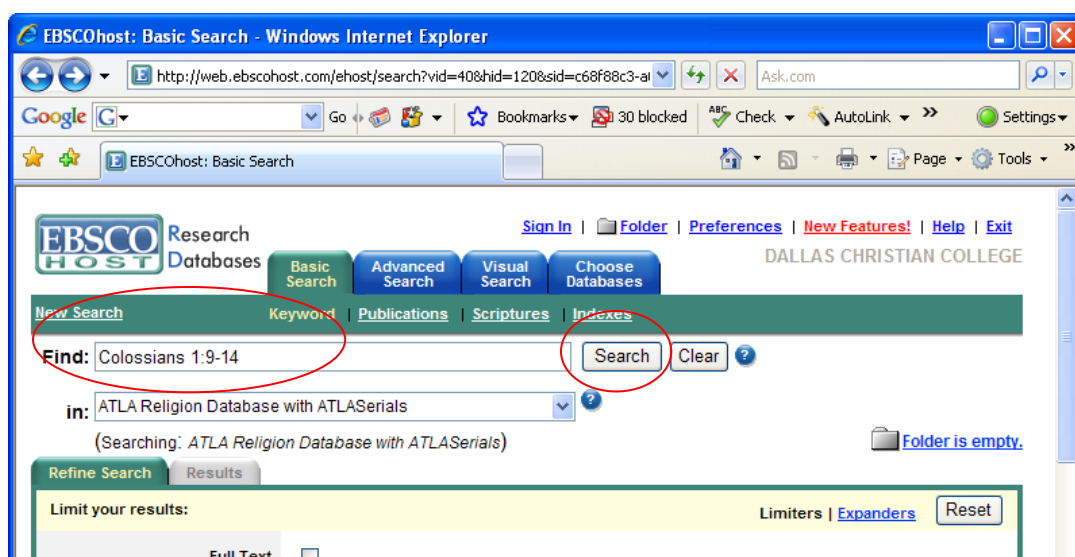
Enter an online course you are taking through Dallas Christian College, then scroll down on the right hand side of the screen until you come to library resources, then click on EBSCOHost.



The Choose Databases screen pulls up. Scroll down until you find the ATLA database, then click on the link to it.



In the search box, enter the scripture you want to find, then click search:



It states no records were found. This does not mean that ATLA does not contain any information on this passage. It does mean it does not contain records on the passage as a whole. Next, we will try searching by each individual verse in the passage. To do that, I will need to click the Advanced Search tab.

The screenshot shows the EBSCOhost Basic Search interface. The search term 'Colossians 1:9-14' is entered in the 'Find:' field. The database selected is 'ATLA Religion Database with ATLASerials'. Below the search results, a red circle highlights the text 'No results were found.' The 'Advanced Search' tab is circled in red at the top of the interface.

In order to search by each verse, we need to enter each one on a separate row. Advanced searching allows us to do this. While the advanced search screen comes standard with three rows, additional rows can be added as needed by clicking on the add row button.

\*Note that we must ask the database to search each verse by choosing “or” in the down arrow to the left of each row. Choosing “and” will cause the database to search for records on the entire passage, just as it did in the basic search. Choosing “or” allows the computer to pull up any or all of the verses specified. Once we have added each verse, we must click the search button again.

## Advanced Search Screen

The screenshot shows the EBSCOhost Advanced Search interface. The search term 'Colossians 1:9' is entered in the first row. The operator 'or' is selected in the dropdown menu to the left of the search term. The search term 'Colossians 1:10' is entered in the second row. The operator 'or' is selected in the dropdown menu to the left of the search term. The search term 'Colossians 1:11' is entered in the third row. The operator 'or' is selected in the dropdown menu to the left of the search term. The search term 'Colossians 1:12' is entered in the fourth row. The operator 'or' is selected in the dropdown menu to the left of the search term. The search term 'Colossians 1:13' is entered in the fifth row. The operator 'or' is selected in the dropdown menu to the left of the search term. The search term 'Colossians 1:14' is entered in the sixth row. The operator 'or' is selected in the dropdown menu to the left of the search term. The 'Add Row' button is circled in red. The 'Search' button is circled in red. The 'Folder is empty.' message is visible at the bottom right.

## We now get 19 records

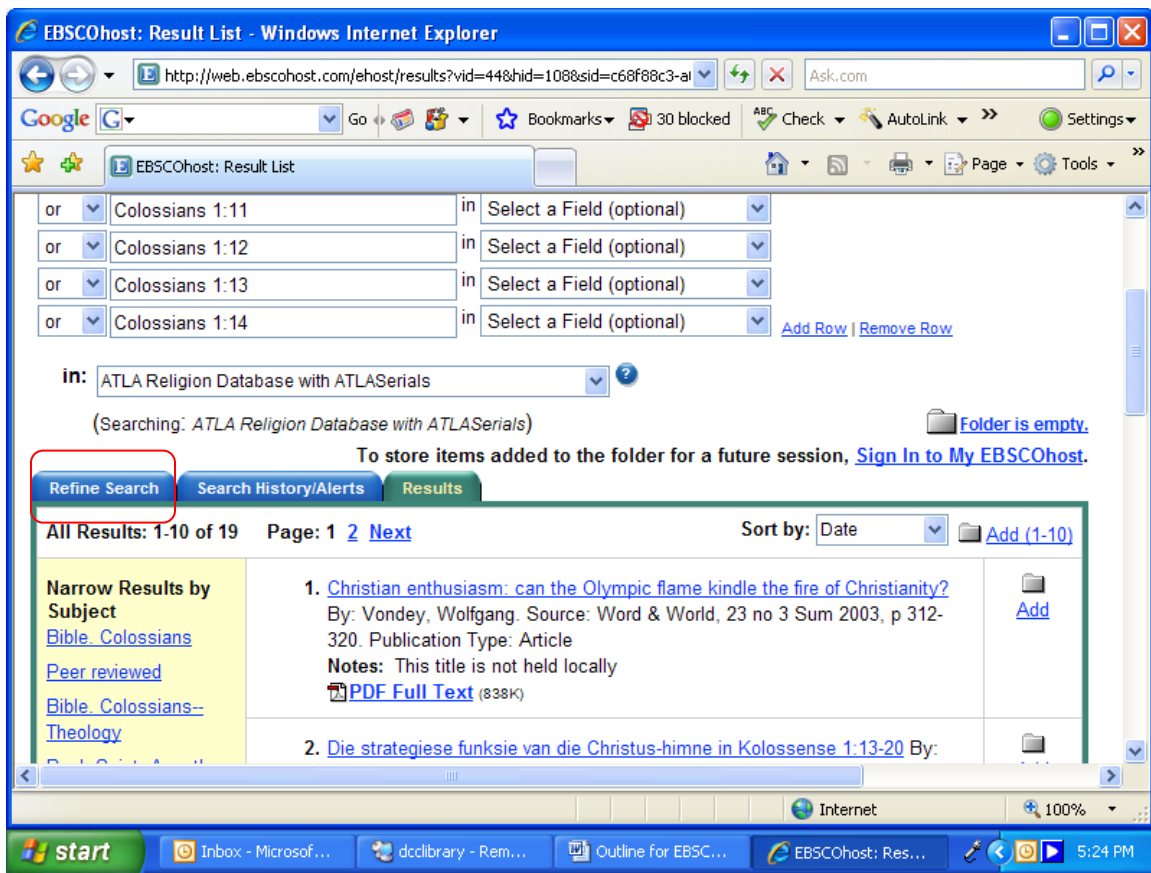
The screenshot shows the EBSCOhost search results page. At the top, it says "Results for: Colossians 1:9 OR Colossians 1:10 OR Colossia...". Below this, there are search filters for "Find:" with a list of Colossians verses (1:9 to 1:14) and a dropdown for "in:" set to "ATLA Religion Database with ATLASerials". The search results section shows "All Results: 1-10 of 19" (circled in red) and "Page: 1 2 Next". A "Narrow Results by" button is visible on the left. The first result is "1. Christian enthusiasm: can the Olympic flame kindle the fire of Christianity?".

Let's take a closer look at the items that pulled up. Note that some items are not in English, and others are not available in full-text. We'll set some limits to the search to correct this problem.

The screenshot shows a detailed view of the search results. The browser window title is "EBSCOhost: Result List - Windows Internet Explorer". The address bar shows the URL: "http://web.ebscohost.com/ehost/results?vid=44&hid=108&sid=c68f88c3-al". The search results are listed in a table with columns for the item number, title, author, source, publication type, and full-text availability. The results are as follows:

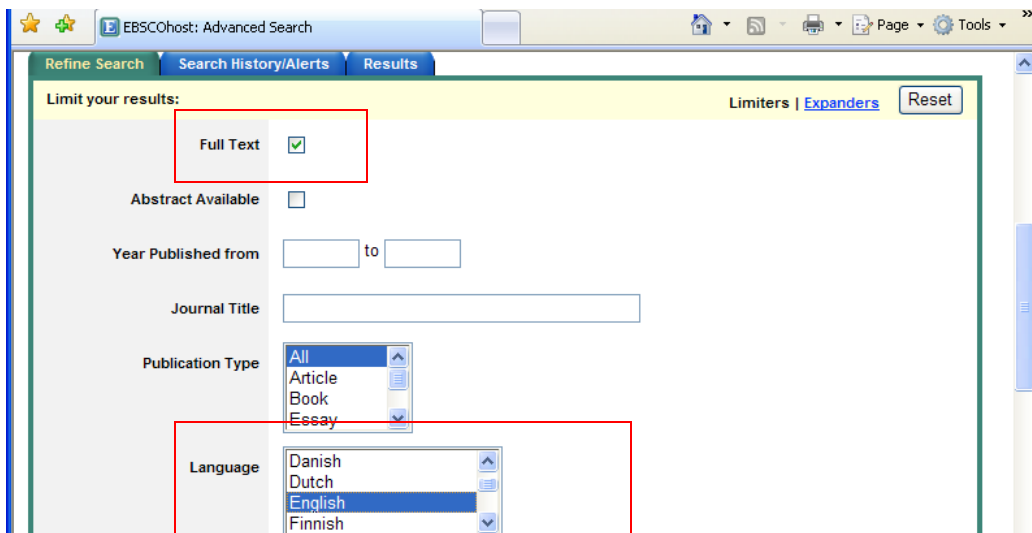
Item Number	Title	Author	Source	Publication Type	Full-Text Availability
5.	Colossians 1:13-20 : A Chiastic Reading.	Behr, John.	St Vladimir's Theological Quarterly, 40 no 4 1996, p 247-264.	Article	PDF Full Text (1298K)
6.	Theo-logie in den Deuteropaulinen (Kolossier- und Epheserbrief)	Hoppe, Rudolf.	Mon Theo-logie in den Deuteropaulinen (Kolossier- und Epheserbrief)	Article	PDF Full Text (3960K)
7.	Essays in honor of Frederick W Danker.	Klein, Ralph W. (Editor).	Currents in Theology and Mission, 17 no 6 D 1990, p 418-461.	Article	PDF Full Text (3960K)
8.	The Colossian "hymn" : seeking a version to praise with.	Tripp, David H..	One in Christ, 26 no 3 1990, p 231-237.	Article	PDF Full Text (3960K)

In order to limit the search, or make it more specific, we will limit the results to Language-English and full-text. To do this, we will click on the Refine Search tab located in the search screen.

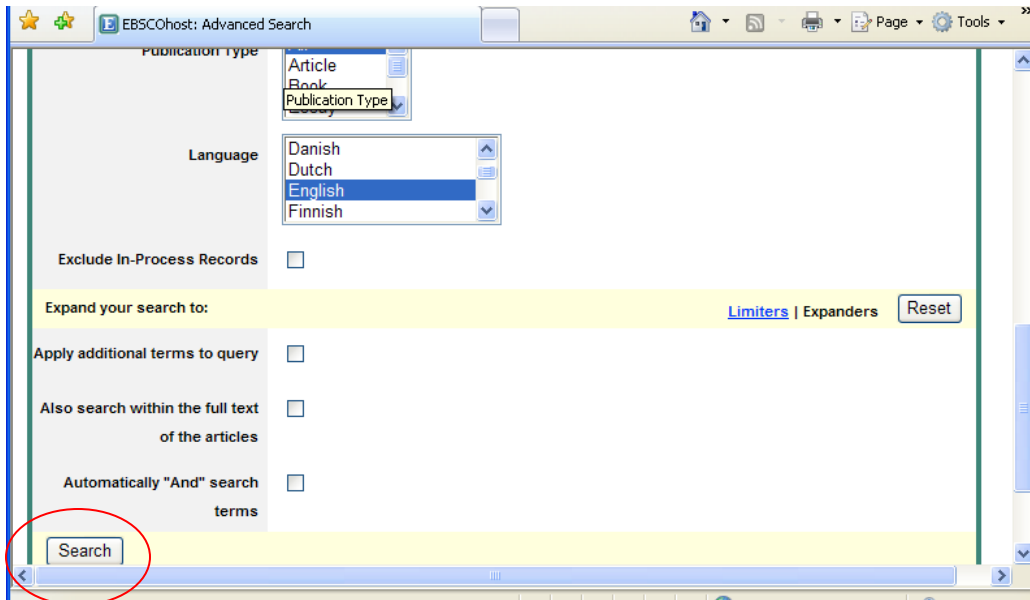


Then we will apply the limits. Note the box by Full Text is checked, and English was chosen as the language.

\*Before we continue, I want to briefly discuss limits. You can apply limits at any time in your search by clicking on the *Refine Search* tab. You do not have to apply limits; however, and this is not always recommended. I often wait to see how many records I get before applying them. Applying limits can cause you to miss other records that may be of value to you. For instance, records in full-text are fast and convenient, but there may be valuable information not immediately available for download. I can always request these items for you.



Next, we scroll down and hit search again.



The screenshot shows the EBSCOhost Advanced Search interface. The 'Publication type' dropdown is set to 'Article'. The 'Language' dropdown is set to 'English'. The 'Exclude In-Process Records' checkbox is unchecked. The 'Expand your search to:' section includes links for 'Limiters' and 'Expanders', and a 'Reset' button. Below this, there are three checkboxes: 'Apply additional terms to query', 'Also search within the full text of the articles', and 'Automatically "And" search terms', all of which are unchecked. A red circle highlights the 'Search' button at the bottom left.

Now we have five records.



The screenshot shows the EBSCOhost Result List interface. The search criteria are 'ATLA Religion Database with ATLASerials'. The results are sorted by 'Date'. The 'All Results: 1.5 of 5' text is circled in red. The results list shows three items:

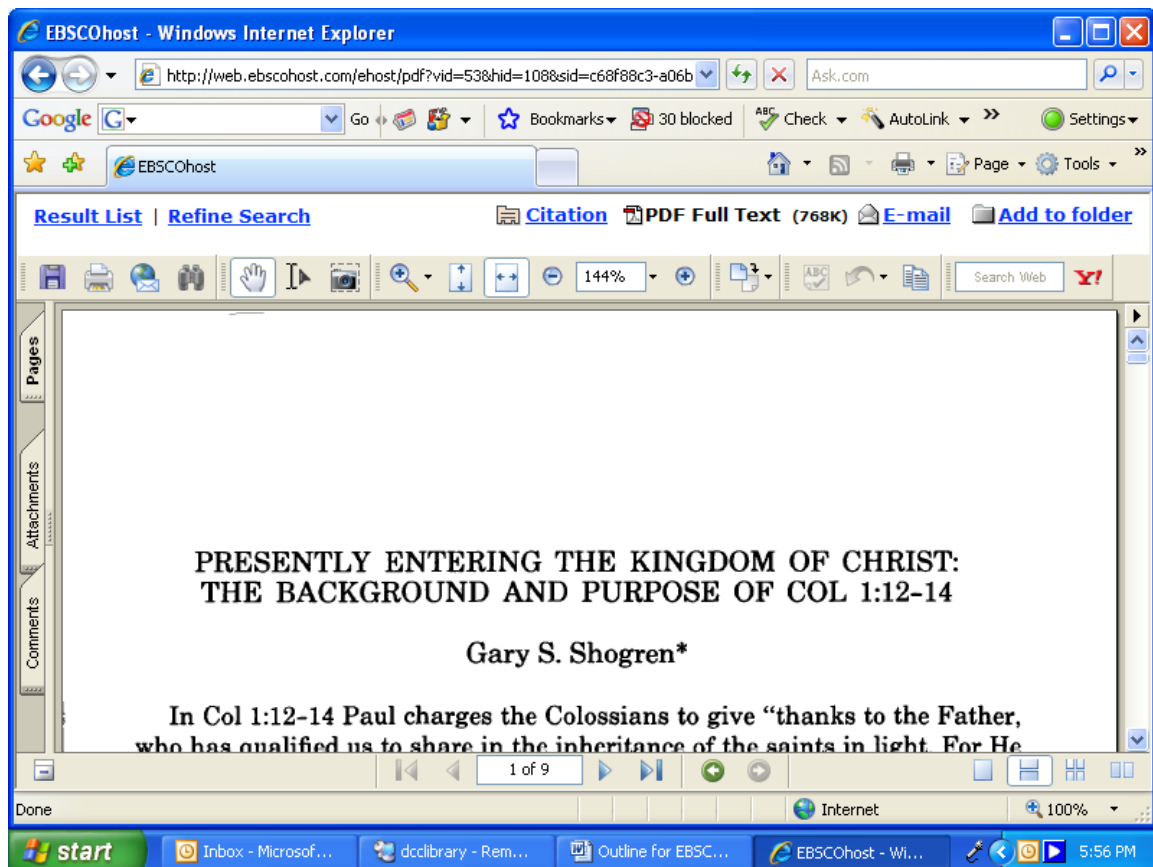
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The last two look the most promising. Let's click the PDF Full-text link on number four to view the entire article.

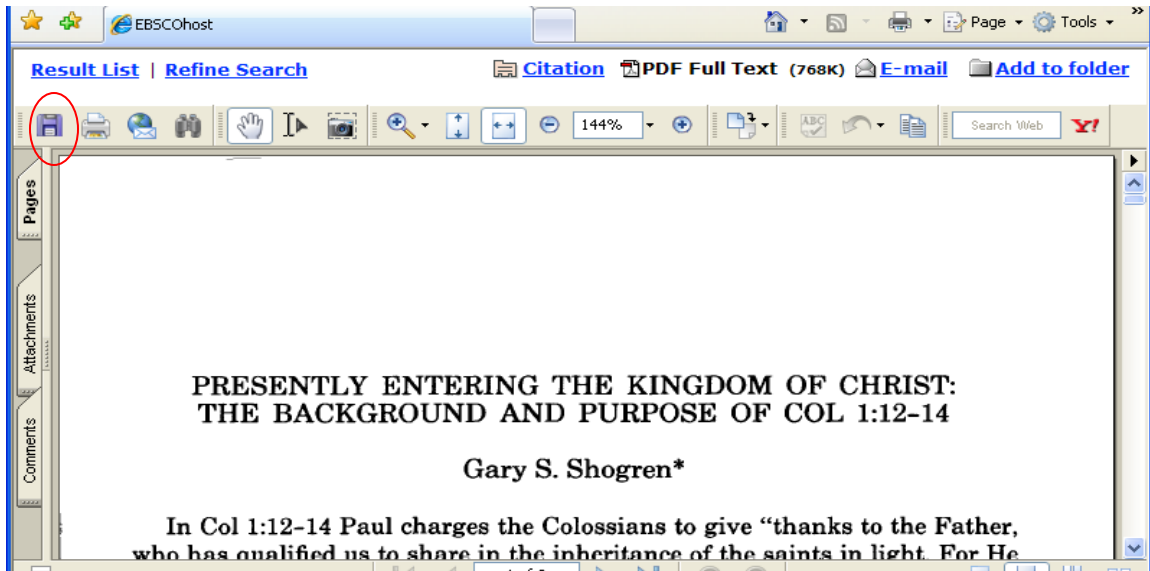


Note that it pulls up the PDF version, meaning it pulls up the article in its original format.

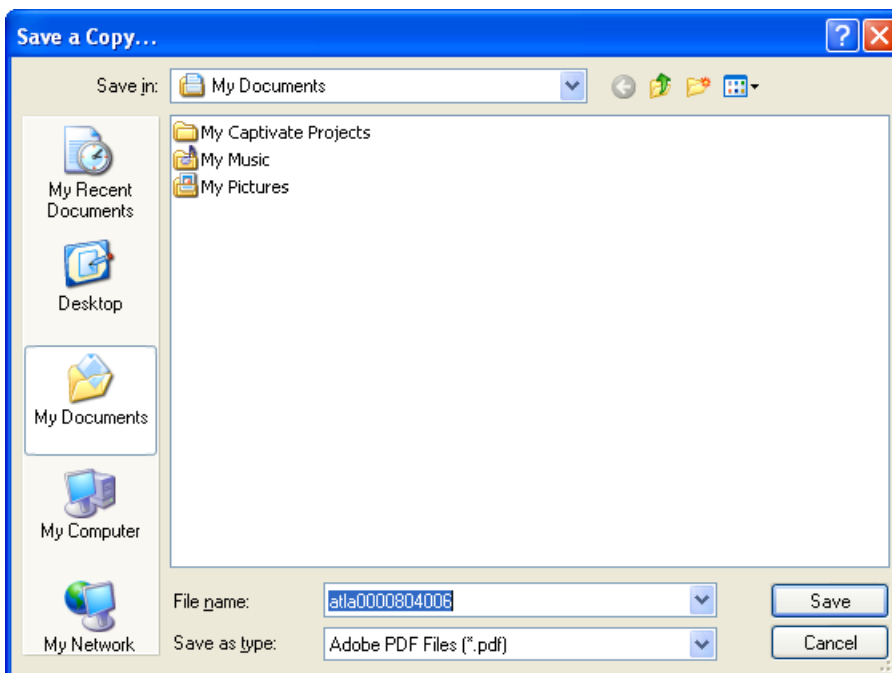


Sometimes you may be too busy to download and read each article, or even wait for it to print out. Note that you can save a copy of the article to your computer in order to review it later. First, click the save button on the tool bar.

\*Note that you must choose the save button on the toolbar that is located with the article.

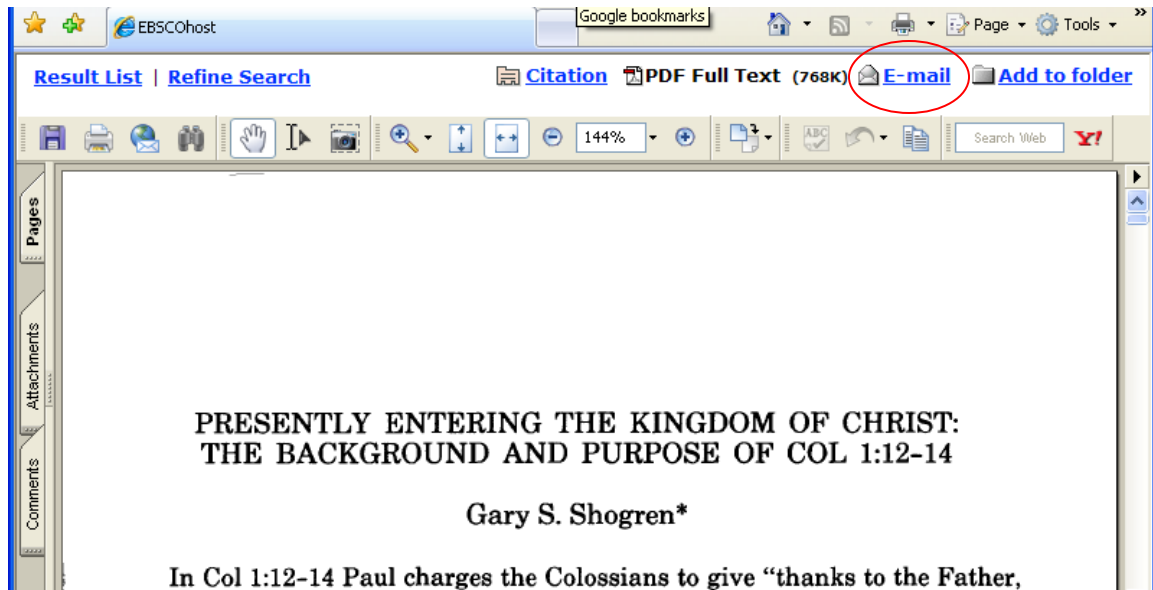


Then choose where you want to save the file to. In order to save as a PDF document, where is the program this database uses, you will need to have Adobe Acrobat Reader. You can always download this program to your computer-it is free. The database gives the file a default name that tells you nothing about the contents. It is best to change the name to the article title or something that indicates what is in the article.

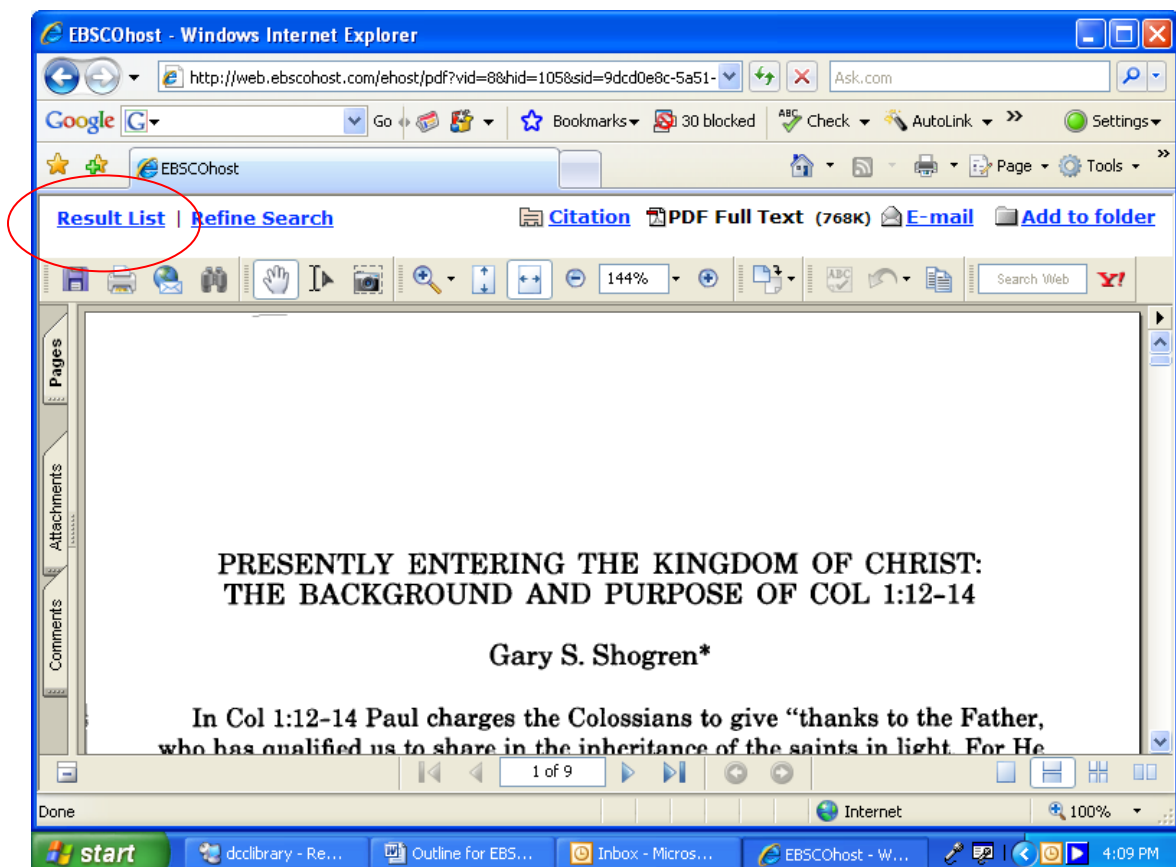




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You can also save your search, or your results, so that you can come back to it later. Let's go back to our search results by clicking *Results List* at the top of the page.



Click on the Search History/Alerts tab.

EBSCOhost: Result List - Windows Internet Explorer

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EBSCOhost: Result List

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in: ATLA Religion Database with ATLASerials

(Searching: ATLA Religion Database with ATLASerials) [Folder is empty.](#)

✓ **Limiters set** To store items added to the folder for a future session, [Sign In to My EBSCOhost.](#)

[Refine Search](#) **Search History/Alerts** [Results](#)

All Results: 1-5 of 5 Page: 1 Sort by: Date [Add \(1-5\)](#)

**Narrow Results by Subject**

- [Bible, Colossians](#)
- [Peer reviewed](#)
- [Bible, New Testament - Criticism, interpretation](#)

1. [Christian enthusiasm: can the Olympic flame kindle the fire of Christianity?](#)  
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Click on Save Searches

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✓Limiters set

Refine Search Search History/Alerts Results

[Print Search History](#) | [Retrieve Searches](#) | [Retrieve Alerts](#) | [Save Searches / Alerts](#) | [Clear Search History](#)

Combine searches with: and

Add to Search	Search ID#	Search Terms	Limiters and Expanders	Actions	Delete
<input type="checkbox"/>	S2	Colossians 1:9 or Colossians 1:10 or Colossians 1:11 or Colossians 1:12 or Colossians 1:13 or Colossians 1:14	Limiters - Full Text; Language: English	<a href="#">View Results (5)</a> <a href="#">Revise Search</a> <a href="#">View Details</a>	<input type="button" value="X"/>

Click on I'm a new user to set up an account.

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Follow the instructions to set up the account. You must fill in the information in every text box. Write down your user name and password for later use.

The screenshot shows a Windows Internet Explorer browser window with the address bar displaying <http://web.ebscohost.com/ehost/login?vid=16&hi>. The page title is "EBSCOhost - Windows Internet Explorer". The main content area is titled "Sign in to My EBSCOhost" and includes a "Sign In" button. Below this, a yellow box says "To save items in a personal folder, set up an account by entering the following information and then click Submit." The "Create a new account" section contains a form with the following fields: "Account Type" (set to "Personal Account" with a "More Info" link), "First Name", "Last Name", "E-mail Address", "User Name", and "Password". A note next to the "User Name" field states: "This is the user name you will use to sign in to My EBSCOhost." The "Password" field has a note: "Five character minimum, no spaces". The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the Start button, several icons, and the system clock at 4:42 PM.

Once you have set up your account, you will get a message that your account has been created. Click continue.

The screenshot shows the confirmation page after account creation. At the top, there is a "Choose Databases" button. Below it, a green navigation bar contains links for "New Search", "Keyword", "Publications", "Scriptures", and "Indexes". The main heading is "Sign In to My EBSCOhost" with a "Sign In" button. A yellow box displays the message: "Your account has been created". Below this, the "User Name" is listed as "pgarr". A note reads: "Note: Please remember your new password for future reference. Upon clicking Continue you will be signed in as a personal user." A "Continue" button is highlighted with a red rectangle. At the bottom left, there is a "Top of Page" link.

Fill in the name of the search and the description of it. Use something you can remember easily and that will differentiate it from other searches. You might use the course and/or assignment in the description.

**New Search** | **Keyword** | Publications | Scriptures | Indexes

**Save Search/Alert** Folder is empty.

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Description	<input type="text"/>
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Databases	Academic Search Elite Business Source Elite ATLA Religion Database with ATLASerials Regional Business News
Search Strategy	Colossians 1:9 or Colossians 1:10 or Colossians 1:11 or Colossians 1:12 or Colossians 1:13 or Colossians 1:14

As you scroll down, notice you can save it as a permanent search or for twenty-four hours.

**EBSCOhost - Windows Internet Explorer**

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Description

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Interface	EBSCOhost

**Save Search As**

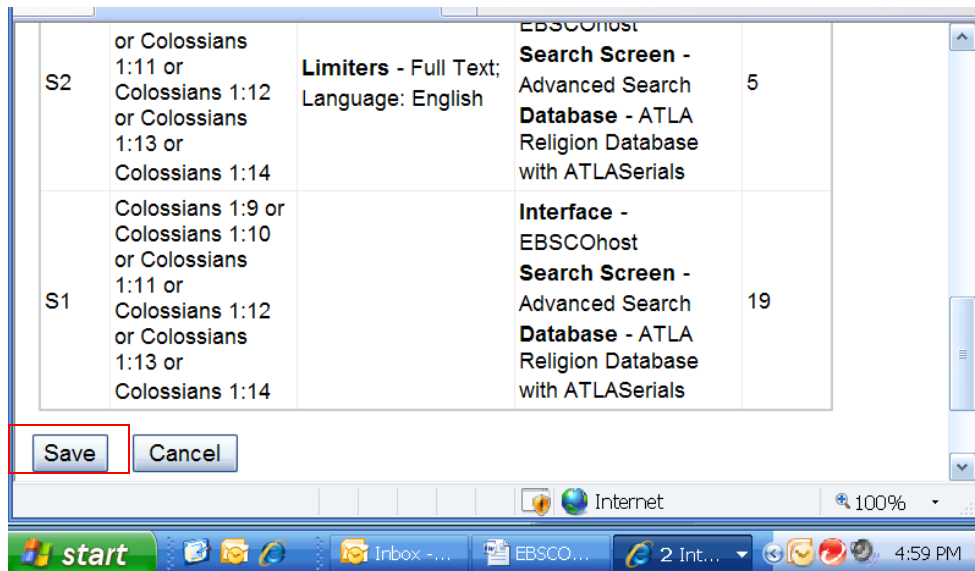
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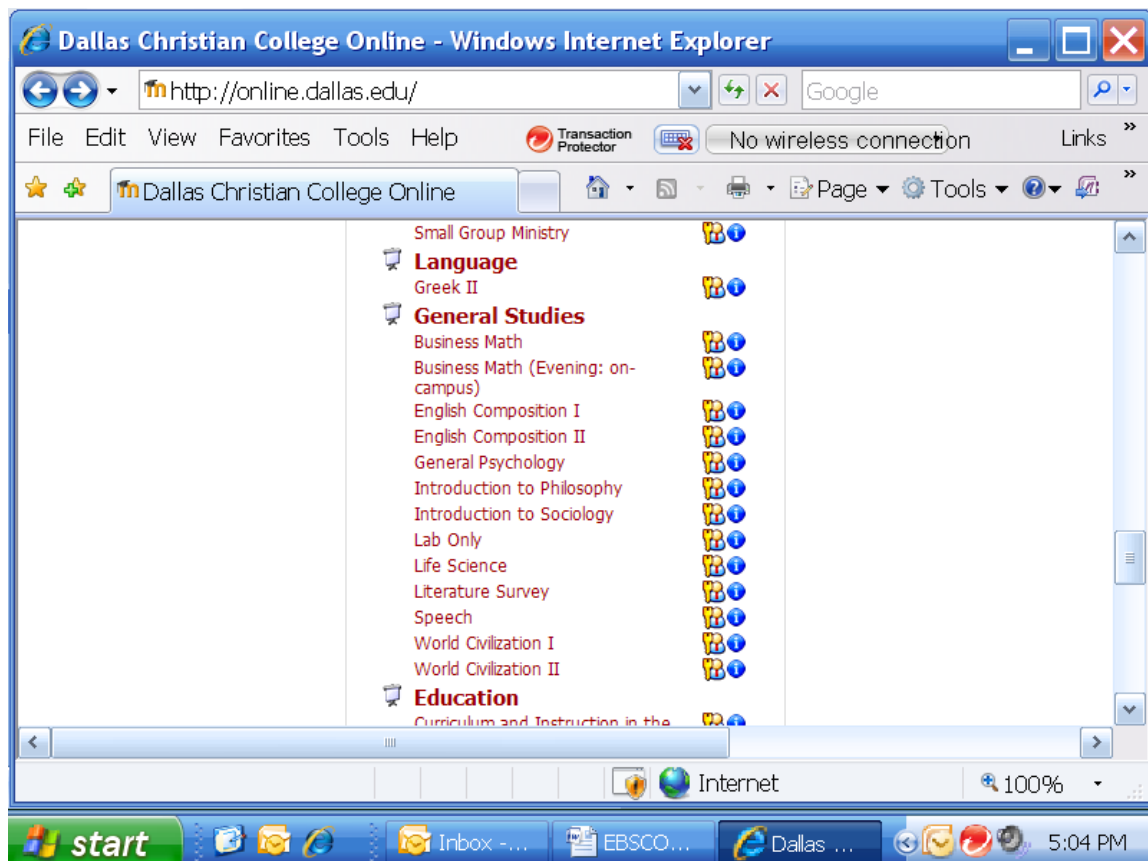
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Scroll down further and notice it will save both searches you did-the one with limits and the one without. Click save at the very bottom of the screen.

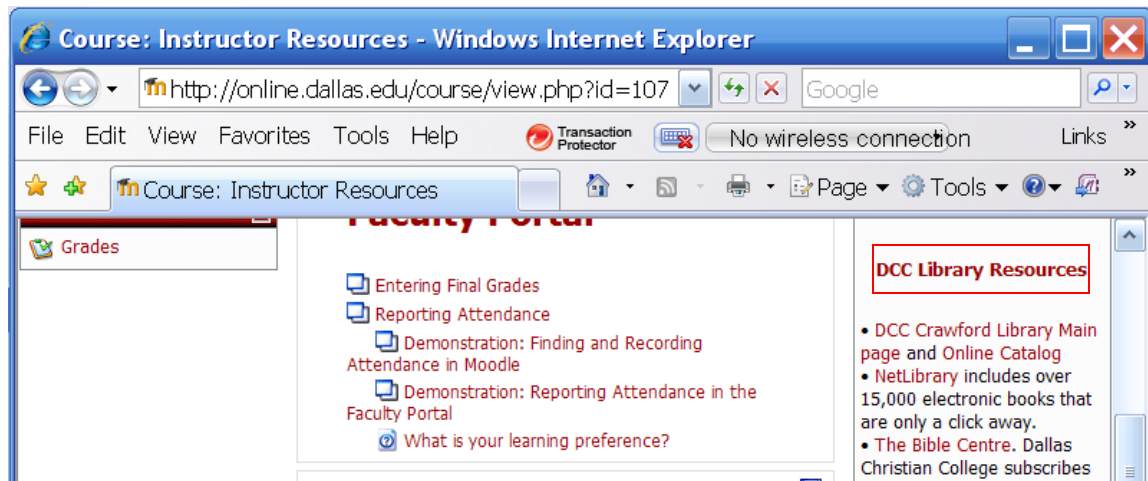


You can then exit the database, and go back to retrieve the search when you are ready.

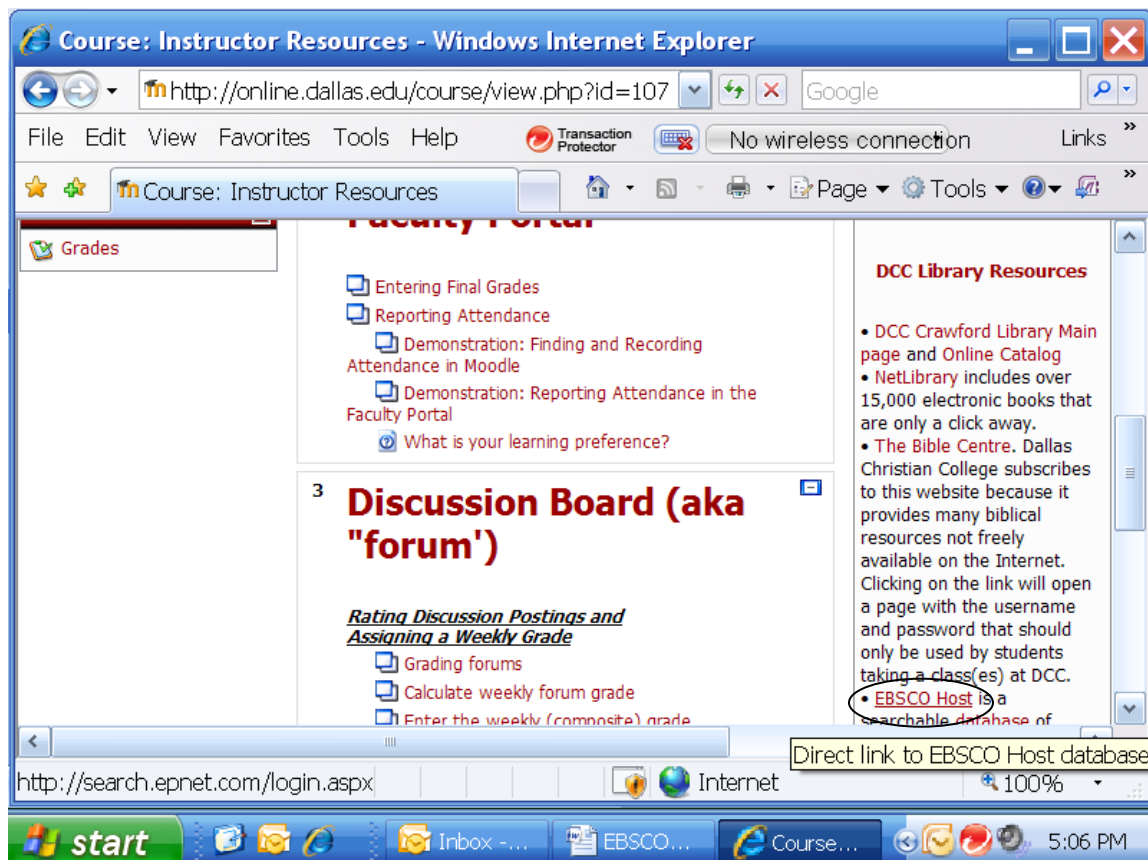
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area or academic study. More than 100 journals have PDF images back to 1985. This database is updated on a daily basis via EBSCOhost.

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This business database provides full text for nearly 1,100 business publications, including full text for nearly 500 peer-reviewed business publications. The rich collection of titles in *Business Source Elite* provides information dating back to 1985. This database is updated on a daily basis via EBSCOhost.

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ATLA Religion Database with ATLASerials combines the premier index to journal articles, book reviews, and collections of essays in all fields of religion with ATLA's online collection of major religion and theology journals. The ATLA Religion Database includes more than 488,000 article citations from more than 1,500 journals (506

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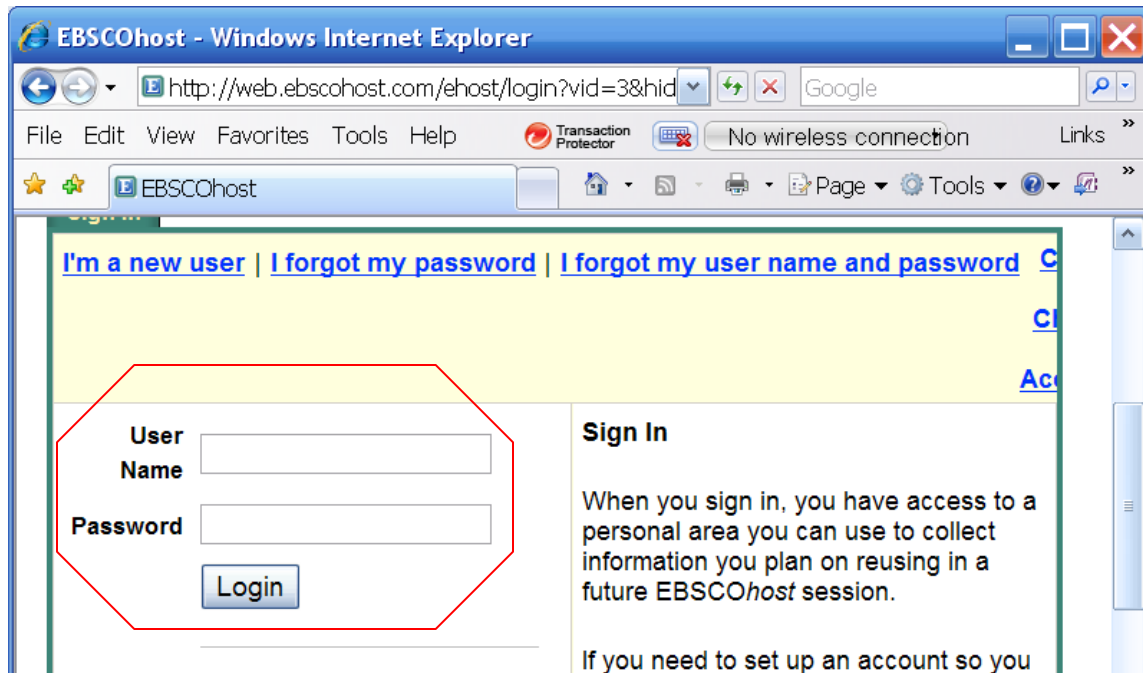
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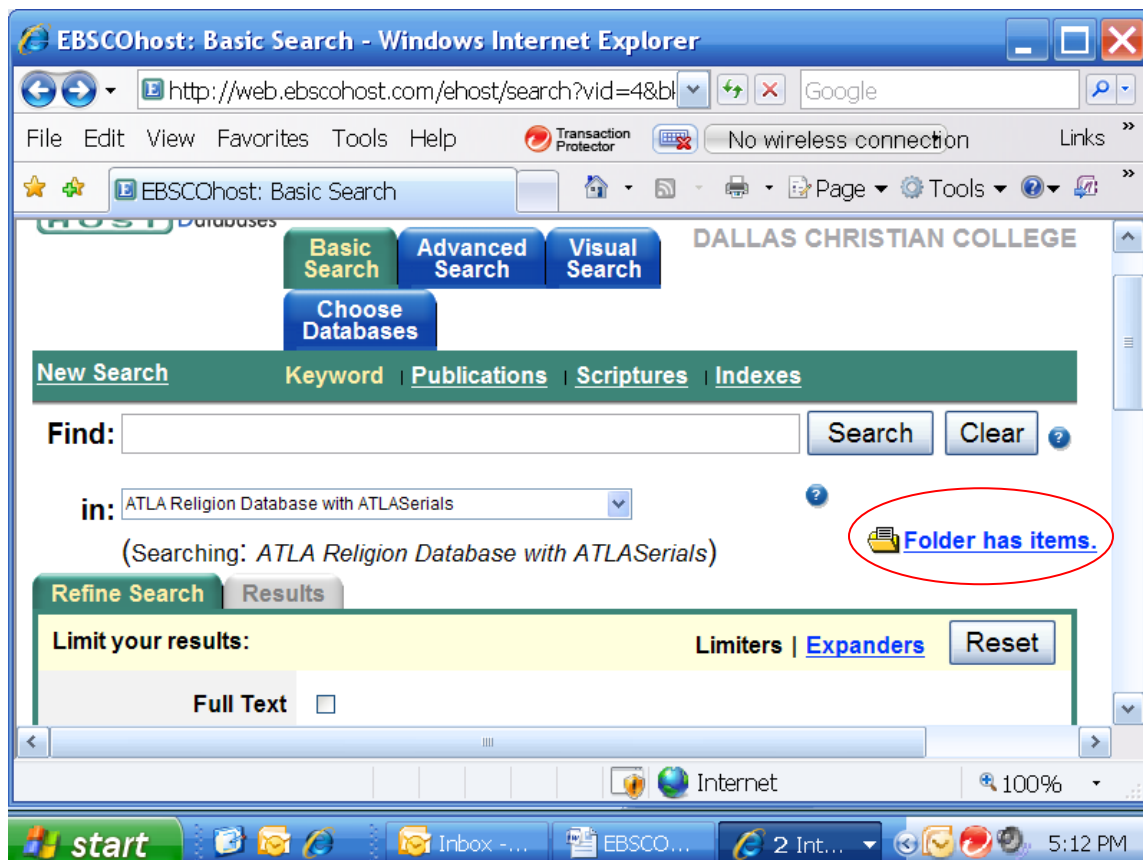
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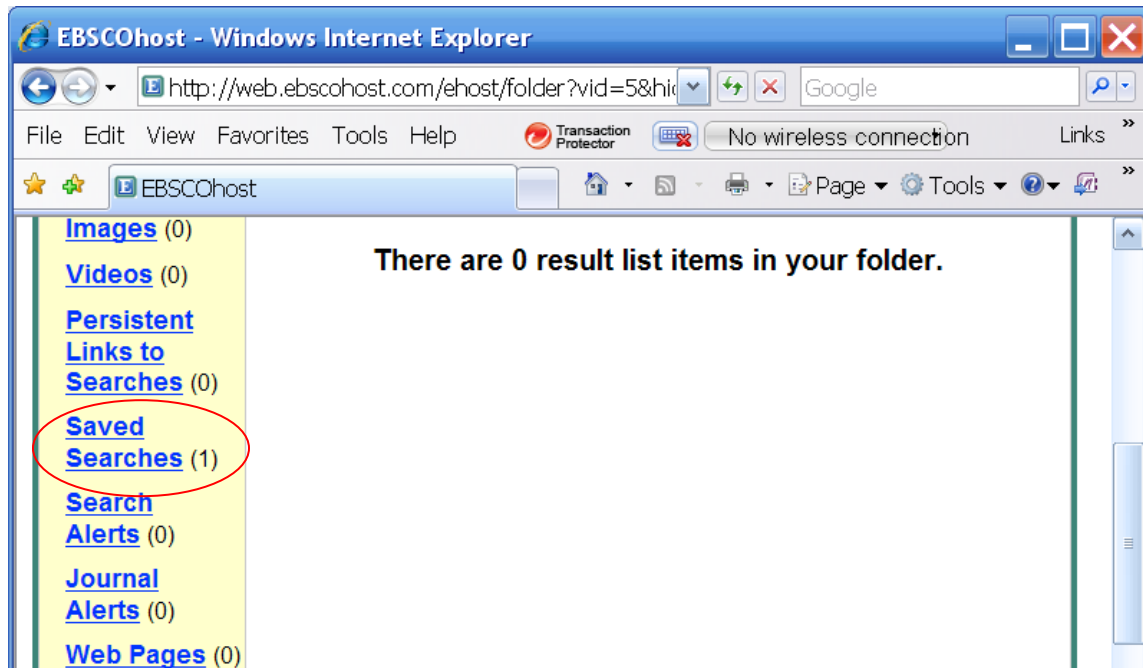
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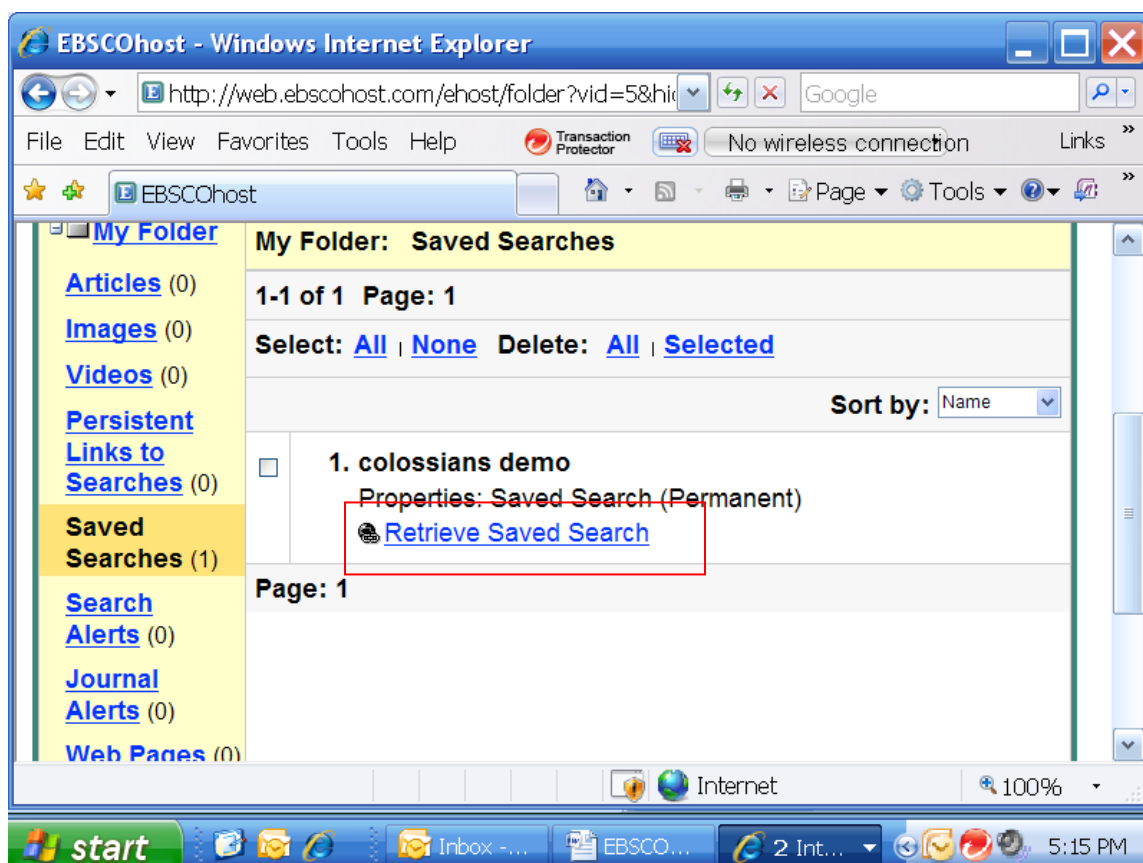
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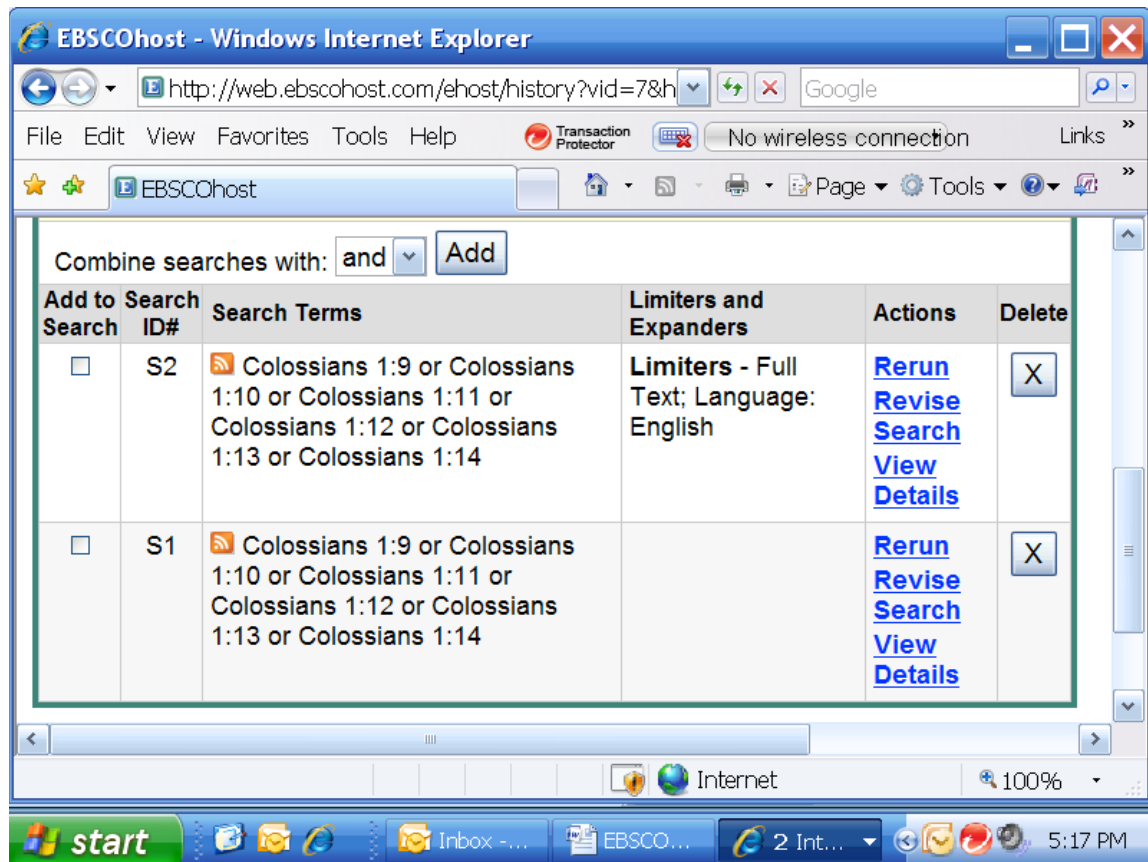
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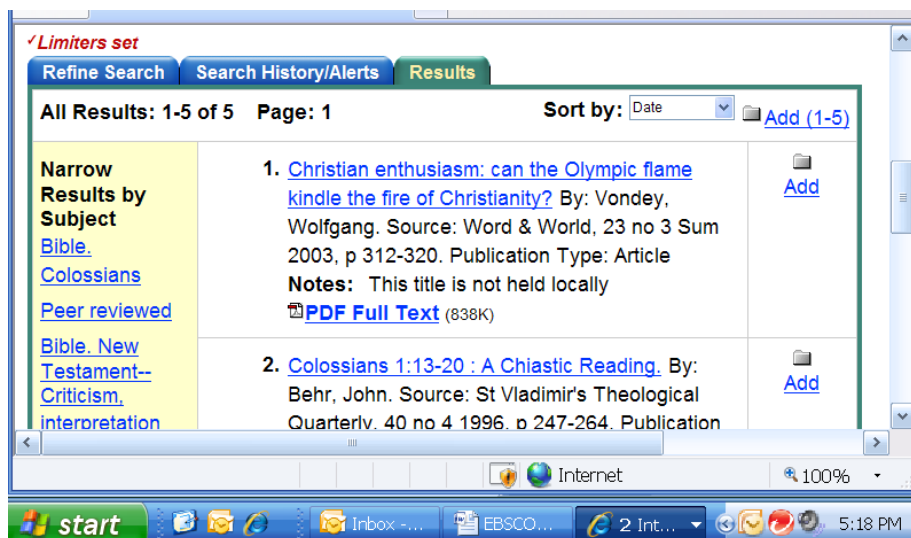
Scroll down and click on Retrieve Saved Search



Your search(es) will appear. You can run the search(es) again by clicking Rerun. You can also delete the searches.



When you click Rerun, scroll down until the records reappear.



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