

Recommended Reading

The Christian Life

A Call To Spiritual Reformation by D.A. Carson

An examination of spiritual priorities from Paul's epistles.

It is a call to move beyond business and programs in favor of prayer and depth. As in all of Carson's books, this is a model of excellent biblical exegesis.

A Heart for God by Sinclair Ferguson

Ferguson is a pastor and theologian who writes for everyone from children to seminary students. This is a wonderful little book on knowing God. Highly recommended!

A Long Obedience in the Same Direction by Eugene Peterson

Peterson uses a collection of Psalms as a springboard for encouraging Christians to pursue a life of steadfast obedience to Christ.

Bold Love by Dan Allender & Tremper Longman

One of the best books on Christian love. The authors escape all of the sentimental clichés about love and challenge us to live a life characterized by sacrificial, self-giving love that spurs the one loved toward greater godliness.

Desiring God by John Piper

A modern classic by one of our greatest pastor / theologians. The thesis of this great book is, "God is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in Him." Piper examines such topics as worship, marriage, and money and shows how each can be an arena for God's glory.

Deepening Your Conversation with God by Ben Patterson

A great book on prayer.

Depression by Ed Welch

A deeply biblical approach to the problem of depression. Welch has great confidence in the power of God's Word to address our deepest needs.

Discovering God's Will by Sinclair Ferguson

The purpose of this book is to help the believer understand how God gives guidance to His people. Clear, concise, and devotional!

Don't Waste Your Life by John Piper

Piper calls the reader to radical Christ-following. The reader is challenged to abandon small, worldly, materialistic preoccupations in favor of a God-centered approach to life. This book will make you uncomfortable.

Down But Not Out by Wayne Mack

This terrific book offers thoroughly biblical help in dealing with anxiety and depression.

The Enemy Within by Kris Lundgaard

Do we truly understand the threat that sin presents to our souls? Have Christians today surrendered to the enemy and allowed sin to become a normal part of life? The author takes up the call of the Puritans to mortify, or kill sin; to treat it as the enemy instead of simply an annoying pest. This is a great example of accessible and very practical theology. The reader will be challenged to rise up and fight against sin with the power and grace that God provides.

God's Plans For You by J.I. Packer

Looking through the "Christian Living" section of a Christian book store is like navigating a theological mine field. Many of the books do harm rather than good. Not so with God's Plans for You. Once again, J.I. Packer has given us a book that deserves the heading of "Christian Living." He covers such topics as guidance, joy, work, pleasure, Scripture, holiness, etc. If you want to read a book that is faithfully practical, instead of the thinly veiled humanism and pop-psychology that usually masquerades as Christianity, then this is a great book with which to begin.

Growing in Christ by J.I. Packer

No one is better at tackling the most profound subjects with clarity and grace. In this must read book Packer takes the reader on a journey through The Apostle's Creed, Conversion & Baptism, the Ten Commandments, and the Lord's Prayer.

He Has Made Me Glad by Ben Patterson

The writer points out that Scripture is serious when it commands us to be joyful. Patterson's characteristic warmth fills this deeply biblical challenge to revel in the goodness and grace of God.

Holiness by J.C. Ryle

Over 100 years old, this book has never lost its relevance. Read it slowly. Each page will challenge and encourage.

Holiness by Grace by Bryan Chapell

An excellent book that shows how grace is our only hope to live in holiness with joy. Chapell courageously confronts our tendency toward legalism and helps explain why we are so resistant to grace. This is true refreshment for the soul.

Humility by Wayne Mack

This is a challenging study of the nature of humility, why it is a necessary virtue, and how God produces it within us.

Knowing God by J.I. Packer

Originally published in 1973, *Knowing God* is one of the best books of practical theology written in the 20th century. In the tradition of the Puritans, J.I. Packer, the dean of evangelical theologians, demonstrates how our knowledge of God impacts all of life. Dr. Packer challenges sentimental notions of who God is with robust biblical thinking. Your mind will be challenged and your heart warmed by the lofty reflections within this great book. This is a book every Christian ought to read.

Love in Hard Places by D.A. Carson

A Bible saturated examination of those aspects of Christian love that we find so difficult to live out.

Money Possessions and Eternity by Randy Alcorn

The most challenging and encouraging book on the topic of Christian stewardship I have ever read. Every Christian should read this one!

Never Beyond Hope by J.I. Packer

Are you hurting? Do you despair over your sin? Are you struggling with doubt? This book has often been a source of healing for my soul. As is typical of Packer, he takes the reader straight to the Scriptures to be reminded of the strong and comforting hand of God.

The Peacemaker by Ken Sande

Probably the best book available on biblical conflict resolution. If you want to be a peacemaker and not just a peace-lover, this is the book for you.

The Pilgrim's Progress by John Bunyan

One of the greatest books on the Christian life ever penned. Available in many different editions, it may be helpful to get one in contemporary English.

Praying: Finding Our Way Through Duty to Delight by J.I. Packer

A modern classic on prayer.

Recovering Biblical Manhood and Womanhood ed. by Piper & Grudem

The authors carefully outline the unique roles in the family and church that God has given to men and women and show why those differences are worth celebrating. Thoroughly biblical!

Rediscovering Holiness by J.I. Packer

Necessary reading. Grounded in Scripture and history Packer effectively shows that God's command for His people to be holy is uncompromising.

Seeing with New Eyes by David Powlison

A collection of essays by one of the most keen thinkers in the area of biblical counseling. Powlison offers deeply biblical insight into such issues as anxiety, relationships, the character of God, and love.

Shattered Dreams by Larry Crabb

A wonderful corrective to the idea that being a Christian makes life easier. Dr. Crabb uses the biblical account of Ruth and Naomi to show us that God often shatters “lesser dreams” in order to help us embrace the greater dream of knowing and treasuring Him.

Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life by Donald Whitney

Challenges us to take up disciplines for a lifelong quest for godliness. Whitney’s writing is warm and very practical.

Too Good to be True by Michael Horton

Tired of hearing the many false promises of contemporary American Christianity? This book is for you. Horton takes an unflinching look at suffering and concludes that through it all, God’s sovereign goodness can still be counted on.

Trusting God by Jerry Bridges

What do we do when circumstances arise that shake our faith in God? Is God truly in control? Can He be trusted? These are themes addressed in this wonderful study of the biblical view of God’s sovereignty and goodness.

When I Don’t Desire God by John Piper

A great follow-up to Desiring God. What do we do when we don’t desire God? Piper’s writing is passionate and full of hope. As always, he takes the reader to God’s Word.

When Grace Comes Home by Terry Johnson

How often we neglect the Lord’s Prayer! In this wonderful book, Johnson helps the reader to understand the profound spiritual depths of Jesus’ model prayer. He effectively demonstrates how this oft neglected teaching of our Lord helps inform and empower the faithful disciple.

When Grace Transforms by Terry Johnson

The author explores the radical and other-worldly nature of Jesus’ beatitudes from Matthew chapter five. It is a great challenge to adopt the character of a true disciple of Christ.

When People are Big and God is Small by Ed Welch

This challenging book offers biblical instruction for those who struggle with fear of man. Welch effectively demonstrates how our fears are ultimately linked to a diminished view of God.

Theology

A Faith To Live By by Donald Macleod

This wonderful book covers the spectrum of biblical doctrine in a readable, devotional, and accessible style. Very helpful!

A Body of Divinity by Thomas Watson

One of the greatest works of systematic theology from the Puritan era. Great for the mind and the heart.

Behold Your God by Donald Macleod

The author reflects on the attributes of God, particularly His unchanging perfection.

Bible Doctrine by Wayne Grudem

An excellent condensed version of his Systematic Theology. Grudem intends this volume primarily for a lay audience. Grudem understands that theology must be devotional. Each chapter concludes with discussions questions.

Christianity and Liberalism by J. Gresham Machen

A true classic! Even though it was written in the 1930's this book could have been written today. Machen sounds a timeless warning to defend the Gospel against those worldly philosophies within the church that constantly seek its demise.

Concise Theology by J.I. Packer

This is a wonderful introduction to key theological concepts by a contemporary master. Packer devotes between one and three pages to each topic.

Foundations of the Christian Faith by James Montgomery Boice

A terrific and very readable systematic theology by one of the great pastor/theologians of the 20th century.

God Under Fire ed. by Huffman & Johnson

There's no question about. God, as He has revealed Himself in Scripture is under attack in the church today. This wonderful collection of essays by evangelical scholars like D.A. Carson, Bruce Ware, and Mark Talbot takes aim at modern revisions of biblical theism.

Know the Truth by Bruce Milne

One of the best one-volume systematic theologies for laypeople available. Milne writes in a clear and devotional style.

Hell Under Fire ed. C. Morgan & R. Peterson

A timely collection of essays defending the biblical doctrines of divine wrath and punishment.

No Other God by John Frame

A study of how Open Theism distorts Scripture and reduces God to a pitiful giant. A wonderful defense of the biblical doctrines of God's foreknowledge and sovereignty.

No Place For Truth by David Wells

Necessary reading for the church today, particularly for those called to lead. Wells' entire collection is a must! – God in the Wasteland, Losing Our Virtue, and Above All Earthly Powers are volumes two through four of this outstanding series.

Only One Way? Richard Phillips ed.

Contributors include D.A. Carson, David Wells, Philip Ryken and others. In an age of pluralism it is vital that the church lovingly, but clearly, reaffirm the exclusive truth claims of Christianity.

Our God by Octavius Winslow

A deeply moving study of the attributes of God by the great 19th century pastor. This book is a wonderful example of theology that raises the heart to worship.

Shared Life by Donald MacLeod

A great introduction to the doctrine of the Trinity. McLeod is a true teacher. He helps the reader understand the relational aspects of Trinity.

Still Sovereign ed. by Thomas Schreiner and Bruce Ware

A wonderful collection of essays defending the Biblical doctrine of God's sovereignty. The authors address how God's sovereignty touches on such issues as prayer, the problem of evil, human freedom, and evangelism.

The Attributes of God by A.W. Pink

A classic from one of the great Bible teachers of the 20th Century.

“The Bible Speaks Today”

This wonderful collection from IVP began with a series of devotional commentaries on the Old and New Testaments. It has now expanded to include a Bible Themes Series. These volumes are wonderful examples of sound biblical theology from great scholars written in a readable style. Highly recommended!

Current titles in this series:

The Message of the Cross by Derek Tidball

The Message of the Resurrection by Paul Beasley-Murray

The Message of the Living God by Peter Lewis

The Message of Salvation by Phillip Ryken

The Message of Evil and Suffering by Peter Hicks

The Message of the Trinity by Brian Edgar

The Message of Heaven & Hell by Bruce Milne

The Message of Prayer by Tim Chester

The Cross of Christ by John Stott

A must! One of the best contemporary treatments on the subject. Stott demonstrates why he is one of the greatest evangelical scholars of his generation. Every Christian should read this book!

The Difficult Doctrine of the Love of God by D.A. Carson

Carson's careful and faithful examination of the Scriptures help us do away with sentimental and unbiblical ideas of God's love. Sound biblical scholarship.

The Pleasures of God by John Piper

Listed in Christianity Today as one of the 50 greatest Christian books. This is a must read. This is a classic marriage of the devotional and theological.

The Holiness of God by R.C. Sproul

This is a great example of warm, accessible theology. Sproul demonstrates that good theology is also doxology. You will not only learn more about the holiness of God but you will find yourself lifting up worship as you read.

Putting Amazing Back Into Grace by Michael Horton

Do we really believe that we are saved by grace? Does salvation truly belong to the Lord or is it a joint venture between God and men? Dr. Horton delivers a very helpful and accessible theology of salvation. The reader will be reminded why grace is truly amazing.

The Case for Traditional Protestantism by Terry Johnson

Okay, so the title isn't exactly exciting, but the book is terrific. Pastor Johnson takes the reader through the "solas" of the Protestant Reformation: Sola Scriptura, Sola Fide, Sola Gratia, Solus Christus, Soli Deo Gloria. The book effectively demonstrates how these theological "battle cries" form the basis of biblical Christianity.

The Knowledge of the Holy by A.W. Tozer

Every Christian ought to read this book. Tozer challenges the reader to embrace afresh a vision of God's awesome holiness. This is not the cozy god of contemporary spirituality but the Consuming Fire of Scripture.

Biblical Studies

According to Plan by Graeme Goldsworthy

The author helps us understand that the Bible is not a collection of inspiring stories or ethical guidelines but is, rather, the unfolding history of redemption. This book will give the reader a deeper understanding of and appreciation for Scripture.

God's Big Picture by Vaughn Roberts

A great introduction to biblical theology and the Redemptive Historical approach to interpreting Scripture. It is brief and very readable. A good resource for lay Bible teachers. Also by Roberts: Life's Big Questions and God's Big Design.

Reading the Bible with Heart and Mind by Tremper Longman III

This book serves as a great introduction to the major themes of Scripture by one of the great Old Testament scholars of our time.

How to Read the Bible For All Its Worth by Gordon Fee

A contemporary classic! If you want to know how to read the Bible faithfully and avoid the common interpretive mistakes that many people make then this is the book for you.

The Unfolding Mystery by Edmund Clowney

An excellent introduction to the Christ-centeredness of the Bible. Clowney takes the reader back to Genesis and shows how Christ is prefigured throughout the Old Testament.

The Faith of Israel by William Dumbrell

One of the best introductions to Old Testament theology in print. Dumbrell surveys each book of the Old Testament and shows how it fits into the unfolding revelation of God.

The Gospel According to the Old Testament ed. by Tremper Longman & J. Alan Groves

An outstanding series of accessible studies demonstrating how the Old Testament points to God's redemptive work in Christ. Provides the reader with a deep understanding and appreciation for the Old Testament.

The volumes in this series are:

Immanuel In Our Place (Israel's Worship)

by Tremper Longman

Living in the Gap Between Promise and Reality (Abraham)

by Iain Duguid

Living in the Grip of Relentless Grace (Isaac & Jacob)

by Iain Duguid

Hope in the Midst of a Hostile World (Daniel)

by George Schwab

Salvation through Judgment and Mercy (Jonah)

by Bryan Estelle

Crying Out for Vindication (Job)

by David R. Jackson

The Family

A Lasting Promise by Scott Stanley, Daniel Trathen, etc.

An excellent and very practical guide to building a stronger marriage. Special emphasis is placed upon developing healthy communication skills.

Age of Opportunity by Paul David Tripp

A must read for parents of teenagers.

Feminine Appeal by Carolyn Mahaney

Challenges popular views on womanhood and calls for a return to what Scripture teaches concerning marriage and gender roles.

Sacred Marriage by Gary Thomas

Thomas does a great job of helping us understand the purpose of marriage. His subtitle says it all: "What if God designed marriage to make us holy more than to make us happy?"

Sacred Parenting by Gary Thomas

Once again Gary Thomas brings his God-centered worldview to the mission of parenting. A must!

Pain and Suffering

How Long O Lord? by D.A. Carson

Perhaps one of the best books written on suffering. With the mind of a scholar and the heart of a pastor Carson takes the reader on a journey through Scripture to examine the many reasons why suffering occurs under the loving and sovereign hand of God.

Treasures in Darkness by Sharon Betters

The Betters know the pain of losing a child. This book is at once agonizing and hopeful as Sharon Betters opens up her journal entries in the days following her son's tragic death. She proves to be a faithful and biblical guide for those who have suffered similar losses.

Deserted By God? by Sinclair Ferguson

A pastor and theologian, Ferguson examines the Psalmist's many cries for help. It is at once faithful biblical interpretation and warm pastoral care. Highly recommended!

If I Were God I'd End All The Pain by John Dickson

A little but very effective book. Dickson does a wonderful job of explaining how the presence of pain and evil does not diminish the goodness and sovereignty of God.

Why Do I Suffer? By John Currid

A Bible drenched little book that holds forth clearly and tenderly the sovereignty of God in all things.

The Hidden Smile of God by John Piper

Through biographical sketches of three great men of God who suffered much, Piper paints a beautiful portrait of the sovereign goodness of God in the midst of pain – a part of “The Swans are Not Silent” series.

Reference Works

The New Bible Dictionary edited by J.I. Packer, I. Howard Marshall, etc.

The reader will find helpful introductions to books of the Bible, maps, history, biblical characters and customs, discussions of a vast array of theological concepts, and much more. Indispensable!

Ryken's Bible Handbook by Leland & Philip Ryken

This compact volume offers the key doctrines, main themes, and fact sheets for each book of the bible. Full of maps, illustrations, and charts the reader will find this book very helpful for bolstering knowledge in the Scriptures.

Introduction to the New Testament by D.A. Carson & Douglas Moo

One of the best introductions around. The authors do a thorough job of dealing with such issues as authorship, original readers, and main themes of each of the New Testament books. This book will give the reader a healthy grasp on the history, content, and theology of the New Testament.

Introduction to the Old Testament by Tremper Longman & Raymond Dillard

Ditto!

Christian Theology: An Introduction by Alister McGrath

The author does a fine job of introducing the reader to the main themes, history, and major figures in Christian theology.

New Dictionary of Theology ed. by Ferguson, Wright, & Packer

An excellent one volume compendium of key theological terms and concepts. Thoroughly biblical and written by renowned scholars this volume is still highly accessible. This is a very helpful resource for pastors, teachers or any one who desires to have a broader knowledge of theology from a strongly evangelical perspective.

Commentaries

The New International Commentary on the New Testament

These commentaries are both evangelical and scholarly and are among the best available with such authors as F.F. Bruce, Leon Morris, John Murray, and Gordon Fee.

The New International Commentary on the Old Testament

Ditto!

Mentor Commentary Series

This series is a great combination of scholarship and devotion. The authors cover the main ideas of the biblical texts.

The Bible Speaks Today

A wonderful series of commentaries. The purpose of this series is not to give a word-for-word exegesis of the biblical text. Rather, these volumes offer very effective overviews of the Scriptures. This series is a great resource for teaching as well as devotions. This series can be examined more closely at www.ivpress.com.

Tyndale New & Old Testament Commentary

One of the best commentary series available. All sixty-six volumes of the Bible are covered in this affordable series. Written by some of the world's greatest evangelical scholars, these commentaries are readable and accessible. Find out more at www.ivpress.com.

The New Bible Commentary

An outstanding one-volume commentary edited by such great scholars as D.A. Carson and Alec Motyer.

The Bible Knowledge Commentary

An excellent one-volume commentary by the faculty of Dallas Theological Seminary.

Evangelism & Missions

Evangelism and the Sovereignty of God by J.I. Packer

Packer reminds us that the success of our evangelism depends on God.

Let The Nations Be Glad by John Piper

Anyone in missions or interested in developing a greater heart for missions will find this book to be immensely challenging and refreshing.

Operation World by Patrick Johnstone

The greatest reference work on which countries / people groups are in the greatest need for a Gospel witness. It is an excellent tool for praying for the mission of world evangelization.

Tell The Truth by Will Metzger

Simply the best book on evangelism I have read. Establishes the need for a God-centered method of evangelism.

Apologetics

Can Man Live Without God? by Ravi Zacharias

This book does a marvelous job of teaching the reader the basics of philosophy. It is a moving and effective defense of the existence of the God of the Bible.

He Is There and He Is Not Silent by Francis Schaeffer

A classic! The follow-up to his great book The God Who Is There.

Reasonable Faith by William Lane Craig

Probably Craig's greatest work. He effectively demonstrates the intellectual, historical, and moral coherence of Christian faith.

Scaling the Secular City by J.P. Moreland

Moreland is one of our great contemporary apologists. This is his magnum opus.

The God Who Is There by Francis Schaeffer

The late Dr. Schaeffer was one of our most valuable observers and critics of Western culture. He was also one of the greatest apologists of the 20th century.

The Unknown God by Alister McGrath

A wonderful book to give to a spiritual seeker. It is beautifully written and illustrated by classic works of art. McGrath takes the reader step-by-step from the questions of God's existence to the reality of Christ and the redemption He provides.

Church History

The Baker History of the Church

This is an excellent series for serious students as well as beginners (4 volumes so far).

IVP Histories by various authors

These short, beautifully illustrated books combine excellent scholarship and readability. This series includes volumes on Jesus' life and times, Augustine, The Medieval era, Luther, and others.

Evangelicalism Divided by Iain Murray

A history of evangelicalism from 1950-2000. It is a sobering examination of how evangelicals have often compromised the Gospel for the sake of popularity and misguided notions of unity.

Revival and Revivalism by Iain Murray

Traces the history of revivalism from 1750 – 1858 and examines the impact it had and continues to have on evangelicalism. Murray does an excellent job of differentiating between true God-sent revival and those lesser man-made events that have often times hurt the church and its witness.

Sketches From Church History by S.M. Houghton

An excellent illustrated introduction to church history. Very accessible.

The Reformation by Diamaid MacCullough

An excellent and comprehensive history of the Protestant Reformation.

The Reformation by Stephen Nichols

A brief and highly accessible book. Nichols is characteristically historical and devotional at once. This is a great introduction to the Protestant Reformation of the 16th century.

Pages From Church History by Stephen Nichols

This is a great introduction to church history. If you're new to the subject and want a great read that is not overly technical this one is a great place to start. Highly recommended!

Heresies by Harold O.J. Brown

Dr. Brown offers an outstanding tour of the major theological debates through the history of the church. It is thorough, scholarly, but very readable.

Biography

Life of D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones by Iain Murray

A massive two volume work on the 20th century's greatest preacher and one of our greatest defenders of true evangelicalism. Inspiring!

Defending the Faith by D.G. Hart

The biography of J. Gresham Machen, the early 20th century Princeton theologian and defender of orthodoxy.

George Whitefield by Arnold Dallimore

This two volume work is fascinating and deeply moving. A must. One of the greatest Christian biographies in print.

Here I Stand by Roland Bainton

The classic biography on Martin Luther by one of the world's greatest church historians. A wonderful introduction to the life of one of the western world's most influential men.

John G. Patton

The biography of the great Scottish missionary to the New Hebrides Islands. It is a deeply moving account of a man who underwent great tragedies for the sake of unknown cannibals on distant islands.

Jonathan Edwards by Iain Murray

One of the standard works on the life of America's greatest theologian / philosopher.

Jonathan Edwards by George Marsden

Luther by Heiko Oberman

One of the best biographies on Luther by the world's foremost authority on the great Reformer.

Memoirs and Remains of Robert Murray M'Cheyne by Andrew Bonar

Bonar includes many of the writings and sermons of this great pastor and preacher.

Spurgeon by Arnold Dallimore

This book moved me so deeply that there were times I had to set it down during the reading. This is a wonderful remembrance of one of the greatest preacher / pastor / evangelists in western history.

The Forgotten Spurgeon by Iain Murray

Covers the three major controversies that spanned the life of this great pastor.

Shadow of the Almighty by Elisabeth Elliot

This is a collection of the journals and letters of Jim Elliot with commentary by Elisabeth Elliot. It is extraordinary!

The Legacy of Sovereign Joy by John Piper

A series of three biographical sketches. In this volume Piper examines the lives, thought, and impact of Augustine, Luther, and Calvin. This is a multi-volume series called “The Swans are Not Silent” each examining three lives in Christian history. All are must reads.

Through Gates of Splendor by Elisabeth Elliot

The biography of Jim Elliot, missionary martyr to the Aucas in Ecuador. Written by his widow less than two years after his murder, this is the true story of one of the most remarkable men of the last 100 years.

The Puritans

The Valley of Vision

This wonderful collection of Puritan prayers will be a wonderful companion for your daily devotions.

Meet The Puritans by Joel Beeke

Wow! This is a thick book. The author does an excellent job of briefly introducing the major figures in Puritan history and offers insightful annotations to their published works.

A Quest for Godliness by J.I. Packer

Few people know as much about or have as great an appreciation for the Puritans as does Packer. In this volume, the author gives a wonderful introduction to the lives and major works of these spiritual giants.

The Devoted Life edited by Kelly M. Kopic & Randall Gleason

This book is a series of wonderful essays by eminent teachers and theologians examining some of the most important works of the Puritans. If you want to understand and appreciate the Puritans, this is a great place to begin.

Puritan Paperbacks

Published by Banner of Truth, this is a wonderful series of the major works from the Puritan era in an affordable format. Each volume is a classic! If you are looking for a good place to begin, check out The Rare Jewel of Christian Contentment (Burroughs), The Bruised Reed (Sibbes), All Things for Good (Watson), The Mystery of Providence (Flavel), or The Lord’s Prayer (Watson).

Devotional

The Cross He Bore by Frederick Leahy

This is a great little book to read every Easter season. Leahy’s meditations are solidly biblical and profoundly moving.

No Wonder They Call Him the Savior by Max Lucado

Although I'm not the greatest fan of his more recent books, this collection of reflections on the Lord Jesus is wonderful. This is Lucado's best book. I also appreciate the follow up: God Came Near.

Life as a Vapor by John Piper

This is a powerful collection of meditations. I find myself turning to this little book when I need to change my preoccupation with self and fix my eyes on the eternal.

A Diary of Private Prayer by John Baillie

A devotional classic. Journey with Dr. Baillie through 31 days of morning and evening prayers. This little book may help enrich your prayer life. For another wonderful collection of prayers, check out The Valley of Vision under "The Puritans" Section.

Morning and Evening by Charles Spurgeon

Spurgeon wrote this collection of twice daily reflections on Scripture for his beloved congregation. There are two entries for every day of the year. This is classic Spurgeon: warm, theological, and pastoral. You can also enjoy these daily readings from the link on our web page. There is a contemporary English version available by Alister Begg.

Mining for Wisdom by Derek Thomas

Dr. Thomas has a special love for the book of Job.

This wonderful collection of 28 daily readings takes the reader on a wonderful journey through Job.

The Unexpected Jesus by R.C. Sproul

A moving examination of the various names/titles that the New Testament gives to Jesus.

Family Devotions

Dangerous Journey by John Bunyan

An abridged and wonderfully illustrated adaptation of Pilgrim's Progress. This is a great way to teach your kids the biblical truths that are woven within this timeless classic.

The Big Book of Questions and Answers by Sinclair Ferguson

A wonderful family devotion that helps children understand foundational theological truths and basic Christian growth.

The Big Book of Questions and Answers about Jesus by Sinclair Ferguson

Much like the previous book, but focusing exclusively on Christ.

Grandpa's Box by Starr Meade

Help your children understand the Christ-centered story-line of the Bible with this wonderful narrative. Each chapter unfolds a part of God's redemptive plan beginning in Genesis.

Up for a Challenge?

A New Systematic Theology of the Christian Faith by Robert Reymond

This comprehensive systematic is thoroughly biblical, scholarly, and readable. Dr. Reymond interacts well with the major theological movements in church history.

“Contours of Christian Theology”

This is a great series from IVP. Each volume deals with a category of Systematic Theology and represents the best of evangelical scholarship.

Titles include:

The Revelation of God by Peter Jensen

The Doctrine of God by Gerald Bray

The Providence of God by Paul Helm

The Person of Christ by Donald McCloud

The Work of Christ by Robert Letham

The Holy Spirit by Sinclair Ferguson

The Doctrine of Humanity by Charles Sherlock

The Church by Edmund Clowney

Bondage of the Will by Martin Luther

A classic! Written as a response to the erroneous theology of the Roman Church concerning human free will this great work is a strong defense of classic Protestantism.

The Existence and Attributes of God by Stephen Charnock

A classic of Puritan theological study rich with biblical insight and practical godliness.

The Gospel

The Great Work of the Gospel by John Ensor

One of the best books available on the theology and practical implications of the Gospel. Highly recommended!

God is the Gospel by John Piper

The thesis of this challenging book is that the best thing about the Gospel is that it is the means that brings us peace with God. Far greater than all the blessings is the reality of restored fellowship with our Creator.

Christ Our Mediator by C.J. Mahaney

A great introduction to the atoning work of Christ. This is a wonderful tool to help Christians understand in a concise way the fundamentals of the Gospel. It is also a good tool for evangelism.

Transforming Grace by Jerry Bridges

Classic Bridges! Few have explored the subject of grace with such clarity and accessibility.

The Gospel for Real Life by Jerry Bridges

This is an important book. Bridges demonstrates how the Gospel of God's saving grace is not simply an introduction to eternal life. Rather, the Gospel is "the very lifeblood of our walk with God."

The Gospel of Free Acceptance in Christ by Cornelis Venema

A thorough and very helpful examination of the doctrine of justification. The author pays special attention to both Roman Catholic and contemporary challenges to justification through faith alone.

Jesus Christ

The Death of Christ by James Denney

A Classic! Denney's book was formative in the ministry and preaching of Martyn Lloyd-Jones.

Understanding Jesus by Alister McGrath

A great little introduction to the person and work of Jesus.

The Victory of the Lamb by Frederick Leahy

Written in a devotional style, this short book traces the ministry of Jesus in His particular role as the Lamb of God. Outstanding!

Our Sovereign Savior by Roger Nicole

Dr. Nicole demonstrates from Scripture how the historic Protestant understanding of God's sovereignty is confirmed through the ministry and teaching of Jesus.

From Glory to Golgotha by Donald MacLeod

A brilliant little collection of expositions tracing the life of Christ from His miraculous incarnation to His sacrificial death, to His glorious resurrection.

The Person of Christ by Donald Macleod

A part of the "Contours of Christian Theology" series this is a thorough study of such issues as Christ's pre-existence, the virgin birth, His divine Sonship, His self-emptying, and His uniqueness.

The Lamb of God by Robert Raymond

In this thin volume Dr. Raymond traces the significance of the person and work of Jesus through the scope of biblical history.

The Cross

Mission Accomplished by Michael Horton

Takes the reader through the Scriptures to show just what was accomplished on the cross. Horton effectively demonstrates that the biblical doctrine of the cross is that far more than a mere possibility of salvation was accomplished at Calvary.

Cross Words by Paul Wells

This is one of the best explanations and defenses of the biblical doctrine of the atonement I have read. Wells thoughtfully counters contemporary challenges to the doctrine of the substitutionary atonement of Christ.

The Atonement by Leon Morris

A thorough overview of the doctrine of the atonement by one of the 20th century's greatest evangelical scholars.

Holy Spirit

Keep in Step with the Spirit by J.I. Packer

Perhaps the best thing I have read on the person and ministry of the Holy Spirit. Contains very helpful insights on the Spirit's role in Christian maturity.

The Holy Spirit by Sinclair Ferguson

Part of the Contours of Christian Theology by IVP. This is an outstanding and comprehensive theology of the Spirit.

I Believe in the Holy Spirit by Michael Green

A modern classic! Green gives an overview of the person and work of the Holy Spirit through both testaments. Readable and very encouraging.

Worship

Worship: Beholding the Beauty of the Lord by Joseph "Skip" Ryan

Written in a devotional style, this little book is a wonderful tutor for making us better worshippers.

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Christian Ministry

Christ-Centered Preaching by Bryan Chapel

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The Cross and Christian Ministry by D.A. Carson

One of the foremost New Testament scholars in the world takes the reader on a journey through I Corinthians to better understand the cost of leading God's people.

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End Times

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Does a great job of addressing many of the faulty interpretations of the book of Revelation and shows how the book serves to point to the glory of God in the work of Christ.

I & II Thessalonians by C.K. Beale

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