

## How to Use the GCI Website for Research

As students do research for papers, sermons, or other needs, they sometimes want to know “What has GCI said about this?” They go to [www.gci.org](http://www.gci.org) and find that it has been reorganized, and no matter how good their memory is, it doesn’t help to remember where things used to be. The GCI website is in the process of being designed to be easier for people new to the church, with introductory articles near the top, but this has the side effect of making it more difficult for pastors to find the more detailed materials. So we give here a few suggestions for finding the materials you may want.

For a list of articles organized by subject, go to <https://archive.gci.org/articles/complete-list-of-all-articles-on-gci-org/>. This URL does not begin with “www”—it begins with “archive.” A few months ago everything on [www.gci.org](http://www.gci.org) was copied to a new subdomain, [archive.gci.org](https://archive.gci.org). The [www](http://www.gci.org) site can now be edited, and everything is preserved on the archive site. (The page mentioned above includes *You’re Included* interviews, but not *Speaking of Life*. Most SpoL programs given by Joseph Tkach are compiled into a PDF book available at <http://bit.ly/SpoL>.)

If you can remember the article title, you can usually find it in the “complete list” by scrolling down to the appropriate topic category. It’s a very long page, so you might have to scroll a long way. It may be faster to use the search feature in your browser by pressing the Ctrl key and the f key at the same time. Ctrl-f will open a search box (upper right for Chrome, lower left for Firefox, upper left in Edge) and you can search for a specific word or phrase in the article titles. Authors are often named, too, but not always.

The list was compiled and organized by a human, so it may be missing a few titles. To see a computer-generated alphabetized list of all titles, go to <https://archive.gci.org/articles/index2/>; this page also includes the first few words of each article. It does not include media such as video, or articles on the update or resources sites.

If using your own browser search on two pages mentioned above, it will find every incident in the index of what you have typed in your browser search find box. They will be highlighted for you. You can skip to the next occurrence of it by using the little right or left, up or down arrows at the search box.

If you do not know the name of the article, but know a distinctive word within it, you can also use the search feature on [www.gci.org](http://www.gci.org) page. In the upper

right corner of every page is a gold box labelled “online giving.” Just to the left of that is a large letter Q (it’s actually a stylized magnifying glass). Click on that icon, type in your search word and press enter on your keyboard. You will soon get a list of articles that contain that word. If your search word is in the article title, it will usually be one of the first listed.

Your search can include Scripture references or author name. If you search for a common word, you’ll get thousands of results, displayed only ten at a time. The search results will be more manageable if you pick a distinctive word, or use quotation marks around an exact phrase, such as “kingdom of God” (which still gets more than a thousand results, but at least the articles with this exact phrase in the title are listed at the top).

The GCI search feature includes materials in several locations: [www.gci.org](http://www.gci.org), [archive.gci.org](http://archive.gci.org), [update.gci.org](http://update.gci.org), [resources.gci.org](http://resources.gci.org), and even some portions of the [gcs.edu](http://gcs.edu) website. (Many study papers and *You’re Included* interviews have been moved to the gcs site. So look there for these links.) You don’t have to know which site the material is on—the search function will let you know.

Most articles on GCI have been compiled into books; this can also be a useful way to search. Go to <http://bit.ly/GCIbooks> and you’ll see a Google drive page that contains these books. You can search them on that site or download them to your own computer. Books are easier to cite in a research paper because they have publication dates and page numbers.

If you remember the old location exactly, you can find the article on the “wayback machine” of [archive.org](http://archive.org). This site scours the internet and makes an archive of thousands of websites. You can find out what the GCI site looked like (for example) on May 27, 2018 by going to <https://web.archive.org/web/20180527054551/https://www.gci.org/>.<sup>1</sup> Archive.org does not preserve every article, but many of the old ones are there, with the old organization.

If all this fails, perhaps it wasn’t in an article at all—maybe it was said at a conference, or perhaps in a video that hasn’t been transcribed. Sorry, but we can’t provide any more help on that.

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<sup>1</sup> For very old materials, you can see what the WCG site looked like on Jan. 26, 2003, by going to <https://web.archive.org/web/20030323191305/http://www.wcg.org:80/>. The problem with old material is that you can’t be sure that we still agree with what we wrote back then. Most articles on the gci website were reviewed and edited in the years 2010-2015.

But we do hope this short tutorial will help you navigate more easily through the resources developed over the years and assist you as you ponder Scripture, prepare for preaching, teaching or pastoral counseling, or seek better understanding of a topic, doctrinal issue or ethical concern that is in alignment with the renewal brought about by the Word and Spirit of our gracious Triune God.