

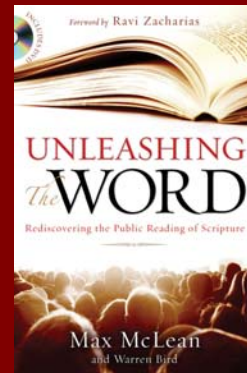
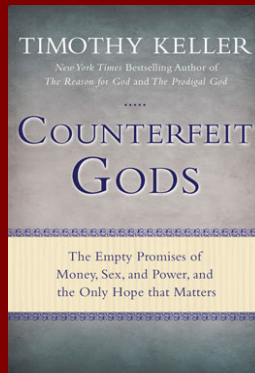
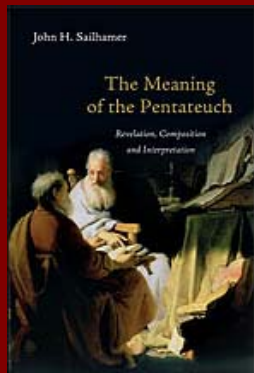
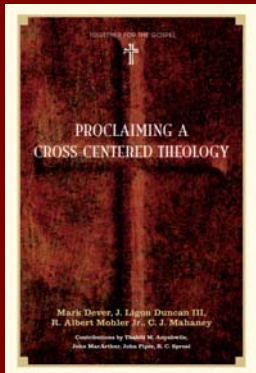


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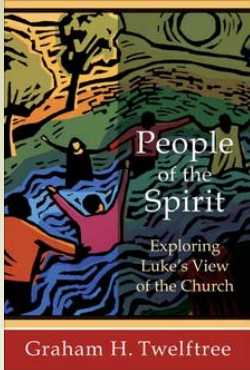
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Retail Price - \$24.99 (Paperback - ISBN 9780801038808)



* Today's church suffers a crisis of confidence as a result of pluralism, globalism, and postmodernity. Seasoned New Testament scholar Graham Twelftree's historical exploration of Luke's view of the church contributes to the current conversation about what the church is and should do.

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—**Robert W. Yarbrough**, professor of New Testament and department chair,
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Graham H. Twelftree is distinguished professor of New Testament at the School of Divinity at Regent University, Virginia.

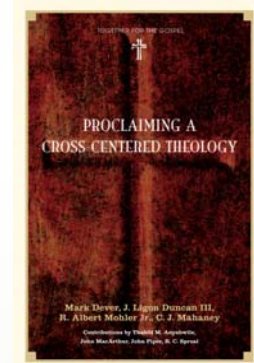
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Proclaiming a Cross-Centered Theology

With contributions by Mark Dever, J. Ligon Duncan,
R. Albert Mohler, Jr., C.J. Mahaney (Crossway)
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* Loving, teaching, and rightly dividing the Word of God is every pastor's privilege and responsibility. If a pastor understands what the Word says about God, man, and the curse, about Christ and his substitutionary atonement, and about the call to repentance and sacrifice, he will develop and preach a sound theology. And sound theology is, in the words of J. Ligon Duncan, essential to faithful pastoral ministry.

Proclaiming a theology that is centered on Christ's atonement is especially critical, for by this atonement, Christians have been brought from death to life, and by it a church lives or dies. In this penetrating sequel to *Preaching the Cross*, John Piper, R. C. Sproul, John MacArthur, and Thabiti Anyabwile join authors Mark Dever, Ligon Duncan, C. J. Mahaney, and Albert Mohler in exploring the church's need for faithful proclamation and calling pastors and churches to cross-centered, scripturally saturated thinking.



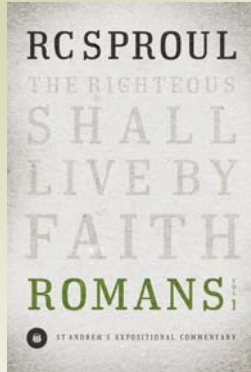
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*Romans:
The Righteous Shall Live by Faith*

By R.C. Sproul (Crossway)

Retail Price - \$34.99 (Hardback - ISBN 9781433506857)



* Throughout church history the study of the book of Romans has been pivotal to understanding Christian life and doctrine. Convinced that “Paul’s fullest, grandest, most comprehensive statement of the gospel” is just as vital today, R. C. Sproul delivered nearly sixty sermons on Romans from October 2005 to April 2007 at St. Andrew’s Chapel, where he has pastored for more than a decade. These never-before-published, passage-by-passage expositions will enrich any study of this weighty epistle.

“John Wesley once said of a colleague that Scripture so thoroughly pulsed through his spiritual veins that he ‘bled Bibline.’ The same could be said without exaggeration of R. C. Sproul. More specifically, one could easily say that he ‘bleeds Pauline.’ The theology of the Apostle to the Gentiles courses through Dr. Sproul’s veins in all of his work. Therefore, it is a special privilege to be able to read his sermons on Paul’s Letter to the Romans. Romans has turned the world upside down for two millennia. Not only did it lead to Augustine’s conversion; it was a primary source for his defense of the gospel against Pelagius. This epistle was the catalyst for the Reformation and shaped the minds and hearts of many leaders of the modern missionary movement. Romans continues its revolution to the present day and each of R. C. Sproul’s expositions reminds us why. Read this book and, by God’s grace, you’ll never be the same.”

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R. C. Sproul is the founder and principal teacher of Ligonier Ministries, which provides Christian laity with materials on theology, history, Bible study, apologetics, and ethics.

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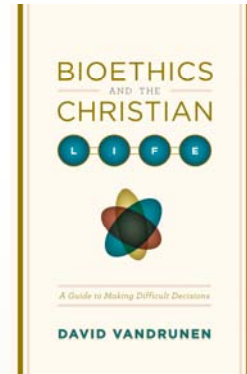
*Bioethics and the Christian Life:
A Guide to Making Difficult Decisions*

By David VanDrunen (Crossway)

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* Though a relatively new discipline, bioethics has generated extraordinary interest due to a number of socially pressing issues. *Bioethics and the Christian Life* places bioethics within the holistic context of the Christian life, both developing a general Christian approach to making bioethics decisions and addressing a number of specific, controversial areas of bioethics.

Clear, concise, and well-organized, the book is divided into three sections. The first lays the theological foundation for bioethics decision-making and discusses the importance of wisdom and virtue in working through these issues. The second section addresses beginning-of-life issues, such as abortion, stem-cell research, and infertility treatments. The third section covers end-of-life issues, such as living wills, accepting and refusing medical treatment, and treatment of patients in permanent vegetative states.



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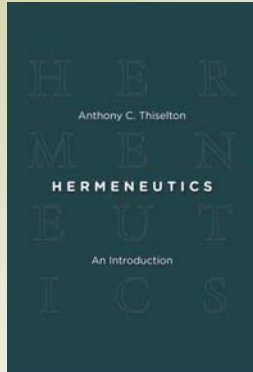
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Hermeneutics: An Introduction

By Anthony C. Thiselton (Eerdmans)

Retail Price - \$30.00 (Paperback - ISBN 9780802864109)



* Anthony Thiselton here brings together his encyclopedic knowledge of hermeneutics and his nearly four decades of teaching on the subject to provide an ideal textbook. He takes the reader through the time-honored interpretation techniques of the past. Thiselton then moves into modern times with extensive analysis of scholarship from the mid-twentieth century, including liberation and feminist theologies, reader-response and reception theory, and postmodernism. This is an exciting, entirely new work from the foremost expert on hermeneutics.

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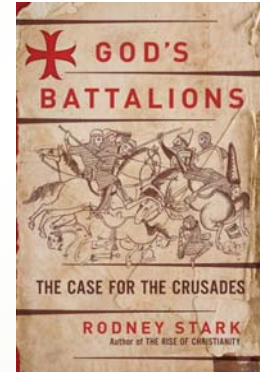
*God's Battalions:
The Case for the Crusades*

By Rodney Stark (HarperOne)

Retail Price - \$24.99 (Hardback - ISBN 9780061582615)

* In *God's Battalions*, award-winning author Rodney Stark takes on the long-held view that the Crusades were the first round of European colonialism, conducted for land, loot, and converts by barbarian Christians who victimized the cultivated Muslims. To the contrary, Stark argues that the Crusades were the first military response to unwarranted Muslim terrorist aggression.

Stark reviews the history of the seven major Crusades from 1095 to 1291, demonstrating that the Crusades were precipitated by Islamic provocations, centuries of bloody attempts to colonize the West, and sudden attacks on Christian pilgrims and holy places. Although the Crusades were initiated by a plea from the pope, Stark argues that this had nothing to do with any elaborate design of the Christian world to convert all Muslims to Christianity by force of arms. Given current tensions in the Middle East and terrorist attacks around the world, Stark's views are a thought-provoking contribution to our understanding and are sure to spark debate.



“...*God's Battalions* launches a frontal assault on the comfortable myths that scholars have popularized about the Crusades. The results are startling. His [Stark] greatest achievement is to make us see the crusaders on their own terms.

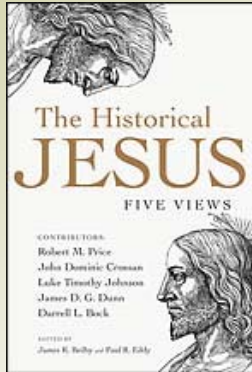
—**Philip Jenkins**, author of *The Lost History of Christianity*

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The Historical Jesus: Five Views

Edited by James K. Beilby and Paul R. Eddy (IVP Academic)
Retail Price - \$26.00 (Paperback - ISBN 9780830838684)



* The scholarly quest for the historical Jesus has a distinguished pedigree in modern Western religious and historical scholarship, with names such as Strauss, Schweitzer and Bultmann highlighting the story. Since the early 1990s, when the Jesus quest was reawakened for a third run, numerous significant books have emerged. And the public's attention has been regularly arrested by media coverage, with the Jesus Seminar or the James ossuary headlining the marquee.

The Historical Jesus: Five Views provides a venue for readers to sit in on a virtual seminar on the historical Jesus. Beginning with a scene-setting historical introduction by the editors, prominent figures in the Jesus quest set forth their views and respond to their fellow scholars.

On the one end Robert M. Price lucidly maintains that the probability of Jesus' existence has reached the "vanishing point," and on the other Darrell Bock ably argues that while critical method yields only a "gist" of Jesus, it takes us in the direction of the Gospel portraits. In between there are numerous avenues to explore, questions to be asked and "assured results" to be weighed. And John Dominic Crossan, Luke Timothy Johnson and James D. G. Dunn probe these issues with formidable knowledge and honed insight, filling out a further range of options.

The Historical Jesus: Five Views offers a unique entry into the Jesus quest. For both the classroom and personal study, this is a book that fascinates, probes and engages.

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God Is Great, God Is Good: Why Believing in God is Reasonable and Responsible

Edited by William Lane Craig & Chad Meister (IVP Academic)
Retail Price - \$19.00 (Paperback - ISBN 9780830837267)

* The days have passed when the goodness of God--indeed, the reality of God itself--could reasonably be called a consensus opinion. God's reputation has come under considerable review in recent days, with some going so far as to say that it's not we who've made a mess of things. Instead whatever it is we call God is to blame.

But is such an opinion really a fair assessment? In this magisterial collection, the contemporary complaints against belief in God are addressed with intellectual passion and rigor by some of the most astute theological and philosophical minds of the day:

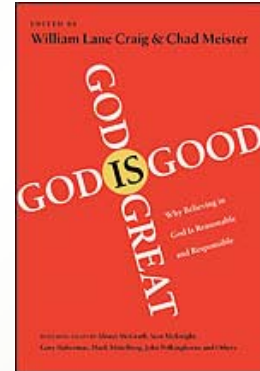
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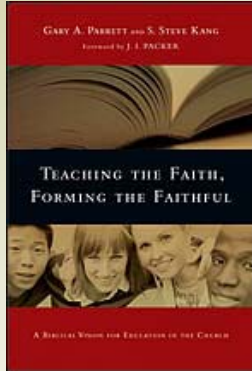
Including an interview by Gary Habermas with noted convert to theism Antony Flew, and a direct critical response to Richard Dawkins's *God Delusion* by Alvin Plantinga, *God Is Great, God Is Good* offers convincing and compelling reassurance that though the world has changed, God has not.

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Teaching the Faith, Forming the Faithful: A Biblical Vision for Education in the Church

By Gary A. Parrett & S. Steve King (IVP Academic)
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* In recent years, traditional Sunday school and education programs have declined in influence and effectiveness. Education in the church is often sidelined by other competing priorities, and our efforts become haphazard and random.

As a result, many Christians have not learned the fundamental doctrinal content of the faith. As a response, a growing number of church ministries have moved toward an emphasis on Christian spiritual formation. But churches must hold together education and formation, the teaching of the faith and the forming of the faithful.

In this comprehensive text, Gary Parrett and Steve Kang attend to both the content and process of educational and formational ministries. They set forth a thoroughly biblical vision for intentional teaching of the Christian faith, with a holistic concern for what and whom is taught as well as how and why.

Fully apprised of developments in educational theory and pedagogy, Parrett and Kang propose a core curriculum for recovering the full scope of Christian proclamation and reinvigorating the teaching ministry of the church. Their vision has implications not merely for catechesis, but for preaching, worship, children's and youth ministry, and much more.

Gary A. Parrett is professor of educational ministries and worship and chair of the Division of Ministry of the Church at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. **S. Steve Kang** is professor of educational ministries and director of Christian education at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary.

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*The Meaning of the Pentateuch:
Revelation, Composition, and Interpretation*

By John H. Sailhamer (IVP Academic)

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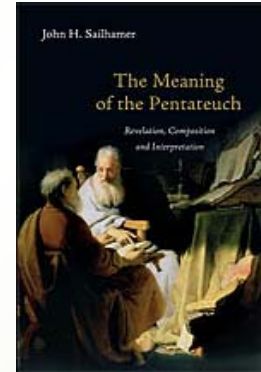
* The Pentateuch is the foundation for understanding the Old Testament and the Bible as a whole. Yet through the centuries it has been probed and dissected, weighed and examined, its text peeled back for its underlying history, its discourse analyzed and its words weighed. Could there be any stone in Sinai yet unturned?

Surprisingly, there is. From a career of study, John Sailhamer sums up his perspective on the Pentateuch by first settling the hermeneutical question of where we should set our attention. Rather than focus on the history behind the text, Sailhamer is convinced that it is the text itself that should be our primary focus. Along the way he demonstrates that this was in fact the focus of many interpreters in the precritical era.

Persuaded of the singular vision of the Pentateuch, Sailhamer searches out clues left by the author and the later editor of the Pentateuch that will disclose the meaning of this great work. By paying particular attention to the poetic seams in the text, he rediscovers a message that surprisingly brings us to the threshold of the New Testament gospel.

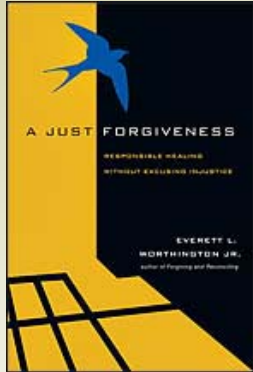
John H. Sailhamer is professor of Old Testament at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in Brea, California.

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*A Just Forgiveness:
Responsible Healing Without Excusing Injustice*

By Everett L. Worthington Jr. (IVP Academic)
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* When serious injury or wrongdoing takes place, we cry out for justice to be done. At the same time, Christian faith calls for forgiveness and mercy. But forgiveness is often seen as letting people off the hook. Is it truly possible to forgive a betrayal, a rape, a genocide? How can Christians forgive without excusing wrongdoing?

Psychologist and leading forgiveness researcher Everett Worthington demonstrates how Christians can and must hold forgiveness and justice together. He gives Christian foundations for understanding just forgiveness and dealing with wrongdoers. With concrete examples and field-tested exercises, Worthington shows how just forgiveness can be accomplished in families, churches and the world at large. This comprehensive guide offers practical resources for both individuals and communities, addressing situations from interpersonal to societal levels.

Scripture tells us that righteousness and peace will kiss. Here's how we can respond to transgressions with justice, forgiveness and humility.

Everett L. Worthington Jr. is professor of psychology at Virginia Commonwealth University.

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*A Praying Life:
Connecting with God in a Distracting World*

By Paul Miller (NavPress)

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* Let's face it, prayer is hard! In fact, prayer is so hard that most of us simply do not pray unless an illness or a public setting, such as saying grace at a meal, demands it. Prayerlessness is rooted in a core unbelief that can shape our lives, even as Christians. Because of prayerlessness, our lives are often marked by fear, anxiety, joylessness, and spiritual lethargy.

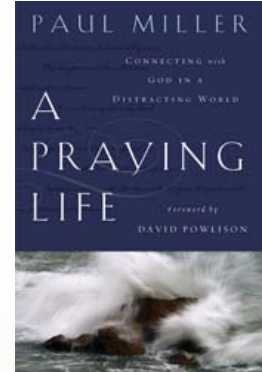
If prayerlessness marks your life more often than not, then this book is for you. Basing the text on the popular PrayerLife seminar, which has encouraged thousands of Christians to a vibrant prayer life, Paul Miller writes to the heart of the matter. This is, indeed, the book for any Christian who wants to know the joy and power of a vibrant prayer life.

“Paul Miller refuses to separate the spiritual life from the rest of our daily living. In *A Praying Life*, he shows the difference that constant communication with Christ makes in the everyday experiences of life, especially the life of the family. Reading this book will help you make prayer a more important part of your own life story by integrating prayer into the daily routines of life.”

—**Philip Ryken**, senior minister, Tenth Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Paul Miller is director of seeJesus.net, an organization that develops interactive Bible studies for small groups. He also travels widely and teaches Jesus Weekends, Person of Jesus seminars, and PrayerLife seminars.

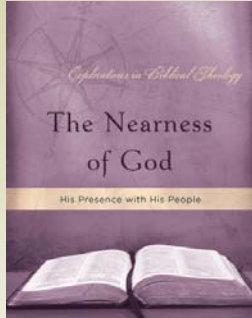
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*The Nearness of God:
His Presence with His People*

By J. Lanier Burns (P&R Publishing)

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* God, for many people, is an abstract figure who set the world running but is now largely absent from it. Even Christians can fall into this trap. Academics spend their time merely talking about God. Churches exist for their own fulfillment. When this happens, God seems far away.

But in the Bible, God is not only center-stage; he is intimately involved with his people. Lanier Burns shows us that, at each stage of the unfolding story of God and his people, God's presence is never far away.

“This is an encouraging and helpful book by an insightful and seasoned scholar...Lanier Burns sheds much light on a wonderful but neglected biblical theme: God's presence. Readers will find their theology deepened, their hope rekindled, and their joy increased.”

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J. Lanier Burns is senior research professor of theology at Dallas Theological Seminary. Since 1973, he has served as the president of the Asian Christian Academy in Bangalore, India.

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Counterfeit Gods: The Empty Promises of Money, Sex, and Power, and the Only Hope that Matters

By Timothy Keller (Penguin)

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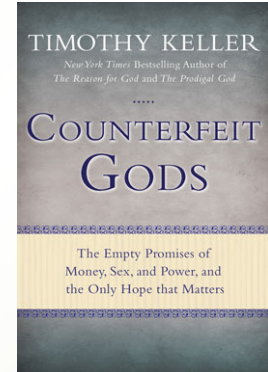
* The New York Times bestselling author of *The Reason for God* and *The Prodigal God* and a nationally renowned minister, Timothy Keller exposes the error of making good things “ultimate” in his latest book, and shows readers a new path toward a hope that lasts.

Success, true love, and the life you’ve always wanted. Many of us placed our faith in these things, believing they held the key to happiness, but with a sneaking suspicion they might not deliver. The recent economic meltdown has cast a harsh new light on these pursuits. In a matter of months, fortunes, marriages, careers, and a secure retirement have disappeared for millions of people. No wonder so many of us feel lost, alone, disenchanted, and resentful. But the truth is that we made lesser gods of these good things—gods that can’t give us what we really need. There is only one God who can wholly satisfy our cravings—and now is the perfect time to meet him again, or for the first time.

The Bible tells us that the human heart is an “idol-factory,” taking good things and making them into idols that drive us. In *Counterfeit Gods*, Keller applies his trademark approach to show us how a proper understanding of the Bible reveals the unvarnished truth about societal ideals and our own hearts. This powerful message will cement Keller’s reputation as a critical thinker and pastor, and comes at a crucial time—for both the faithful and the skeptical.

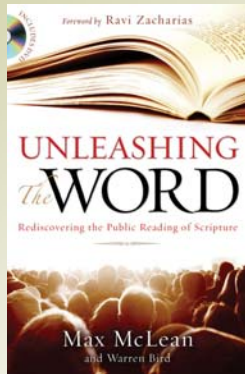
Timothy Keller is the founding pastor of Redeemer Presbyterian Church in Manhattan.

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Unleashing the Word: Rediscovering the Public Reading of Scripture

By Max McLean and Warren Bird (Zondervan)
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Max McLean has received critical acclaim for his theatrical adaptations of *The Screwtape Letters*, *Mark's Gospel*, and *Genesis*. His daily radio program is heard on 700 radio outlets. Max and his wife, Sharon, live in New York City and are active members of Redeemer Presbyterian Church. **Warren Bird** serves as a primary researcher and writer for Leadership Network and has more than ten years of church staff and of seminary teaching experience.

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