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We are appreciative of those publishers who are mission minded, committed to faithfulness to the Bible and to the ministry of the gospel of Jesus Christ. They are truly a blessing to the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The publishers and representatives in attendance at this year's conference are:

Christian Focus Publications
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Shaun Tabbatt & Jeremiah Tabbatt
Ben Krueger & Danny Lee
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Matthew Barrett, *Reclaiming Monergism*; P&R Publishing

This book addresses Puritan teachings on all six loci of theology, covering fifty areas of doctrine. The book explores Puritan teachings on biblical interpretation, God, predestination, providence, angels, sin, the covenants, the gospel, Christ, preparation for conversion, regeneration, coming to Christ, justification, adoption, church government, the Sabbath, preaching, baptism, heaven, hell, and many other topics. It ends with eight chapters that explore Puritan theology in practice.

Jerram Barrs, *Delighting in the Law of God*; Crossway Books

We are steeped in a culture in which people hate being told how to live and idolize uninhibited “freedom.” What’s more, many Christians seem to think the law only leads to legalism and therefore doesn’t have a role to play in the Christian life. Yet, regardless of what society or even fellow believers say, we need guidance to truly honor God in everything we think, say, and do. Jerram Barrs helps us recognize and articulate the immense importance of God’s commands for godly living as he clears away unbiblical ideas that have crept into our thinking. Looking to the teachings of Jesus, this book will lead you to delight in the eternal beauty and life-changing significance of God’s perfect law.

Voddie Baucham, *Joseph and the Gospel of Many Colors*; Crossway Books

We think we know the story of Joseph—the young man sold into slavery by his own brothers before rising to immense power over all of Egypt. But is it possible that we’ve missed the *real* story behind the story? In *Joseph and the Gospel of Many Colors*, Voddie Baucham Jr. helps us to understand the crucial role that the story of Joseph plays in redemptive history. Engaging and thoughtful, this book will help you read the Bible from a Christ-centered perspective and revitalize your love for God—the true hero of history.

Joel Beeke & Derek Thomas,

***The Holy Spirit and Reformed Spirituality*; Reformation Heritage Books**

How does God bring His Word into our lives? The answer is: by the Holy Spirit. By the Spirit the Word was revealed and written. By the Spirit the Word became flesh and dwelt among us. By the Spirit the Word roots itself in the hearts of sinners and produces fruit. Calvin recognized long ago that the Holy Spirit is the bond of union between believers and Christ. Jonathan Edwards said that the Spirit is the

sum of all Christ bought for His people with His precious blood. How precious then is the Spirit, and how important to know Him and His ways! In this book, a team of pastor-theologians uncover the rich biblical teachings about the work of the Holy Spirit. How was the Spirit involved in the human life of Jesus Christ? What is a spiritual person? How does the Spirit open the mind of sinners to trust in Christ? What does it mean to serve God in the power of the Spirit? How does the Spirit's sovereign work relate to our responsibility in evangelism? These questions and more are addressed in this book.

Rob Bentz, *The Unfinished Church*; Crossway Books

We hear this kind of talk all the time, but what if it's profoundly mistaken? Rob Bentz challenges readers to rethink this popular—yet ultimately harmful—mentality. Drawing on his experience as a pastor, Bentz helps those disenchanted with the church to rediscover its importance for the Christian life by examining the biblical, theological, and historical reasons why Christ's followers should embrace gospel-centered community—even when it's hard. Honest yet hopeful, *The Unfinished Church* provides an encouraging look at God's ultimate building project: his church.

Craig Blomberg, *Can We Still Believe the Bible?*; Baker Academic

Challenges to the reliability of Scripture are perennial and have frequently been addressed. However, some of these challenges are noticeably more common today, and the topic is currently of particular interest among evangelicals. In this volume, highly regarded biblical scholar Craig Blomberg offers an accessible and nuanced argument for the Bible's reliability in response to the extreme views about Scripture and its authority articulated by both sides of the debate. He believes that a careful analysis of the relevant evidence shows we have reason to be more confident in the Bible than ever before. As he traces his own academic and spiritual journey, Blomberg sketches out the case for confidence in the Bible in spite of various challenges to the trustworthiness of Scripture, offering a positive, informed, and defensible approach.

Brian Borgman & Rob Ventura, *Spiritual Warfare: A Biblical & Balanced Perspective*; Reformation Heritage Books

In his letter to the Ephesians, the apostle Paul describes deliverance from bondage of sin through the work of Christ. He brings that deliverance to bear in our personal experience by the enlivening grace of God. He issues a call for us to walk in this newfound freedom, worthy of our calling in Christ, amid the dangers and challenges of this fallen world. Paul concludes his letter in practical terms for the battle we face as part of the normal course of the Christian life. It is here in Ephesians 6 that Brian Borgman and

Rob Ventura meet us to orient us to the strength, weaponry, and strategy by which our Lord equips us for the battle. These pastors provide clear, concise, competent, and compelling counsel in what can be a neglected or abused topic.

Jerry Bridges, *God Took Me by the Hand*; NavPress

Jerry Bridges' life is a remarkable story of God's providence. From "a most unpromising beginning" as a poor kid from the wrong side of the tracks, he joined the Navy, went to college, became an engineer, joined The Navigators as a missionary, and eventually became a best-selling author. In this book, Jerry illustrates through his story—and then summarizes for the reader—seven key "spiritual lessons" that God has taught him through his 83 years. These lessons can be passed on to any believer.

Archibald Brown, *This is Our God*; Banner of Truth

A companion volume to *The Face of Jesus Christ*, this new selection of sermons by Archibald G. Brown concentrate on the Bible's teaching about God as Creator, Judge, and Saviour. Preached during the course of his long ministry in London, these sermons were heard by thousands and then read avidly by multitudes who prized his faithful presentation of the gospel of the grace of God .

David B. Calhoun, *Pleading for a Reformation Vision: The Life & Selected Writings of William Childs Robinson*; Banner of Truth

A minister of the Presbyterian Church in the United States for more than sixty years, William Childs Robinson's career spanned the great events of twentieth-century history from the Great Depression to the Vietnam War and the Civil Rights movement. These were difficult years for America and for Protestant Christianity in America. In this book, David Calhoun tells of how Robinson tirelessly laboured to arrest the Southern Presbyterian Church's slide toward a liberal theological position and preserve the old Calvinism that had marked the church from its beginning. In seminary classrooms, in pulpits across the South and beyond, and in the courts of the church, Robinson's voice was heard pleading for a Reformation vision based on faithfulness to Scripture and supported by the testimony of Reformers, English Puritans and Scottish Covenanters.

Mark Cannister, *Teenagers Matter: Making Student Ministry a Priority*; Baker Academic

Veteran practitioner Mark Cannister brings together the latest ideas and research on adolescence to champion student ministry as integral to the life of the church. He shows how connecting teenagers into the church's larger intergenerational community enriches the entire congregation,

casting a prophetic vision for what the church can become when it truly values its young people. This comprehensive yet accessible addition to the award-winning Youth, Family, and Culture series has been field tested and written in close consultation with youth pastors. It outlines the resources necessary for a vital student ministry and includes sidebars and discussion questions.

Murray, Capill, *The Heart is the Target*; P&R Publishing

God's Word is powerful, and when preached clearly and applied pertinently it can change lives. Yet preaching does not always have this impact; preachers concerned merely with teaching information can leave congregations unmoved, and those who sacrifice substance for relevance skimp on the power of the text. To truly change those who hear it, preaching must blend biblical faithfulness and insightful application together. Murray Capill helps all preachers who want to change lives to make their preaching wholly applicable, avoiding the pitfalls of tacked-on application. He takes preachers through the living application preaching process—moving the Word of God, via the life of the preacher, to the lives of the hearers—and gives them the tools to systematically explore the application potential of any text. He himself applies this teaching to any preacher's situation by showing how it works out in some of the specific challenges and situations of preaching.

D. A. Carson, *Here is Our God*; Crossway Books

Scripture records a number of instances in which God visibly revealed himself to his people, offering a glimpse of his stunning beauty and overwhelming glory. These awe-inspiring manifestations of God's presence—known as “theophanies”—give us wonderful insights into his character, will, and salvation. In this collection of biblical expositions, eight prominent Bible teachers explore key passages in which God displayed himself in a spectacular revelation.

**Elizabeth & Christopher Catherwood,
The Christ-Centered Preaching of Martyn Lloyd-Jones; Crossway Books**

Throughout history, there have been certain figures who have stood the test of time and had an enduring impact on the church at large. One such person was the famed Welsh preacher Dr. Martyn Lloyd-Jones. In this carefully curated collection of sermons, contemporary readers are introduced to one of the most influential pastors of the 20th century. Compiled and expertly edited by his daughter and grandson, this powerful anthology will help you learn from “the Doctor's” prophetic preaching—even today.

Bryan Chapell, *Christ-Centered Sermons*; Baker Academic

Highly regarded preacher and teacher Bryan Chapell shows readers how he has prepared expository sermons according to the principles he developed in his bestselling *Christ-Centered Preaching*. This companion volume provides concrete examples of how a redemptive approach to Scripture is fleshed out in various types of sermons and various genres of the Bible. The example sermons not only demonstrate different approaches but also are analyzed for pedagogical purposes, helping readers move from theory to practice. In essence, the book allows students and preachers to look over Chapell's shoulder as he prepares these messages to learn how to construct their own expository sermons that communicate grace and truth from both the Old and New Testaments.

Bryan Chapell, *Gospel According to Daniel*; Baker Academic

Often we read the book of Daniel in one of two ways—either as a book about a heroic man whose righteousness should inspire us to keep the faith no matter what our circumstances, or as a roadmap to the end times that can, through careful study, perhaps tell us the day and hour (or nearly so) of Christ's return. Both, says Bryan Chapell, are sadly missing the bigger picture, that *God* is the hero of this story and he is in the midst of his unrelenting plan to rescue his people from their sin and its consequences. We mustn't simply make the man Daniel the object of our worship nor the subject of our debates. We may differ about prophetic details, Chapell says, but we should never miss the point that the book of Daniel is, like all of Old Testament Scripture, pointing us toward the grace of God, ultimately revealed in Christ.

H. B. Charles Jr., *On Preaching*; Moody Publishers

H. B. Charles has written a masterful and easy-to-read resource that will refresh your soul and revitalize your preaching ministry. He gives tips like, "Avoid indecent exposure—Get your wife's permission before using your family in the message" and, "Illustrate! A good illustration is like a window on a house. It helps your listeners see in or out." Drawing upon Scripture and years of experience as a preacher, *On Preaching* is a resource for pastors, seminarians, church planters, and public speakers that is full of energy and wonderfully enjoyable.

Alex Chediak, *Preparing Your Teens for College*; Tyndale House Publishers

Dr. Chediak has watched too many college students flounder over these and other issues. Sadly, 44 percent of those who start off at a four-year college will not complete their degree in six years. At a time when college has never been more expensive, too many of our children are failing. What makes the difference? Character, a strong faith, and a willingness to delay gratification. And where is that learned?

Ideally, at home. In this book, Alex will give you everything you need to help your teens successfully navigate the college years and beyond. Alex covers all the hot-button issues: studying, grades, time management, choosing a major, friendships, dating, what to look for in a college (and how to pay for it), God, and much more.

Brian Croft, *Visit the Sick*; Zondervan

How Do You Care for the Sick? Here's How. One of the marks of the ministry of Jesus is his compassionate care for the sick. Jesus brought healing and hope to individuals struggling with life-debilitating illnesses. Ministry to the sick should also be a mark of his followers, but in many churches today it is neglected or pushed to the periphery of ministry concerns. To counter our modern tendency to minimize or ignore sickness, pastor Brian Croft looks to paradigms of the past and examines historical models of care that honor God, obey the teachings of Scripture, and communicate loving care to those who are struggling with sickness and disease.

Brian Croft, *Prepare Them to Shepherd*; Zondervan

Are You Called to Ministry? Those who are involved in full-time ministry often say they have been “called” to do what they do. But what does that mean? Who does the “calling,” and how is it received? In *Prepare Them to Shepherd*, pastor Brian Croft unpacks the biblical model for preparing individuals for full-time ministry.

Brian & Cara Croft, *The Pastor's Family*; Zondervan

Featuring insights from the perspective of both a pastor and his wife—*The Pastor's Family* identifies the complicated burdens and expectations ministry brings to the life of a family. Brian and Cara Croft identify the unique challenges that pastors face as husbands and fathers. They also discuss the difficulties and joys of being a pastor's wife and offer practical advice on raising children in a ministry family. In addition to addressing the challenges of marriage and raising children, they also highlight the joys of serving together as a family and the unique opportunities pastors have to train their children and lead their families.

Brian Croft & Phil Newton, *Conduct Gospel Centered Funerals*; Zondervan

Our calling as ministers of the gospel of Jesus Christ is to make Christ central in all we do. Yet, in many funeral occasions, the gospel of Jesus Christ is lamentably overlooked as the primary purpose of the funeral service and that upon which all true hope depends. The aim of this book is not just to inform you of all the different kinds of important logistics, challenges, and practicalities that often accompany any funeral, but so that you will know how to apply the power of the gospel in the midst of those unique challenges.

Mark Dever & Others, *The (Unadjusted) Gospel*; Crossway Books

Responding to the perennial temptation to “tame” the message about Jesus, eight prominent church leaders, including John Piper, John MacArthur, Al Mohler, and R. C. Sproul, challenge Christians to hold fast to the faith by emphasizing the importance of maintaining a pure and unadulterated view of the gospel. Looking back at the New Testament and the church fathers and forward to the church’s continued mission of faithful biblical preaching and effective cultural engagement, the contributors draw on their extensive ministry experience to offer us a thoughtful plea for safeguarding the message of the gospel in the midst of our pluralistic world.

Kevin DeYoung, *Crazy Busy*; Crossway Books

Just one look at our jam-packed schedules tells us how hard it can be to strike a well-reasoned balance between doing nothing and doing it all. That’s why award-winning author and pastor Kevin DeYoung addresses the busyness problem head on in his newest book, *Crazy Busy* — and not with the typical arsenal of time management tips, but rather with the biblical tools we need to get to the source of the issue and pull the problem out by the roots.

J. V. Fesko, *Songs of a Suffering King*; Reformation Heritage Books

Our Lord has wisely given the Psalms, the songbook of the Bible, for the benefit of the church. But for many people, the Psalms contents are mysterious because they no longer have a place of prominence in the church’s worship. Author J. V. Fesko hopes to awaken the church to the majesty, beauty, and splendor of the Psalms through a devotional exploration of Psalms 18, a grand Christ hymn, in which David, as the suffering king, prefigures the king of kings, Jesus Christ. To encourage readers to come to a greater appreciation for the Psalms, the author includes with each chapter questions for further reflection and study and a metrical version of each psalm. He also recommends Internet resources that provide digital files of the tunes.

John Frame, *Systematic Theology*; P&R Publishing

Systematic Theology is the culmination and creative synthesis of John Frame's writing on, teaching about, and studying of the Word of God. This magisterial opus—at once biblical, clear, cogent, readable, accessible, and practical—summarizes the mature thought of one of the most important and original Reformed theologians of the last hundred years. It will enable you to see clearly how the Bible explains God's great, sweeping plan for mankind.

Richard Gaffin, *By Faith, Not by Sight*; P&R Publishing

Proponents of the “New Perspective” on Paul generally reject or minimize the concept of an *ordo salutis* (“order of salvation”) in his writings. Building on the biblical-theological groundwork of the Reformed tradition, Richard B. Gaffin Jr. explores Paul's understanding of how individuals receive salvation. Even Peter acknowledged that Paul wrote some things that are hard to understand, yet the central elements of Paul's teaching are clearly explained by Gaffin as he unfolds Paul's focus on Christ's death and resurrection and the essence of his *ordo salutis*.

David Gibson, Jonathan Gibson & Others, *From Heaven He Came and Sought Her*; Crossway Books

There is a palpable sense of confusion—and sometimes even embarrassment—with regard to so-called limited atonement today, pointing to the need for thoughtful engagement with this controversial doctrine. Incorporating contributions from a host of respected theologians, *From Heaven He Came and Sought Her* stands as the first comprehensive resource on definite atonement as it examines the issue from historical, biblical, theological, and pastoral perspectives.

Wayne Grudem & Barry Asmus, *The Poverty of Nations*; Crossway Books

The whole world has a stake in the war against poverty and leaders across the globe are looking for a permanent solution. That's why economist Barry Asmus and theologian Wayne Grudem have teamed up to outline a robust proposal for fighting poverty on a national level. These two experts believe the solution lies in a comprehensive development plan that integrates the principles of a free market system with the Bible's teachings on social ethics. Speaking to the importance of personal freedom, the rule of law, private property, moral virtue, and education, this book offers a clear path for promoting economic prosperity and safeguarding a country's long-term stability—a sustainable solution for a world looking for the way forward.

Ian Hamilton, *The Faith Shaped Life; Banner of Truth*

The life of faith is not easy. The Christian is engaged in an unrelenting warfare with the world, the flesh and the devil. Every step forward will be contested. The one thing that will keep the believer on track and pressing on is moment by moment trust in God, in his word, in the goodness and perfection of his purposes, and in his exceedingly great and precious promises. ‘This is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith’ (1 John 5:4).

David Helm, *Expositional Preaching; Crossway Books*

What makes for good preaching? In this accessible volume—written for preachers and preachers in training—pastor David Helm outlines what must be believed and accomplished to become a faithful expositor of God’s Word. In addition to offering practical, step-by-step guidance for preachers, this short book will equip all of us to recognize good preaching when we hear it.

Marcus Peter Johnson, *One With Christ; Crossway Books*

Despite our love for the Bible, emphasis on the cross, and passion for evangelism, many evangelicals ironically neglect that which is central to the gospel. In our preaching, teaching, and witnessing, we often separate *salvation* from the *Savior*. Looking to the Scriptures and church history, Marcus Johnson reveals the true riches of our salvation by reintroducing us to the foundation of our redemption—our mysterious union with the living Christ.

Mark Jones,

Antinomianism: Reformed Theology’s Unwelcome Guest; P&R Publishing

Hotly debated since the sixteenth century in the Reformed theological tradition, and still a burning issue today, antinomianism has a long and complicated story. This book is the first to examine antinomianism from a historical, exegetical, and systematic perspective. More than that, in it, Mark Jones offers a key—a robust Reformed Christology with a strong emphasis on the Holy Spirit—and chapter by chapter uses it to unlock nine questions raised by the debates.

Douglas Kelly, *Systematic Theology - 2 Volumes; Christian Focus*

Volume 1: “I have written this first volume, thinking of my heritage as both Reformed and Catholic; gladly appropriating crucial insights of the whole people of God over the last two thousand years—Eastern Orthodox, Western Catholic, and Reformation Protestant—as they sought to live out the foundational truths of the inspired Word of God.”

Volume 2: Douglas F. Kelly returns to the writings of saints and scholars to exemplify the beauty and the wonder of Christ, the Son of God, in this highly-anticipated second volume of systematic theology. Kelly delves through a treasure trove of Patristics, Scholastics, Reformers, Puritans, and Moderns to recover an Augustinian reverence for the beauty of Christ, to illustrate that the Father and the Spirit are most fully revealed through Him, and to make clear that His coming is the restoration of the universe.

Ronald Kohl - Editor, *The Triune God*; P&R Publishing

This book dedicates equal space to examining the qualities and roles of each member of the Trinity, as we find them in the Bible, to help us grow in our knowledge and understanding. These leading pastors and preachers will make us more familiar with each person of the Trinity and will show us how to rightly respond to each one. The more we know how to relate to the Trinity, the more we can enrich our love for our triune God.

Jonathan Leeman - Editor, *The Underestimated Gospel*; B&H Publishing

Everyone is looking for power. Political campaigns play to the power of fear and hope; advertising agencies rely on the power of appetite, both wielding power by the means of words. But churches have something different and better. Churches have the gospel. Though we live in the world, we must not wage war like the world, or fight with its weapons. On the contrary, we have divine power to demolish strongholds. Authors Jonathan Leeman, R. Albert Mohler Jr., Thabiti Anyabwile, David Platt, Kevin DeYoung, Mark Dever, C.J. Mahaney, Matt Chandler, John Piper, and J. Ligon Duncan III call readers to herald a common refrain: Do not underestimate the gospel, and do not underestimate the God of this gospel.

Hugh Martin, *The Atonement*; Banner of Truth

The Atonement is the most significant contribution to the Christian church by Hugh Martin, an author of extraordinary penetration and great power. At a time when the preaching of the cross has been displaced from many pulpits by talk about man, and where experience oriented theology has come to reign, Martin's exposition of the atonement is a book that demands attention.

Ryan McGraw, *The Day of Worship*; Reformation Heritage Books

In the last fifteen years, there has been renewed interest in the nature and purpose of the fourth commandment and what many refer to as the Puritan Sabbath. By God's grace a conversation has begun that is helping many come to a fuller appreciation for and use of the Lord's Day. Pastor Ryan

McGraw's voice in the conversation needs to be heard. As he says, I have sought to address what I believe to be the primary underlying issues behind the widespread neglect of the Sabbath day. Pastor McGraw's book is chock-full of biblical insights, freshly applied to the issue of the Christian Sabbath.

Jason Meyer, *Preaching: A Biblical Theology*; Crossway Books

In *Preaching: A Biblical Theology*, pastor Jason Meyer examines the biblical precedent for preaching in both the Old and New Testaments and offers practical guidance related to the *what*, *how*, and *why* of expository preaching for today. The most comprehensive biblical theology on the topic, this resource will help you identify good preaching and embrace it as a means to encounter—and be transformed by—the living God.

Christopher Morgan, Robert Petersen & Others, *Fallen: A Theology of Sin*; Crossway Books

From marital infidelity to global war, the world is obviously broken, leaving people desperate to find an explanation for our universal sin problem. In the latest addition to the Theology in Community series, Christopher Morgan and Robert Peterson have assembled an interdisciplinary team of evangelical thinkers to explore the biblical doctrine of sin from a variety of angles. Among other contributors, popular scholar D. A. Carson discusses the contemporary significance of sin; seasoned professor Paul House details sin in the Old Testament law, prophets, and writings; and New Testament expert Douglas Moo explores sin from Paul's vantage point. This team of top-notch scholars offers modern readers a comprehensive overview of this oft-neglected, biblical theme so that readers might learn to live better in a sinful world.

Alec Motyer, *Preaching?*; Christian Focus

Like many things in life, the skill of good preaching is 95% perspiration and 5% inspiration. Alec Motyer gives us a simple guide based on a multitude of sermons over many years of preaching, in many different situations. At its basic level he tells us that preparing a good sermon is like baking a cake. It requires the correct ingredients for each type of cake to be baked, likewise with preaching, know your subject and pull all the pieces together to make up the winning recipe. Preaching is a privilege accorded to few and the fruits thereof welcomed by many—let Alec help you reach out and make the best of the gifts God has given you.

Iain Murray, *Evangelical Holiness; Banner of Truth*

In London in the 1950s Martyn Lloyd-Jones gave a new meaning to conferences . For him they were not times for learned discussion, or for the reading of papers, but a means of awakening a younger generation to big spiritual issues. From such gatherings, preachers, in particular, would carry fire back to their churches. Following his mentor's model, Iain Murray has sought, with others, to continue that practice. These pages are a selection of his more recent addresses.

Tom Nettles, *Living by Revealed Truth; Christian Focus*

Tom Nettles has spent more than 15 years working on this magisterial biography of Charles Haddon Spurgeon, the famous 19th century preacher and writer. More than merely a biography it covers his life, ministry and also provides an indepth survey of his theology.

K. Scott Oliphant, *Covenantal Apologetics; Crossway Books*

Defending the faith can be daunting, and a well-reasoned and biblically grounded apologetic is essential for the challenge. Following in the footsteps of groundbreaking apologist Cornelius Van Til, Scott Oliphant presents us with an introduction to Reformed apologetics as he sets forth the principles behind a distinctly “covenantal” approach. This book clearly explains the theological foundations of covenantal apologetics and illustrates its application in real-world conversations with unbelievers—helping Christians to boldly, knowledgeably, and winsomely proclaim the gospel.

Ray Ortlund, *The Gospel; Crossway Books*

The gospel is the greatest message of all time addressing the greatest need of all people. However, the good news about Jesus does more than just promise eternal life to all who believe. In the latest addition to the 9 Marks: Building Healthy Churches series, pastor Ray Ortlund explains the gospel's power to transform individuals from the inside out and create beautiful human relationships.

Alasdair Paine, *The First Chapters of Everything; Christian Focus*

Alasdair Paine writes in his introduction, “Genesis was not given to satisfy our speculation but to bring us urgent truths about God, our world and ourselves.” This book was written to bring out the beginnings recorded in Genesis—where we came from, what went wrong, and the first promise of the Saviour to come.

David G. Peterson, *Encountering God Together*; P&R Publishing

Church services are an opportunity to gather together and encounter God. More than that, God builds the church through us as we use his gifts to minister to one another. In this book, David Peterson will teach you: The biblical foundations of worship. The meaning and purpose of gathering together. What acceptable worship is. How to plan corporate worship biblically and creatively. A true measure of church growth. How we edify the church. Patterns and varieties of service models. How to structure each service to take worshippers on a meaningful journey together.

John Piper, David Mathis & Others, *Acting the Miracle*; Crossway Books

Fighting sin is not easy. No one ever coasted into greater godliness. Christian growth takes effort. But we are not left alone. God loves to work the miracle of sanctification within us as we struggle for daily progress in holiness. With contributions from Kevin DeYoung, John Piper, Ed Welch, Russell Moore, David Mathis, and Jarvis Williams, this invigorating book will help you say *no* to the deception of sin and *yes* to true joy in Jesus.

John Piper, *Seeing Beauty and Saying Beautifully*; Crossway Books

Examining the lives of George Herbert, George Whitefield, and C. S. Lewis, Piper helps us appreciate the importance of carefully crafted words by exploring how Christians can use them to testify to God's glory, wonder at his grace, and rejoice in our salvation. Whether exploring Herbert's moving poetry, Whitefield's dramatic preaching, or Lewis's imaginative writing, this book highlights the importance of Christ-exalting eloquence in our praise of God and proclamation of his gospel.

Vern Poythress, *Chance and the Sovereignty of God*; Crossway Books

What if all events—big and small, good and bad—are governed by more than just blind chance? What if they are governed by God? In this theologically informed and philosophically nuanced introduction to the study of probability and chance, Vern Poythress argues that all events—including the seemingly random or accidental—fall under God's watchful gaze as part of his eternal plan. Comprehensive in its scope, this book lays the theistic foundation for our scientific assumptions about the world while addressing personal questions about the meaning and significance of everyday events.

Jeramie Rinne, *Church Elders*; Crossway Books

What does effective church leadership look like? In this conversational book, Pastor Jeramie Rinne sets forth an easy-to-understand "job description" for elders drawn from the Bible's teaching on church leadership. Offering practical guidance for new elders and helping church members better understand

and support their spiritual leaders, this succinct volume will encourage elders to embrace their calling with grace, wisdom, and clarity of vision.

Anthony T. Selvaggio, *From Bondage to Liberty*; P&R Publishing

It is difficult to overestimate the importance of Moses to the unfolding of God's plan of salvation. Arguably, Moses is the most significant Old Testament figure because of his unique role as mediator of the old covenant. In this sense, Moses is the only parallel to Jesus Christ who is the mediator of a new and better covenant. This book focuses on the redemptive-historical aspects of Moses' life and ministry as manifested in the books of Exodus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy.

Marshall Shelley, *Ministering to Problem People in Your Church*; Baker Academic

Every church has them—sincere, well-meaning Christians who leave ulcers, strained relationships, and hard feelings in their wake. They don't intend to be hostile; they don't consciously plot destruction or breed discontent. But they often do undermine the ministry of the church and make pastors question their calling. This book will guide you in dealing with these challenging people. Based on real-life accounts of battle-scarred veterans, this book helps you go beyond just tolerating problem people to limiting their damage and showing them God's love. You'll discover effective strategies to turn dissidents into disciples.

C. H. Spurgeon, *Christ's Glorious Achievements; Banner of Truth*

The popular view of Christianity today is a list of rules. Do's and Don'ts seem to be what it is all about. But if that's what we think Christianity is all about then we have a lot to learn. The key to understanding Christianity is not something we have to do, but rather something that Jesus Christ has already achieved on our behalf. This book, by one of the most influential Christians of the last 200 years, looks at what Christ has done for us. Read it and then ask yourself the question "If Christ has done all this for me, is anything I am asked to do for Christ too much in return?"

Catherine Stewart, *Letters to Pastors' Wives*; P&R Publishing

Life as a pastor's wife is a unique calling. Some women accept it whole-heartedly while others approach it more apprehensively. Yet either way, when seminary ends and ministry begins, she will face very unique challenges and joys. When her husband was in seminary, Catherine J. Stewart greatly benefited from regular meetings with veteran pastors' wives who shared their wisdom and experience with her so that she could be encouraged and prepared for the life ahead of her. In *Letters to Pastors' Wives*, she seeks to do the very same for other women who are in the same place she was. Each

chapter is a letter written by different pastors' wives and even a pastor's daughter covering different helpful topics such as personal priorities, expectations, hospitality, friendships, church conflict, loneliness, and criticism.

Charles Stone, *People-Pleasing Pastors*; InterVarsity Press

Pastors and church leaders often fall into the trap of people-pleasing. Charles Stone's research on thousands of pastors and ministry leaders demonstrates the dangers of approval-motivated leadership. Bringing together biblical insights and neuroscience findings, Stone shows why we fall into people-pleasing patterns and what we can do to overcome these tendencies. With practical tools for individuals and teams, Stone offers concrete resources to help you and your leadership minimize people-pleasing and have more effective ministry.

Sam Storms, *Kingdom Come: An Amillennial Perspective*; Christian Focus

The second coming of Christ is a matter of sharp disagreement amongst Christians. Many hold to premillennialism: that Christ's return will be followed by 1,000 years before the final judgement, a belief popularised in the popular *Left Behind* novels. However, premillennialism is not the only option for Christians. In this important new book, Sam Storms provides a biblical rationale for amillennialism; the belief that 1,000 years mentioned in the book of Revelation is symbolic with the emphasis being the King and his Kingdom.

William Taylor & Richard Borgonon, *The Word One to One*; 10 Publishing

Many people are totally ignorant as to what the Bible really says. *The Word One to One* is a resource that helps you walk through John's Gospel with your friends. As you turn over the pages with them they'll see what the Bible says about who Jesus is, and what He came to do.

Various, *The Heidelberg Catechism*; Banner of Truth

The Heidelberg Catechism follows the pattern of the Epistle to the Romans. It opens with the question, What is your only comfort in life and in death? and then examines the realities of human sin and misery (Rom. 1-3:20); salvation in Christ, including faith and repentance (Rom. 3:21-11:36); and the Christian life of thankful obedience in response to God's grace in Christ (Rom. 12-16). The catechism stands as a faithful testimony to the ancient Christian faith in its scripturally derived shape and content, and further expressed in its exposition and application of the Apostles Creed, the sacraments of baptism and the Lord's Supper, the Ten Commandments, and the Lord's Prayer.

Paul Washer, *Gospel Assurance & Warnings*; Reformation Heritage Books

It should come as no surprise that misunderstandings about the gospel message and the nature of true conversion result in a problem with genuine assurance of salvation. A pseudo-gospel of easy believism has led many into careless presumption, and a poor understanding of salvation has abandoned tender consciences to near spiritual despair. In *Gospel Assurance and Warnings*, Paul Washer shines the light of gospel hope as he cautions against the dangers of making an empty profession of faith and carefully explains from Scripture the basis for establishing and maintaining a sound assurance of faith.

James Emery White, *A Mind for God*; InterVarsity Press

The apostle Paul calls us to “take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ” (2 Cor 10:5). But James Emery White fears that Western Christians are failing in this task. Because we have not developed good intellectual habits, our minds instead have been captured by our culture. *A Mind for God* is written to help us break free from this cultural captivity through the spiritual and intellectual disciplines of reading, study and reflection. This inspirational and practical “rule for the mind” encourages and enables us to develop our minds for God. Includes book lists and resources so you can “grow your brain.”

Garry Williams, *Silent Witnesses*; Banner of Truth

In this book Garry Williams writes about Christians of the past for Christians of the present. He describes both famous and less well-known figures and movements from church history, from the fourth century through to the twentieth: Augustine of Hippo, the Council of Chalcedon, Martin Luther, William Tyndale, Nicholas Ridley, John Calvin, Anne Bradstreet, John Owen, Jonathan Edwards, and John Laing. As their lives are sketched and their writings expounded, they serve as silent witnesses to the essentials of the Christian Faith, to the challenges of Christian living, to the work of the pastor, and to the life of the church. At the end of the book, after their stories have been told, a final chapter makes the case for a Christian view of history itself.

Jared Wilson, *The Storytelling God*; Crossway Books

The prodigal son. The good Samaritan. The treasure hidden in a field. Most of us have heard Jesus's parables before. Yet if these stories strike us as merely sweet, heartwarming, or sentimental, we can be sure we've misread them. In *The Storytelling God*, pastor Jared Wilson helps us to see how Jesus's parables reveal profound spiritual truths about God, humanity, the world, and the future. Discarding the notion that Christ's parables are nothing more than moralistic fables, this book highlights how each one is designed to drive us to Jesus in awe, need, faith, and worship.

Jared Wilson, *The Pastor's Justification*; Crossway Books

Ministry can be brutal. As leaders, we face discouragement, frustration, and exhaustion—and many times we face it alone. Helping us to refocus our gaze on the gospel, pastor Jared Wilson offers here practical insights, real-life anecdotes, and in-your-face truth related to the ups and downs of pastoral ministry. Honest yet hopeful, this creative fusion of biblical exposition and personal confession will help pastors weather the storms of ministry by rooting their identity in Christ.

Paul Yeulett, *Jesus & His Enemies*; P&R Publishing

Paul Yeulett examines the various types of opposition Jesus encountered—demonic, political, religious, emotional, physical, and spiritual—and helps us understand why they happen, in both the life of Jesus and our own lives. Alongside this examination of darkness, he reminds us of the light of Christ's victory that strengthens us to keep proclaiming his good news even in the face of opposition.

J. Stephen Yuille,

***A Labor of Love: Puritan Pastoral Priorities*; Reformation Heritage Books**

Driven by the desire to be successful, pastors are tempted to judge their ministries by the worldly standards of power, prestige, privilege, and prosperity. In contrast, J. Stephen Yuille reorients our understanding of pastoral ministry by presenting a standard of excellence measured by faithfulness, humility, and submission to God even when the results look unsuccessful in the eyes of the world. Drawing from the Puritan minister George Swinnoek, Yuille expands on a list of sixteen heartfelt desires that Swinnoek expressed for his own pastoral ministry. Yuille's reflections on these timeless priorities are full of biblical insights and pastoral wisdom. The book ends with Swinnoek's farewell sermon to his congregation, which serves as an encouraging example for all pastors who desire to love their people in Christ. This book is a valuable guide for pastors as they seek to labor and love in the service of Christ.

recommended reading

Joel Beeke & Mark Jones, *A Puritan Theology*; Reformation Heritage Books

This book addresses Puritan teachings on all six loci of theology, covering fifty areas of doctrine. The book explores Puritan teachings on biblical interpretation, God, predestination, providence, angels, sin, the covenants, the gospel, Christ, preparation for conversion, regeneration, coming to Christ, justification, adoption, church government, the Sabbath, preaching, baptism, heaven, hell, and many other topics. It ends with eight chapters that explore Puritan theology in practice.

Joel Beeke & Terry D. Slachter, *Encouragement for Today's Pastors*; Reformation Heritage Books

In *Encouragement for Today's Pastors*, Beeke and Slachter examine the writings of these pastors of a bygone era consider how they can help struggling pastors today. Here pastors will find a helping hand, reminding them of the importance of cultivating personal piety, resting in God's sovereignty recovering clarity in their calling, discovering means of support God provided, recognizing the dignity of their office, and taking comfort in grace and glory to come.

Michael Bennett, *Do You Feel Called by God?*; Matthias Media

When Bennett took the first steps towards full-time, ordained Christian ministry, he dreaded being asked whether he 'felt called'. Because in all honesty, he didn't. Many years later, and after extensive biblical research, he came to the conclusion that the common idea of needing to feel a subjective call from God before entering the ministry is misguided and unbiblical. In *Do You Feel Called by God?* he shares his story, including the evidence that changed his mind.

Andrew Bonar, *The Visitor's Book of Texts*; Banner of Truth

How we should visit the sick, and what we should say on our visits to them are the important matters addressed in this most useful book. Written by a spiritual giant of the nineteenth-century church, the book contains much-needed advice and clear guidance. Bonar gathers together a great number of Bible verses that will prove eminently suitable for a wide range of individual cases. These selected scriptures are interspersed with the author's own brief, spiritual, and helpful comments.

John Dickson, *If I Were God, I'd End all the Pain*; Matthias Media

Dickson explores the topic of suffering and God. He looks briefly at the alternative explanations for suffering provided by Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam and Atheism, before turning to what the Bible itself says about God, justice and suffering. This book provides an ideal introduction for both Christians and non-Christians.

Graeme Goldsworthy,

***According to Plan: The Unfolding Revelation of God in the Bible*; InterVarsity Press**

Goldsworthy answers these questions with an integrated theology of both Old and New Testaments that avoids unnecessary technicalities. Concise, pithy chapters featuring dozens of charts, highlighted summaries and study questions.

Graeme Goldsworthy, *Christ-Centered Biblical Theology*; InterVarsity Press

The appeal of biblical theology is that it provides a “big picture” that makes sense of the diversity of biblical literature. Through the lens of biblical theology, the Bible ceases to be a mass of unconnected texts, but takes shape as a unified metanarrative connecting the story of Israel with that of Jesus. It presents the whole scene of God’s revelation as one mighty plan of salvation. In this book, Goldsworthy defends and refines the rationale for his approach, drawing especially on the work of Australian biblical scholar Donald Robinson.

Graeme Goldsworthy, *Gospel Centered Hermeneutics*; InterVarsity Press

In this book, Goldsworthy comprehensively surveys evangelical theological convictions, the history of biblical interpretation, and presents a compelling case to consider regarding the role of biblical theology and the Gospel in the practice of the hermeneutical discipline.

Graeme Goldsworthy, *Prayer and the Knowledge of God: What the Whole Bible Teaches*; InterVarsity Press

In this accessible and wide-ranging study, Goldsworthy explores the reality of God, the ministry of Jesus Christ, and our experience of being his redeemed people as the grounds for prayer, which he defines as “talking to God.” Using a biblical-theological approach, he examines the principles that lie behind particular texts in Scripture, and he maps out the “progress” of prayer from Genesis to Revelation. He explains the basis for prayer, its role in our fellowship with God, and what is involved in Christian prayer.

Paul Grimmond, *Suffering Well*; Matthias Media

Discover the surprises Grimmond uncovers as he asks some of the most basic questions of the Christian life: Why do we suffer? And what does it mean to suffer—and even die—well?

Al Martin, *Preaching in the Holy Spirit*; Reformation Heritage Books

In this work, Martin reminds gospel ministers of their need to rely on the Holy Spirit as they proclaim God's Word. He explains the necessity of the agency and operations of the Holy Spirit, describes its specific manifestations, and discusses ways it is restrained or diminished. Here is a prophetic call to reliance on God in the very act of proclaiming His Word.

Iain Murray, *Lloyd-Jones, Messenger of Grace*; Banner of Truth

Murray is not here repeating biography but concentrating on three themes he regards as of major significance. On the first of these—the nature of true preaching—there is fresh insight on what Lloyd-Jones regarded as of paramount importance. The second theme concerns the place that full assurance of salvation must have if Christianity is to be vibrant and persuasive; and the third addresses the claim that Lloyd-Jones's understanding of the New Testament church was needlessly divisive. There is new material here, including some pages where the author differs with his friend. But Murray seeks to follow Lloyd-Jones in seeing the glory of God as the end of all Christian life and thought.

J.C. Ryle, *Expository Thoughts on the Gospels*; Banner of Truth

Bishop Ryle's *Expository Thoughts on the Gospels* were first issued in 1856 and immediately met with a warm welcome from evangelical Christians of all denominations. In the 20th century the growing popularity of Ryle's spiritual approach has led to three reprints of the series in ten years. The author did not prepare the work for scholars, but instead that the volumes were for family and private use. Like all his writings, they were intended to help the ordinary man and woman.

William Still, *The Work of the Pastor*; Christian Focus

A modern classic on preaching and ministry. Gain an insight into the work of the pastor. It is based on the thesis that the pastor, being the shepherd of the flock, feeds the flock upon God's Word; the bulk of pastoral work is therefore through the ministry of the Word.

Steve Timmis, *Gospel Centered Leadership*; Good Book Company

In this no-nonsense guide to leadership, Timmis takes us through the biblical data and helps us assess ourselves and those we are seeking to train. Written in a study format this would be a great book for your leadership teams or training groups.

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Christopher Ash, *The Priority of Preaching*; Christian Focus

This little book is written for ordinary ministers who preach regularly to ordinary people in ordinary places, who may dream of being world-renowned but are going to be spared that fate. Most of us preach in gatherings that are smaller than we would wish and tougher than we might have hoped when we entered pastoral ministry.

Graeme Goldsworthy,

***Preaching the Whole Bible as Christian Scripture*; Eerdmans Publishing**

Goldsworthy first examines the Bible, biblical theology, and preaching and shows how they relate in the preparation of Christ-centered sermons. He then applies the biblical-theological method to the various types of literature found in the Bible, drawing out their contributions to expository preaching focused on the person and work of Christ.

Gary Millar & Phil Campbell, *Saving Eutychus*; Matthias Media

Written by an Aussie and an Irishman with very different styles who share a passion for preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ, this book delivers fresh, honest, faithful, and practical insights into preaching the whole word of God, Sunday by Sunday, in an engaging way.

Boughton Knox, *The Everlasting God*; Matthias Media

The Everlasting God is one of those mind-shifting, life-changing books that has become a classic that rightly belongs in the personal library of every Christian. Dr Knox's very helpful explanation of predestination and 'free will' is worth the price of the book alone, but he also encourages and challenges us from the Scriptures by showing that God; is living and true; is infinite in power, wisdom and goodness; is three-in-one; reveals himself to us in the Lord Jesus Christ, and is rich in mercy and grace.

Derek Prime, *Bible Answers*; Christian Focus

Many people want to know what the Bible has to say about God and other pressing issues. To meet that need Derek Prime has provided a helpful guide that anyone can use. If you have ever wondered what the Bible really says about something, then this handy guide is where to look.

David Robertson, *Magnificent Obsession*; Christian Focus

David Robertson, author of *The Dawkins Letters*, was told by the leader of an atheist society: “Okay, I admit that you have destroyed my atheism, but what do you believe?” His answer was “I believe in and because of Jesus.” This book shows us why Jesus is the reason to believe. In response to the shout of “God is not Great” by the late Christopher Hitchens, David shows us why Jesus is God and is Great

J.C. Ryle, *Practical Religion*; Banner of Truth

By *Practical Religion*, Ryle did not mean ‘a religion which works’ for whoever practices it. He meant a religion which set those who professed it free to work-not so that they might be saved but because they were. *Practical Religion* deals with ‘the daily duties, dangers, experience and privileges of all who profess and call themselves true Christians’.

John Stott, *Understanding the Bible*; Zondervan

This book answers foundational questions: Who wrote the Bible? What is its message? Why is it thought to be a ‘holy’ book? How does one read and interpret it? Best of all, though, you’ll broaden your vision of Jesus Christ, the focal point of Scripture.

Thomas Watson, *All Things for Good*; Banner of Truth

Watson’s exposition is always simple, illuminating and rich in practical application. He explains that both the best and the worst experiences work for the good of God’s people. He carefully analyses what it means to be someone who ‘loves God’ and is ‘called according to his purpose’. *All Things For Good* provides the biblical answer to the contemporary question; Why do bad things happen to good people?

David Wells, *God in the Whirlwind*; Crossway Books

In this book Wells explores the depths of the paradox that God is both holy and loving, showing how his holy-love provides the foundation for our understanding of the cross, sanctification, the nature of worship, and our life of service in the world.

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- » *Bible Delight*, Christian Focus
- » *Discovering the Joy of a Clear Conscience*, P&R Publishing Publishing
- » *Hearing the Spirit*, Christian Focus
- » *Introducing Romans*, Christian Focus
- » *Job: The Wisdom of the Cross*, Crossway Books
- » *Listen Up!*, Good Book Company
- » *Marriage: Sex in the Service of God*, Regent College Publishing
- » *Out of the Storm*, Regent College Publishing
- » *Persistently Preaching Christ*, Christian Focus
- » *The Priority of Preaching*, Christian Focus
- » *Remaking a Broken World*, Authentic Media
- » *Rock Solid: 12 Gospel Truths to Live By*, Good Book Company
- » *Teaching Romans: Vol. 1 & 2*, Christian Focus



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- » *Now Choose Life*, InterVarsity Press
- » *Saving Eutychus*, Matthias Media



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- » *The Hand of God*, Moody Publishers
- » *Holy, Holy, Holy: Proclaiming the Perfections of God*, Ligonier Ministries
- » *Lasting Love: How to Avoid Marital Failure*, Moody Publishers
- » *Made for His Pleasure: Ten Benchmarks of a Vital Faith*, Moody Publishers
- » *Morning & Evening*, Crossway Books
- » *Name Above All Names*, Crossway Books
- » *On Being a Pastor: Understanding Our Calling and Work*, Moody Publishers
- » *Pathway to Freedom: How God's Law Guides our Lives*, Moody Publishers
- » *Preaching for God's Glory*, Crossway Books

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- » *Fresh Encounters*, NavPress
- » *The Power of a Prayer Summit*, Strategic Renewal
- » *PRAYzing*, NavPress
- » *Transforming Prayer*, Bethany House Publishers



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