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DUTCH CALVINISM

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Since the 16th century, Christians in the Netherlands were instrumental in the reformation of the church. Early efforts of reformation in the Germanic lowlands can be seen in the confessional development of the Dutch churches. Some of the earlier doctrinal standards of the Reformed churches were the Belgic Confession (1561) and the Heidelberg Catechism (1563). At the Synod of Dort (1618–1619), the Dutch churches reconfirmed these previous standards and added the famous Canons of Dort, constituting the Three Forms of Unity for the Dutch Reformed congregations. The famous Synod of Dort also developed a Church Order and liturgical forms, and commissioned a State translation of the Bible into Dutch. The Dutch church formally embraced the Reformation, and many of these items mentioned above are still influential in the Dutch Calvinistic tradition to this day.

Another valuable contribution of Dutch Calvinism is known as the Dutch Further Reformation (*Nadere Reformatie*). This movement paralleled English Puritanism chronologically and theologically. Like the Puritans, Dutch Further Reformation divines sought to maintain a healthy balance of theological knowledge and Christian piety. Their writings are expressions of Reformed experiential theology at its best.

Another significant contribution of Dutch Calvinism is its leading role in articulating and defending Reformed doctrine, while critically interacting with modern liberal theology. This is especially seen in the late 19th and early 20th century writings of men like Herman Bavinck. Their ability to understand the rationalism of modern theology and engage it with confessional integrity is still recognized as helpful in contemporary theological discussions.

The Dutch Calvinist heritage continues to be important today. At the moment, there seems to be an encouraging, modest revival of Calvinism within Evangelicalism. Dutch Calvinists have much to offer young, new Calvinists. Dutch Calvinism provides a wealth of theological resources that many young Calvinistic evangelicals find a great improvement from their theologically impoverished upbringing. Often, this is as far as the influence goes. However, Dutch Calvinism also models a healthy confessionalism that Evangelicalism largely discarded long ago. Moreover, it also provides an informed piety that counteracts encroaching Charismatic and mystical versions of spirituality with a biblically based, theologically informed, and experientially rich pursuit of godliness.

The Dutch Reformed tradition is not perfect; as can be said of all trajectories of Christ's church on earth, it has its warts. Nevertheless, God has blessed His people throughout the centuries by the influence of Dutch Calvinism. It is a noble tradition that has much to commend it.

In this edition of *Tolle Lege*, we would like to showcase the honorable heritage bestowed upon and by the Dutch Calvinists. You will notice that the authors of almost all of our new RHB books, together with some of the new books that we are distributing from other publishers, have some affiliation with Dutch Reformed tradition. We would also like to focus on the work of the Dutch Reformed Translation Society. Finally, we are also showcasing several important books that are either from or about the Dutch Reformed tradition. If you are not too familiar with Dutch Calvinism, allow us to introduce you to the riches it provides. If you are already familiar with it, take some time to appreciate the things that God has and is doing through it. And no matter what variation of the goodly heritage you find yourself in, as a Christian, be sure to thank God for it and the pleasant places He has given to you. —JTC

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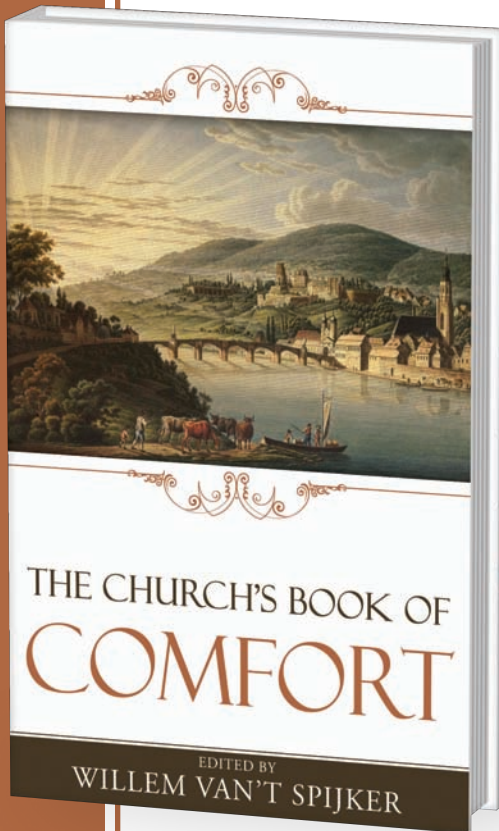
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THE CHURCH'S BOOK OF COMFORT

Edited by Willem van 't Spijker

Translated by Gerrit Bilkes



Hardback, 300 pages
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In *The Church's Book of Comfort*, Willem van 't Spijker and his team of scholars present an introductory investigation into the history, theology, and impact of the Heidelberg Catechism. The authors give careful attention to the background of the Reformation in Germany, the production of the Catechism, and the lives of those involved in making the Catechism. Interesting details are given about the practice of using catechisms before 1563, and the reception of the Heidelberg Catechism among the Reformed churches. Emphasis is also placed on the practice of Catechism preaching and the efforts to increase theological education among congregations. Readers will see the rich theological dimensions of the Catechism and its call for experiential religion. The Heidelberg Catechism has long been known for its warm display of orthodox doctrines, and this helpful book further displays the importance of this classic confessional statement.

"The Church's Book of Comfort sheds new light on the historical milieu, composition, authorship, and production of the Heidelberg Catechism. The chapter that summarizes the theological dimensions of the catechism is itself worth the price of the book. The histories provided of the Reformation in the Low Countries and of Reformed catechetical literature fill major lacunae in English literature. The history of catechism preaching over the centuries follows many fascinating twists and turns. Scores of pertinent illustrations bring color and light to the whole. This is an indispensable tool for anyone interested in the Heidelberg Catechism."

—JOEL R. BEEKE, *Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary, Grand Rapids*

A SKETCH OF THE CHRISTIAN'S CATECHISM

William Ames

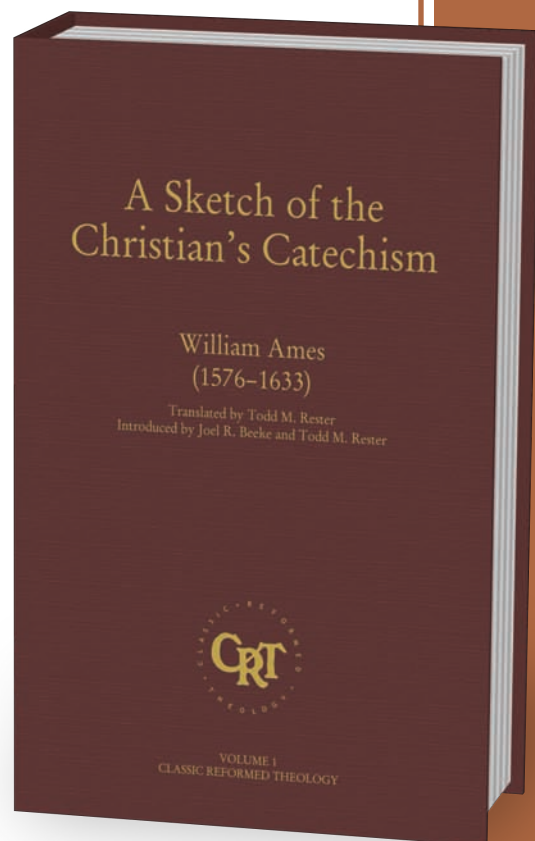
Translated by Todd M. Rester,

Introduced by Joel R. Beeke

William Ames (1576–1633) was an influential English Puritan. After fleeing England in 1610 for a freer academic and ecclesiastical life in the Netherlands, he was appointed professor of theology at Franeker University in 1622. *A Sketch of the Christian's Catechism* is the result of his lectures through the Heidelberg Catechism at that institution.

Ames's method in this book is not an analysis of the Catechism itself. Rather, he chooses a particular text of Scripture that supports the main thoughts for a given Lord's Day. While the exposition is directly from the Bible, Ames's doctrinal conclusions interact with the corresponding Questions and Answers of the Heidelberg Catechism.

Joel R. Beeke and Todd M. Rester's introduction provides valuable background on Ames and his work. Rester's fresh translation from the Latin opens several avenues of interest for modern day English readers. Historians of 16th and 17th century thought will value the critical English translation of a much neglected text, and the fact that it demonstrates the interaction between English Puritanism and the Dutch Further Reformation. Reformed pastors will also take interest in this, as it provides another important resource on a classic doctrinal standard.

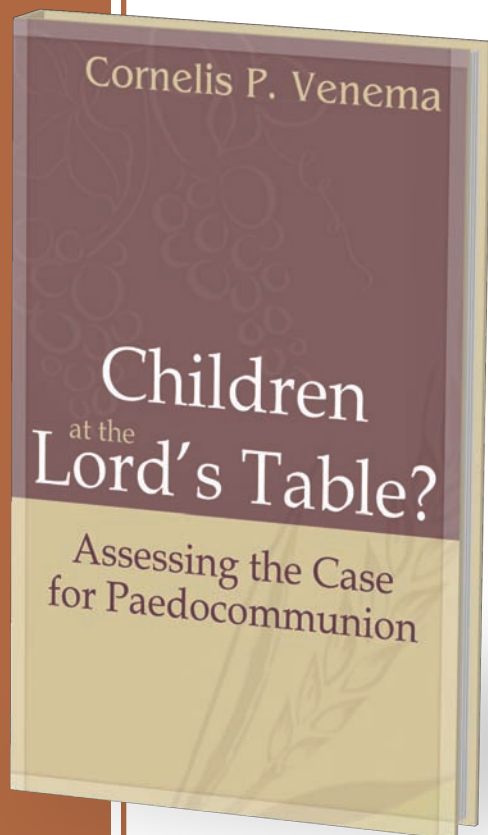


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This is the inaugural volume of the Classic Reformed Theology series, under the editorial direction of R. Scott Clark. The design of the series is to translate and edit some of the most important, edifying, and stimulating theological literature produced by Reformed theologians of the 16th and 17th Centuries.

"This is an important project that promises to make available in good editions and translations a series of eminent works of Reformed theology from the era of orthodoxy. These volumes will offer students of the Reformed tradition an invaluable resource and will hopefully stimulate interest in the carefully defined and highly refined thought of an era that was formative of the Reformed faith and that assured its intellectual and spiritual vitality for later generations."

— RICHARD A. MULLER, *Calvin Theological Seminary*



CHILDREN AT THE LORD'S TABLE? ASSESSING THE CASE FOR PAEDOCOMMUNION

Cornelis P. Venema

A growing trend among Reformed churches is the practice of admitting young children to the Lord's Supper. In *Children at the Lord's Table?*, Cornelis P. Venema provides an insightful analysis of the arguments used by advocates of this recent trend. After clarifying terms and explaining arguments often made in favor of paedocommunion, he considers the history of the church's confessions, teaching, and practice regarding the proper recipients of the Lord's Supper. Presenting a historical, exegetical, and systematic treatment of the subject, Venema demonstrates the validity and value of having covenant children partake of communion subsequent to their personal profession of faith. This is an invaluable resource for every pastor within the Reformed tradition.

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"Dr. Venema's *Children at the Lord's Table?*, one of the best treatments of this question, shows that Scripture clearly articulates that those invited to the table are called to come by believing in Christ, and not merely because they have been baptized as infants. I highly recommend this book."

—GEORGE W. KNIGHT, III

adjunct professor of New Testament, Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary

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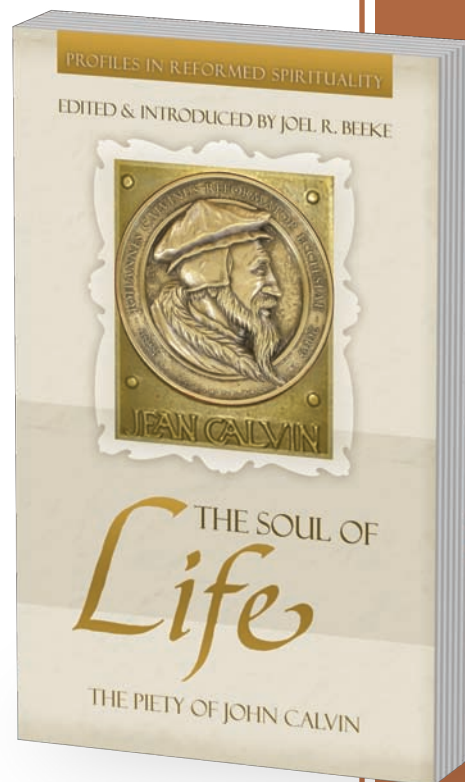
THE SOUL OF LIFE: THE PIETY OF JOHN CALVIN

Edited and Introduced by Joel R. Beeke

John Calvin is the most notable figure from the Reformed tradition. Unfortunately, he is often characterized as a stern and cerebral individual who had little concern for practical matters. However, Calvin was actually influential in promoting a profound sense of piety among early Protestantism. In *"The Soul of Life"*, Joel R. Beeke presents the life and ministry of Calvin with a special emphasis on Calvin's efforts for cultivating healthy spirituality among the churches. The selections from Calvin's own work will give readers a firsthand look at Calvin's emphasis on godliness, and by God's grace, will be a means for spurring on greater godliness in our day.

"I call 'piety' that reverence joined with love of God which the knowledge of His benefits induces. For until men recognize that they owe everything to God, that they are nourished by His fatherly care, that He is the Author of their every good, that they should seek nothing beyond Him—they will never yield Him willing service. Nay, unless they establish their complete happiness in Him, they will never give themselves truly and sincerely to Him."

— JOHN CALVIN



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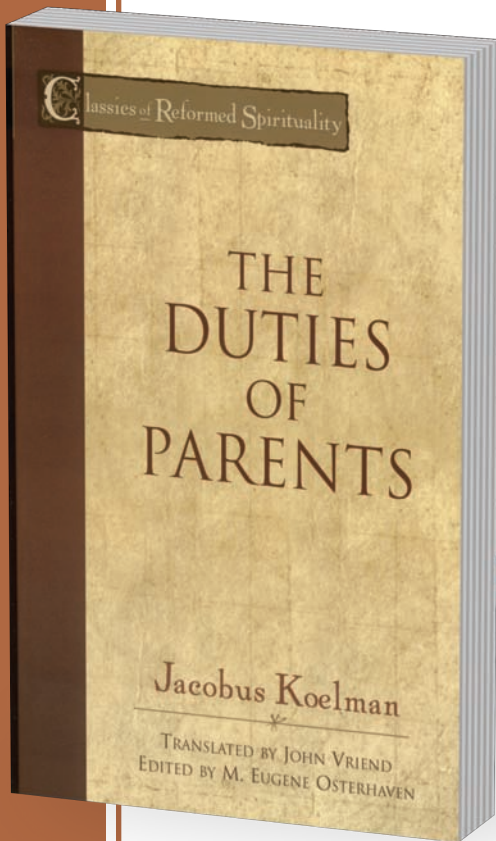


THE DUTIES OF PARENTS

Jacobus Koelman

Translated by John Vriend

Edited by M. Eugene Osterhaven



The Duties of Parents is the best-known work of Dutch Further Reformation leader Jacobus Koelman. Outlining 282 guidelines for Christian parenting, Koelman emphasizes the need for loving, thoughtful discipline and urges parents to tell their children that the purpose of punishment is their eternal well-being. He describes the need for good schools and teachers and encourages the latter to realize their great responsibility. *The Duties of Parents* gives readers an important glimpse of the theological and practical concerns of the developing Protestant tradition. Practical application abounds for raising children today as well.

Paperback, 176 pages
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"I am delighted that the Dutch Reformed Translation Society is at last making this material available in the English language. It is a landmark feature of our Reformed heritage, and it is rich food for the soul in this or any age."
—J. I. PACKER, Regent College

"In the fine translations made available here, one sees the ecumenical nature of Reformed spirituality and the close relationship between the church and true believers. The sources of the Further Reformation deserve greater recognition. The heritage of Reformed Protestantism contains hidden treasures for which we in our modern era should be grateful and of which we could make use with profit."
—WILLEM VAN 'T SPIJKER, Theological University of Apeldoorn

"Many will surely welcome this new access to the Dutch authors whose strong writings put faith and certainty into generations of their fellow countrymen. By their closeness to Scripture and their concern for heart and head (heart and light), they remain of enduring value."
—IAIN H. MURRAY, author of *The Puritan Hope*

JACOBUS KOELMAN (1632-1695) was one of the most outspoken and influential leaders of the Dutch Further Reformation.

FAMILY WORSHIP

SECOND EDITION

Joel R. Beeke

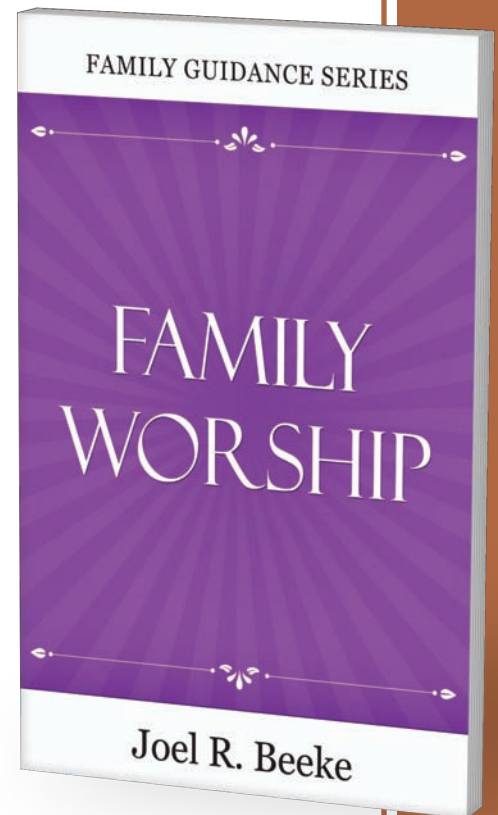
In this installment of the Family Guidance series, Joel R. Beeke presents a heartfelt plea for the renewal of family worship in Christian homes. The family is modeled after the very being of God, providing a divine foundation for family worship from creation. This is not a mere idealistic suggestion for the godly family, but is presented in Scripture as a solemn duty. With great pastoral care, the author gives valuable insights into implementing family worship, answers common objections raised against it, and motivates the reader to follow through with it faithfully.

"I strongly recommend a reading of this booklet, especially by parents who are here given a warm and convincing case for the value of family worship to their children and indeed for all the household."

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"Dr. Joel R. Beeke has given us a gold mine of seasoned counsel for this grossly neglected duty in modern-day Reformation. If heeded, these clear and practical directives will play a vital role in building not only happier Christian homes, but also, healthier churches—churches that will last for generations to come!"

—PASTOR JERRY MARCELLINO



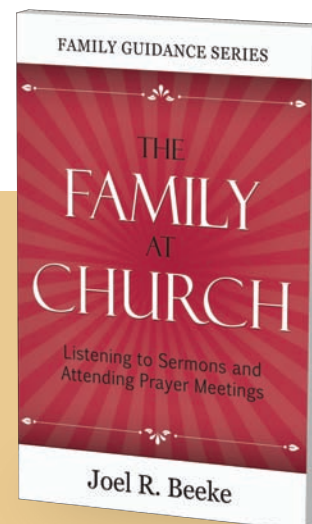
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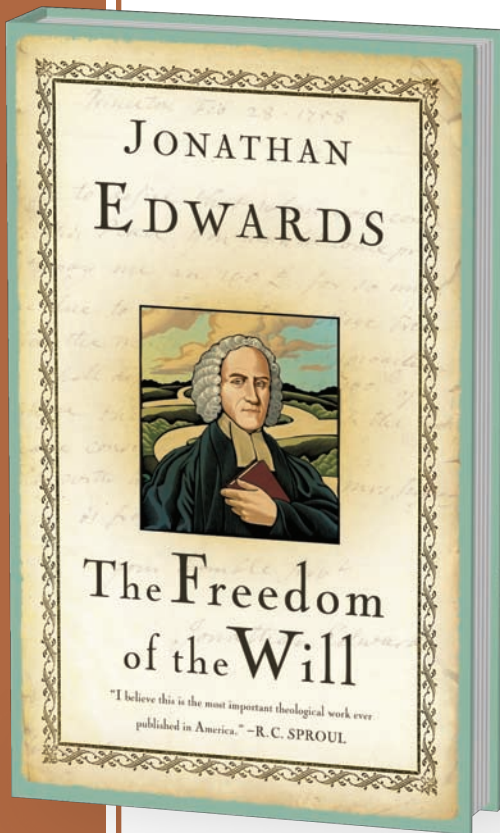
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THE FREEDOM OF THE WILL

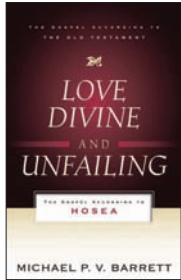
Jonathan Edwards

Many scholars believe this work, published in 1754, is the most important argument against Arminianism published in America. *Freedom of the Will* is divided into four parts. The first deals with terminology; the nature and determination of the will; the meaning of necessity, impossibility, and contingency; the distinction between natural and moral necessity; and the nature of moral agency and liberty. The second considers the possibility of self-determination. The third analyzes divine agency regarding human beings and the world. In the conclusion, Edwards anticipates the reception the work will receive.

Noteworthy is Edwards's essential agreement with the empiricist John Locke that the question of whether or not the will was "free" was badly posed; the real issue, he said, is whether the *person* is free. The majority of the work, however, deals with the will's freedom (in contrast to the freedom of the whole person) as it seeks to refute the Arminian notion of the will. For Edwards, the errors of the Arminians essentially resulted from denying God's absolute sovereignty; in contrast to Calvinist orthodoxy, Arminians insisted that secondary causes could operate in the individual apart from the influence of the divine will. This notion of the will's freedom had Pelagian roots, which Edwards rightly exposed. Furthermore, the refusal of the Arminians to acknowledge the individual's total corruption promoted further error. The will cannot be free as the Arminians would have it, Edwards argued, for true freedom can only belong to God, who is self-sustaining and therefore free from other influences.

"Pelagianism has a death grip on the modern church. Perhaps the most important refutation of this distinctive is Edwards's *Freedom of the Will*. I believe this is the most important theological work ever published in America."

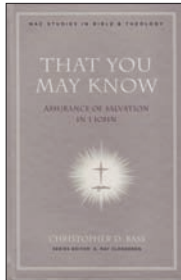
— R. C. SPROUL



Love Divine and Unfailing: The Gospel According to Hosea

Michael P. V. Barrett

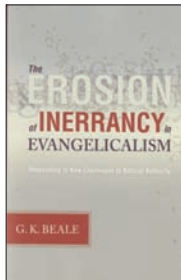
After establishing the historical and theological backdrop for Hosea, the book focuses on the connection between Hosea's marriage to Gomer and the Lord's marriage to His people. Though many were deaf to Hosea's preaching, even the dullest could see his grief, sympathize with his sorrow, and wonder at his persistent love. Hosea's marriage was a living sermon: What Hosea did for Gomer, God did for Israel; what Gomer did to Hosea, Israel did to God. (PB, 224 pages, P&R) **\$12.00/\$9.50**



That You May Know

Christopher D. Bass

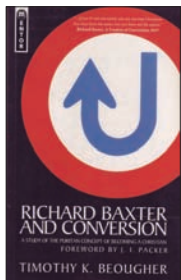
That You May Know closely examines the theme of eternal salvation in 1 John. No other New Testament book speaks as frequently and explicitly to the believer's confidence in everlasting life. The epistle writer grounds his reader's assurance of salvation on the person and work of Jesus Christ and demonstrates that the believer's lifestyle serves as a vital corroborating support for that assurance. This gives the commentary's author, Christopher Bass, an opening to further discuss John's emphasis on living righteously and what it truly means to be born of God. (HB, 239 pages, Broadman and Holman) **\$24.99/\$18.75**



The Erosion of Inerrancy in Evangelicalism

G.K. Beale

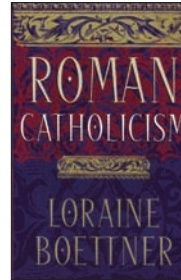
Beale attempts vigorously and even-handedly to examine the writings of one leading postmodernist, Peter Enns, whose writings challenge biblical authority. In support of inerrancy, Beale presents his own set of challenges to the postmodern suppositions of Enns and others. His work will aid all who support biblical inerrancy in defending their position against postmodern attacks. This is an issue that affects the entire body of Christ. (PB, 304 pages, Crossway) **\$20.00/\$15.00**



Richard Baxter and Conversion

Timothy K. Beougher

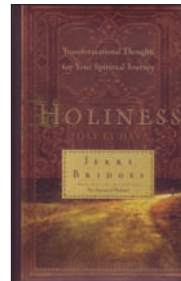
Puritan religious experience was centered on conversion, the essence of Puritanism. Tim Beougher forensically dissects Baxter's writings and life so that we see how he constructs a "systematic theology of conversion." Baxter speaks to us today through this study. (PB, 240 pages, Christian Focus) **\$17.00/\$13.00**



Roman Catholicism

Loraine Boettner

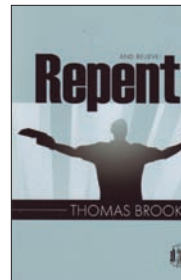
Dr. Boettner contrasts evangelical Protestant and Roman Catholic doctrines, as well as practical effects of these two systems in people's lives. Although there have been a number of changes in the Roman Catholic Church since this volume first appeared, Boettner's classic work remains a valuable non-technical resource for understanding historic Roman Catholicism and its major teachings. (PB, 466 pages, Presbyterian & Reformed) **\$13.00/\$10.00**



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Jerry Bridges

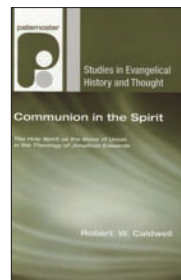
A one-year devotional, *Holiness Day by Day* takes you deeper than other, shorter devotionals, stimulating stronger commitment and spiritual transformation. Each reading is carefully chosen and compiled from Jerry Bridges' best writings. (HB, 336 pages, NavPress) **\$15.99/\$12.00**



Repent and Believe

Thomas Brooks

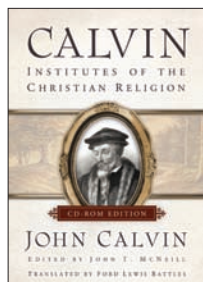
The Puritans believed in the reality of the devil and in his deadly antagonism to the souls of men. To keep us in our lost and condemned state he employs two devices against us: he persuades us that repentance is easy and that believing in Christ is impossible. Brooks masterfully uncovers Satan's devices and skillfully prescribes the Bible's remedies against them. (PB, 94 pages, Banner of Truth) **\$6.00/\$4.00**



Communion in the Spirit: The Holy Spirit as the Bond of Union in the Theology of Jonathan Edwards

Robert W. Caldwell

This study explores the central connections Edwards drew between his doctrines of religious experience and the Trinity. It takes us through the major regions of Edwards's theology, including his Trinitarianism, his doctrine of the end for which God created the world, his Christology, and his doctrines of justification, sanctification, and glorification, to demonstrate the centrality of the Holy Spirit throughout his theology. (PB, 212 pages, Wipf and Stock Publications) **\$27.00/\$20.00**

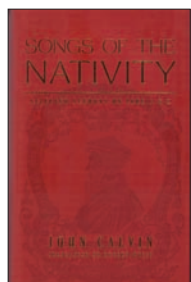


Institutes of the Christian Religion: CD-ROM edition

John Calvin

John Calvin's *Institutes of the Christian Religion* has been one of the most important works in Christian theology for nearly five hundred years. The much-esteemed English translation of this work by Ford Lewis Battles, part of the Library of Christian Classics, has been the primary English translation for the past forty years. Now, for the first time, this translation is available in a convenient CD-ROM format. Built with Adobe PDF technology, the CD-ROM is compatible with both Windows and Macintosh operating systems. (Software, Individual License, Westminster John Knox Press)

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Songs of the Nativity: Selected Sermons on Luke 1 & 2

John Calvin

Luke's gospel is notable for its distinctive songs, strikingly reminiscent of the Psalms. Chief among these are Mary's song, the *Magnificat*; Zechariah's song, the *Benedictus*; the angels' song, the *Gloria in excelsis*; and Simeon's song, the *Nunc dimittis*. They are full of prophetic hope, eager expectation, and joyful thanksgiving. God's great redemptive work is moving to its climax with the birth of the Savior, Jesus, Son of the Most High. Luke's 'gospel of the incarnation' was good news to all who, like the representatives of the old Israel, looked for Messiah's first advent; it is good news to all who, today, look for His second advent. Robert White's excellent translation transports the reader back to St. Peter's Cathedral, Geneva, where Calvin can be heard—or overheard—preaching on issues of perennial importance to all Christian men and women. (HB, 258 pages, Banner of Truth)

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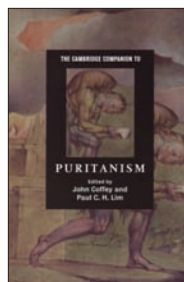


Truth for all Time

John Calvin

John Calvin knew that if the biblical truths rediscovered at the Reformation were to spread throughout the world, they would have to be presented in a form that ordinary people could understand. So, during the winter of 1536–37, the 29-year-old Calvin wrote, in French, his *Brief Outline of the Christian Faith*. This is Calvin's striking but concise attempt to define the Christian faith for ordinary people! Here you have the very core of Protestant belief and feel the warmth of its ardent love for God and men. (SC, 134 pages, Banner of Truth)

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The Cambridge Companion to Puritanism

John Coffey and Paul C.H. Lim, ed.

'Puritan' was originally a term of contempt, and 'Puritanism' has often been stereotyped by critics and admirers alike. As a distinctive and particularly intense variety of early modern Reformed Protestantism, it was a product of acute tensions within the post-Reformation Church of England. But it was never monolithic or purely oppositional, and its impact reverberated far beyond seventeenth-century England and New England. The book explores issues of gender, literature, politics, and popular culture in addition to addressing the Puritans' core concerns such as theology and devotional praxis, and coverage extends to Irish, Welsh, Scottish, and European versions of Puritanism as well as to English and American practice. (PB, 385 pages, Cambridge University Press)

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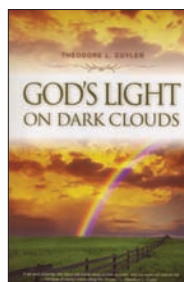


The Two Thousand Confessors of Sixteen Sixty-Two

Thomas Coleman

"In the year sixteen hundred and sixty-two, August twenty fourth became the Black Bartholomew's-day for numbers of the most decided and consistent Protestants in England," and so Thomas Coleman introduces this rare volume which details the Act of Uniformity, where those ministers of the Gospel who did not "assent and consent" to the monarchical rule of the Church of England, were dismissed from their pulpits and congregations. The author reviews the events, details the principles upon which the ministers acted, the oppressive measures under which they suffered, and the influence they have had on succeeding times. The book is complete with biographical sketches and facts and anecdotes characteristic of the times in which they lived. It is an eminently accessible introduction to this vital period in English church history. (HB, 218 pages, Tentmaker)

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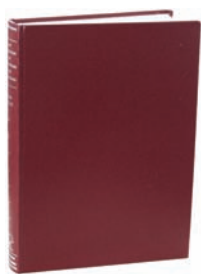


God's Light on Dark Clouds

Theodore L. Cuyler

It has been said that 2 Corinthians 1:4 deserves to be written in letters of gold, for it is one of the hardest and noblest works in all Christianity to be able to bring divine comfort to others in trouble; and yet by sufferings God fits and prepares His people for this noble and difficult service. Theodore L. Cuyler was thus divinely fitted for the great task of comforting God's suffering people. Fourteen years after losing two of his children in their infancy, this one-time pastor of Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn, New York, lost a daughter at the age of twenty-one. In the pain-filled months following this deeply felt bereavement he penned the short chapters that make up this little book. A best-seller when first published in 1882, its pages offer hope for the desponding, consolation for the bereaved, and light for those in darkness. (PB, 134 pages, Banner of Truth)

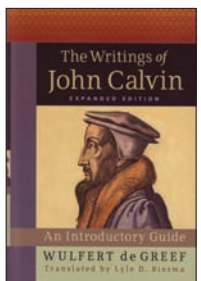
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A Commentary on the Epistles of Saint Paul to the Philippians and Colossians

Jean Dailly

Last published in the UK by James Nichol (Edinburgh, 1863), the Huguenot preacher's sermons have never failed to instruct and inspire. In the eighteenth century, Henry Venn wrote to his son of the reviving influence of Dailly's sermons: "This last week has been very gloomy, cold, misty weather. We have not had one visitor, but I have enjoyed a feast in reading Dailly on Colossians. What a judicious writer! What a masterly expositor! The truth, the fulness of Christ, are so set forth by him, as to make my heart glow; and I am the better for what I read." (HB, 468 pages, Tentmaker) ~~\$60.00~~/~~\$40.00~~



The Writings of John Calvin

Wulfert de Greef

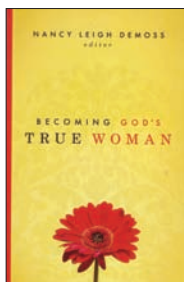
An indispensable resource for the study of John Calvin, this book guides readers through the many writings of the great Genevan reformer. In this new, expanded edition Wulfert de Greef explores the historical background of Calvin's writings while providing helpful insights into the individual texts themselves. A biography of Calvin, which focuses on the main events and the people with whom he dealt, is an added feature of this highly useful reference work. (HB, 296 pages, Westminster John Knox Press) ~~\$40.00~~/~~\$32.00~~



I Will Sing of My Redeemer

Arie DeHaan

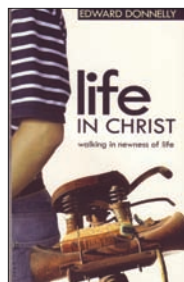
A recording of some of the beautiful hymns of faith, sung by Arie DeHaan and Karen Postmus, with Joyce Postmus on the piano, John VanderLaan on the organ, and Natalia Manley on the violin. Some of the hymns include "I Will Sing of My Redeemer," "Near the Cross," "Here I Am, Lord," and "Holy Is the Lord." ~~\$30.00~~/~~\$20.00~~



Becoming God's True Woman

Nancy Leigh DeMoss, ed.

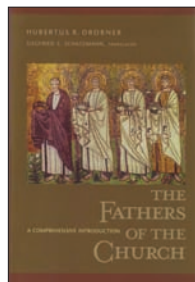
A movement is now spreading seeds of hope, humility, obedience, and prayer—a call to return to godly womanhood—and its truth will resound in the hearts of readers through the powerful messages of Nancy Leigh DeMoss, Susan Hunt, Mary Kassian, Carolyn Mahaney, Barbara Hughes, P. Bunney Wilson, and Dorothy Patterson. This is a charge to women to recover what the feminist revolution has robbed them of: the God-given beauty, wonder, and treasure of their distinctive calling and mission. Includes a study guide. (PB, 208 pages, Crossway) ~~\$16.00~~/~~\$12.00~~



Life in Christ: Walking in Newness of Life

Edward Donnelly

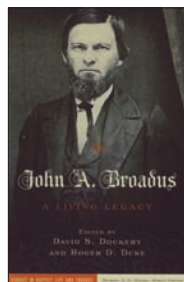
Beginning with the way in which we consciously enter into union with Christ, Edward Donnelly shows how this union provides us with a new identity, enables us to draw directly from Him the strength to live Christ-like lives, and brings us into a worldwide family. Finally, he helps us to see how "pain and suffering are God's paradoxical means of bringing us closer to Jesus and making us more like Him." (PB, 112 pages, Bryntirion Press) ~~\$13.99~~/~~\$11.00~~



The Fathers of the Church: A Comprehensive Introduction

Hubertus R. Drobner

The Fathers of the Church: A Comprehensive Introduction presents the most important authors and works of the early history of Christian literature. Spanning the first seven hundred years of Christianity, Hubertus R. Drobner introduces writers such as Philo, Origen, Eusebius, Jerome, and Augustine, among many others. All of the authors are presented in their respective political, social, ecclesiastical, and cultural contexts, and are organized in terms of bibliographies, editions, English translations, ancillary sources, and relevant literature. (HB, 632 pages, Hendrickson Publishers) ~~\$45.00~~/~~\$33.50~~



John A. Broadus: A Living Legacy

David S. Drockery & Roger D. Duke, eds.

John A. Broadus (1827–1895) was a founding teacher and the second president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and wrote *A Treatise on the Preparation and Delivery of Sermons*. This timely new biography, a collection of ten independently contributed chapters that address his work from various angles, presents Broadus as a shining example of balance, careful thinking, and biblical faithfulness in a season when Southern Baptists are seeking to reestablish a new consensus and move forward in the twenty-first century. (PB, 260 pages, B&H Publishing Group) ~~\$20.00~~/~~\$15.00~~



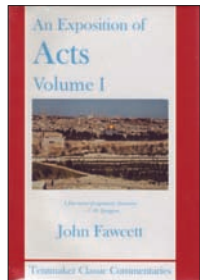
The Ten Commandments for Today

Brian H. Edwards

At a time when the nation's morality is in alarming decline, it is surprising that so little has been written on the Ten Commandments. Brian Edwards gives us a modern commentary, carefully uncovering their true meaning, and incisively applying them to our contemporary society. Probably never in the history of western civilization have the Ten Commandments been more neglected

and therefore more relevant than today. Andrew Anderson writes, “Brian Edwards has turned his probing mind and expositor’s skill, along with a pastor’s heart, to this vitally significant part of God’s word. This book unpacks the crammed meaning of these terse commands, and applies them pointedly to life in a deregulated age.” (PB, 303 pages, Day One Publications)

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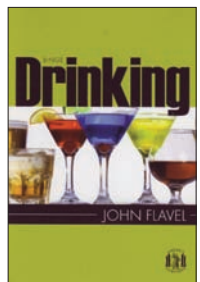


An Exposition of Acts, 2 vols.

John Fawcett

Charles Spurgeon proclaimed this collection was a “fine series of expository discourses.” These expositions of the book of Acts are a compilation of Fawcett’s sermons on this historical book and provide the reader with not only sound doctrine but also a model of biblical preaching. These commentaries will

provide the pastor with keen and theologically sound insight into these texts. (HB, 1069 pages in 2 vols., Tentmaker) **\$80.00/\$55.00**



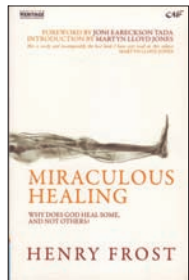
Binge Drinking

John Flavel

Often considered a modern phenomenon, binge drinking is in fact an age-old problem. John Flavel, a Puritan minister in the naval port of Dartmouth, England, confronts the sin of drunkenness head on. His treatment is a highly relevant exposé of the soul-destroying evils of this “detestable sin.” (PB, 80 pages,

Banner of Truth)

\$6.00/\$4.00



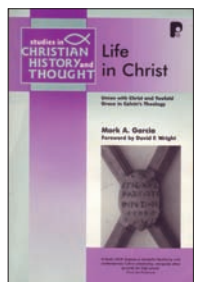
Miraculous Healing: Why Does God Heal Some, and Not Others?

Henry Frost

This question has been the subject of a great deal of heart-searching throughout history. People’s opinions have caused pain and euphoria—but have they shed light upon this emotional topic? Henry Frost’s book has been a touchstone of authority on the issue

of miraculous healing since its initial publication in 1931; it is still frequently quoted. Sickness and disability are not academic issues and this book will be of interest to anyone who struggles with illness, or loves someone who does. (PB, 128 pages, Christian Focus Publications)

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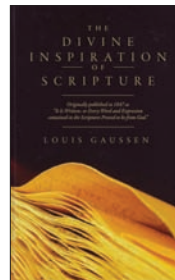
Life in Christ: Union with Christ and Twofold Grace in Calvin’s Theology

Mark A. Garcia

In three wide-ranging case studies Garcia explores how union with Christ functions in Calvin’s thought. Garcia explains the way Calvin understands the apostle Paul to connect good works to eternal life in the context of union with Christ. He then turns his attention to the

relationship of Christology and pneumatology in sacramental union or communion with Christ. The third study investigates the role of Christ, the Spirit, and the Lord’s Supper in Calvin’s critique of Osiander’s views on justifying union with Christ. (PB, 356 pages, Paternoster)

\$46.00/\$34.00



The Divine Inspiration of Scripture *Louis Gaussen*

At various times the divine inspiration of Scripture has been denied altogether; more subtly, people have claimed that inspiration is limited to certain portions, said to vary in degree from place to place, or be contained within the text. Gaussen appeals to God’s Word itself, and to the highest possible source, Jesus Christ, to show that the Bible is God’s work and that our faith may rest secure here. The cumulative effect is to refute critics who suggest that the Bible does not claim to be God’s word for mankind. It has become a standard reference book for the Christian faith. (HB, 304 pages, Christian Focus)

\$25.00/\$18.50

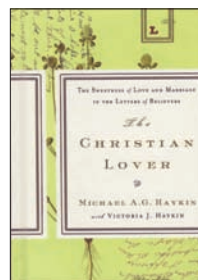


According to Plan: The Unfolding Revelation of God in the Bible

Graeme Goldsworthy

How do the Old and New Testaments fit together? What is the point of biblical theology? What is the overall story of the Bible? What difference does it make? This introductory text answers these questions with an integrated theology of both Old and New Testaments that avoids unnecessary technicalities. Dozens of charts, highlighted summaries, study questions at the end of each chapter, and concise, pithy chapters make this an enormously useful book for understanding how the Bible fits together as the unfolding story of God’s plan for salvation. (PB, 251 pages, InterVarsity Press)

\$24.00/\$18.00

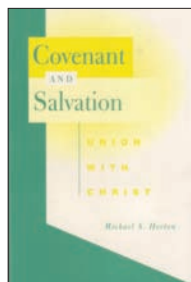


The Christian Lover: the Sweetness of Love and Marriage in the Letters of Believers

Michael A.G. Haykin with Victoria J. Haykin

In this anthology, Michael A. G. Haykin brings together letters from one or both parties in twelve significant relationships from church history, including Martin and Katharina Luther, Adoniram and Ann Judson, Martyn and Bethan Lloyd-Jones. The contents range from courtship communications to proposals of marriage to final words before dying, but most have to do with the ups and downs of married life. In the end, *The Christian Lover* is a celebration of marriage, an intimate window into the thoughts of men and women who were deeply in love with both God and one another. (HB, 101 pages, Reformation Trust)

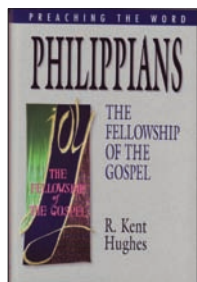
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Covenant and Salvation

Michael S. Horton

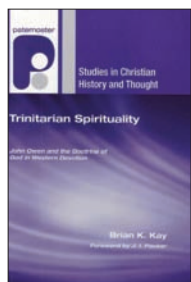
Following *Covenant and Eschatology* and *Lord and Servant*, this third volume of a four-part series examines Christian salvation from the perspective of covenant theology. In *Covenant and Salvation*, Michael Horton surveys law and gospel, union with Christ, and justification and theosis, conversing with both classical and contemporary viewpoints. (PB, 324 pages, Westminster John Knox Press) **\$35.00/\$26.00**



Philippians: The Fellowship of the Gospel

R. Kent Hughes

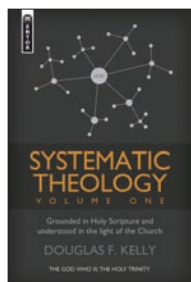
The four chapters of Philippians contain some of the most-quoted and beloved passages in Scripture. Yet in our familiarity with the apostle Paul's words to his favorite church, we must be careful not to miss the deeper themes, says commentator R. Kent Hughes. Themes include the robust fellowship and unity that Paul shared with the Christians at Philippi based on their mutual commitment to the gospel. The characteristics of such true Christian conduct and spirit are detailed throughout this epistle and this commentary, with every aspect ultimately centering in Christ. Hughes' faithful exposition and application will reveal how much Philippians is about Christ and about people in Christ Jesus, as well as about people who are in the joyful fellowship of the gospel together because they are in Christ. (HB, 237 pages, Crossway) **\$25.00/\$18.50**



Trinitarian Spirituality: John Owen and the Doctrine of God in Western Devotion

Brian K. Kay

This work examines the problem of how to connect the historic doctrine of the Trinity to Christian devotional practice. Two criteria for a successful Trinitarian spirituality are proposed: that of drawing significantly from nuances of the classic formulations of the doctrine, and dealing with the mode of original Trinitarian self-disclosure, that is, the unfolding biblical doctrine of the *historia salutis*. Various historical attempts at articulating a method are examined, with special emphasis given to the Puritan John Owen. (PB, 214 pages, Wipf and Stock Publishers) **\$27.00/\$20.00**

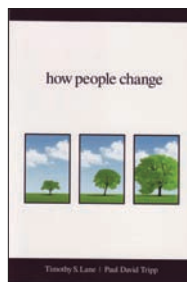


Systematic Theology, Vol. 1: The God Who Is: The Holy Trinity

Douglas F. Kelly

In this first of three proposed volumes, Douglas F. Kelly presents a wonderful mixture of systematic, biblical, and historical theology. In this work he introduces Theology Proper: God's disclosure of Himself; God's attributes; The doctrine of the Trinity; theological

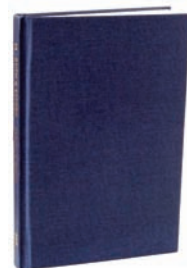
proofs for God's existence; and much more. Kelly displays his vast knowledge of church history in this volume by interacting with the various traditions inside and outside Protestantism, while always presenting the biblical and Reformed view in the forefront. The author promotes detailed doctrine in a warm and winsome manner that encourages true Christianity. This is one modern Systematic Theology that every pastor and layperson should be eager to place on their shelf. (HB, 619 pages, Christian Focus) **\$40.00/\$30.00**



How People Change

Timothy S. Lane, Paul David Tripp

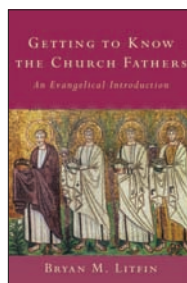
What does it take for lasting change to take root in your life? If you've ever tried, failed, and wondered why, you need *How People Change*. This book explains the biblical pattern for change in a clear, practical way you can apply to the challenges of daily life. But change involves more than a biblical formula. You will see how God is at work to make you the person you were created to be. That powerful, loving, redemptive relationship is at the heart of all positive change you experience. (PB, 230 pages, New Growth Press) **\$18.00/\$13.50**



Ruth & Esther

George Lawson

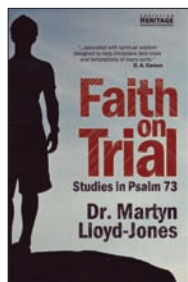
Quality expositions of Ruth are very scarce. This one by George Lawson was highly esteemed by C. H. Spurgeon, who wrote: "Intended for the general reader, the discourses are as spiritual and unaffected as their excellent author. Dr. John Brown, in commending all of Lawson's books, says that, 'he has rendered subjects, apparently barren, full of instruction.'" (HB, 263 pages, Tentmaker) **\$28.00**



Getting to Know the Church Fathers

Bryan M. Litfin

In *Getting to Know the Church Fathers*, patristic scholar Bryan Litfin introduces readers to ten ancient Christians and dispels the misconceptions that have tainted many evangelicals' view of them. Litfin's personal and accessible approach to the church fathers—including Augustine, Ignatius, Origen, Perpetua, and Tertullian—reveals the riches of the Christian tradition and how much Christians today have been shaped by them in the ways we worship, pray, study Scripture, and live as a community. Each chapter tells the story of one figure's life and work, and concludes with probing questions for discussion or reflection, guides to further reading, and a fresh, vivid translation from the church fathers' original writings. (PB, 301 pages, Brazos) **\$23.00/\$17.00**

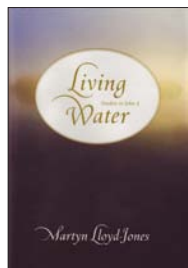


Faith on Trial: Studies in Psalm 73

Dr. Martyn Lloyd-Jones

Why do good people suffer unjustly? Asaph, a close confidant of King David, dealt with this very problem in Psalm 73. It is a conundrum that has often perplexed and discouraged God's people. The psalmist reveals his own no-holds-barred feelings and leads us step-by-step from near-despair to final assurance. For this reason it has always appealed to preachers and counselors. This is an excellent book for those struggling with, or wondering about, injustice. (PB, 172 pages, Christian Heritage)

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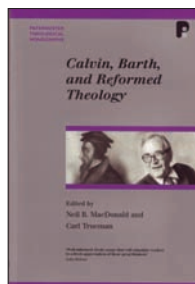
Living Water: Studies in John 4

Martyn Lloyd-Jones

It was just a conversation between two people by the side of a well in Samaria. One, a local woman, came to perform her daily task of drawing water. Another, a Jewish man tired from traveling, sat down for a drink. But he wasn't just any Jewish man, and this wasn't just any conversation. The man, Jesus, revealed Himself as the Messiah, leading to the conversion of not only the Samaritan woman but many from her town.

Now, for the first time, fifty-six sermons by Martyn Lloyd-Jones on this passage of Scripture are available in *Living Water*. Lloyd-Jones, known for his ability to clearly communicate profound theological concepts, digs into this familiar passage from the fourth chapter of the Gospel of John, exposing fresh layers of truth. His perceptive analysis is helpful for all who thirst for the living water that only Jesus can provide. (HB, Crossway, 730 pages)

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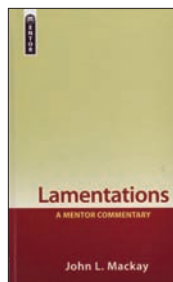


Calvin, Barth, and Reformed Theology

Neil B. MacDonald & Carl Trueman, eds.

Karl Barth and John Calvin belong to the first rank of great theologians of the church. Historically, Calvin's influence on Reformed doctrine has been much greater than that of Barth's, and continues to be so in the present day. In contrast, Barth's Reformed credentials have rightly been questioned—not least in his understanding of election and atonement. The question is: who should be of greater importance for the Reformed church in the twenty-first century? Who has the better arguments on the Bible? Barth or Calvin? Doctrinal areas of focus are the nature of the atonement, Scripture, and the sacraments. (PB, 181 pages, Paternoster)

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Lamentations

John L. Mackay

The Book of Lamentations is divided into five chapters. Each chapter represents a separate poem. In the original Hebrew, the verses are acrostic, with each verse starting with a succeeding letter of the Hebrew alphabet. A popular view is that Lamentations is a dreary book with nothing much to say to today's upbeat society. The reality is that it could not be more relevant. If you scratch beneath today's upbeat atheist you will discover a disillusioned hedonist wondering if the frantic hurtle down the waste-pipe of life has been worth it. (HB, 240 pages, Christian Focus)

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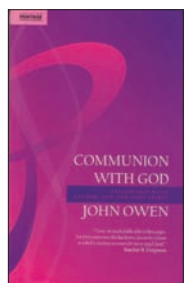


Constantine and the Christian Empire

Charles M. Odahl

The most substantial biography ever written on the most important Roman emperor, Professor Charles M. Odahl has written a fascinating account of the life and reign of the first Christian emperor of the Roman world. Drawing on over a quarter of a century of research on sources relevant to the period and retracing the journeys made by Constantine across Europe and around the Mediterranean basin, this up-to-date biography provides students with a comprehensive knowledge of literary sources and research into the archaeology of the Constantinian era, and enables a more rounded and accurate portrait than has previously been available. Illustrated with ninety-two photographs and eight maps, *Constantine and the Christian Empire* will be the standard work on the man and his life for scholars, students, and all those interested in Roman imperial, early Christian, and Byzantine imperial history. (PB, 401 pages, Routledge)

~~\$38.00~~/~~\$28.50~~

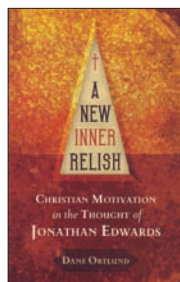


Communion with God: Fellowship with Father, Son and Holy Spirit

John Owen

John Owen examines the Christian's communion with God as it relates to all three members of the Trinity. He assures that every Christian does have communion with God, no one is excluded, and that this communion takes place distinctly with Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Our relationship with God the Father is primarily through love and faith, our relationship with God the Son is through fellowship and grace, and our relationship with God the Holy Spirit is primarily through comfort and sanctification. A classic of Christian devotional thought, *Communion with God* still influences the church today. This is the original text with a new layout and is fully subtitled, which makes it more accessible to a new generation of readers. (PB, 431 pages, Christian Heritage)

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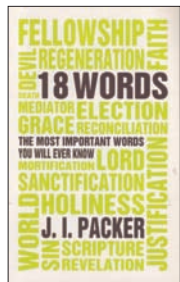


A New Inner Relish: Christian Motivation in the Thought of Jonathan Edwards

Dane Ortlund

What made Jonathan Edwards tick? Dane Ortlund shows us that Edwards was gripped, spellbound by what he saw in God—and that underscored everything he did. Such motivation is essential to authentic Christian living.

Read how the beauty and holiness of God has a transforming effect on the souls of God's people. (PB, 263 pages, Christian Focus) **\$13.00/\$9.50**



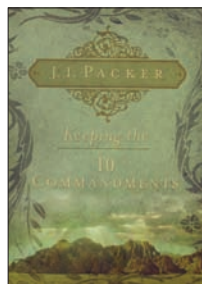
Eighteen Words

J.I. Packer

Death, devil, election, faith, fellowship, grace, holiness, justification, Lord, mediator, mortification, reconciliation, regeneration, revelation, sanctification, Scripture, sin, and world.

It is the irony of the information age that instead of bringing clarity it has raised uninformed opinion to the same level as truth. The

church has also not been faultless. Rather than discuss ideas in order to come to some settled agreement, the church has been characterized as trying to make words mean different things in order to accommodate differences. J. I. Packer is a master word-smith. He is also often gifted with the ability of showing where truth lies in complicated reasoning. These skills combine to make *Eighteen Words* a fascinating read—and a life-changing one. (PB, 208 pages, Christian Focus) **\$13.00/\$10.00**

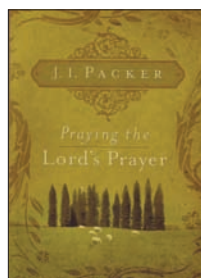


Keeping the 10 Commandments

J.I. Packer

They're often mistakenly considered God's "rules"—His outdated list of dos and don'ts that add up to a guilt-ridden, legalistic way of life. But as beloved author and Bible scholar J. I. Packer probes the purpose and true meaning of the Ten Commandments, you'll discover that these precepts can aptly

be called God's blueprint for the best life possible. They contain the wisdom and priorities everyone needs for relational, spiritual, and societal blessing—and it's all coming from a loving heavenly Father who wants the best for His children. Not only does Packer deliver these truths in brief, readable segments, but he includes discussion questions and ideas for further study at the end of each chapter. (PB, 128 pages, Crossway) **\$10.00/\$7.50**

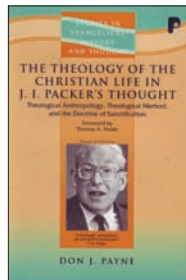


Praying the Lord's Prayer

J.I. Packer

In his book, *Praying the Lord's Prayer*, an excerpt from *Growing in Christ*, J. I. Packer presents a powerful truth: prayer is a natural activity between the heavenly Father and His children. As Packer works through each phrase of Christ's pattern of prayer, readers will begin to grasp the basic principles and

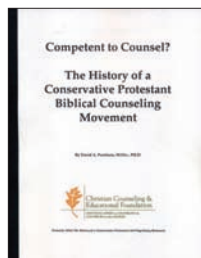
guidelines of prayer. As readers apply the truths of this book to their prayer lives, they will experience intimate communication with God and will strengthen their own conversations with their Father in heaven. (PB, 128 pages, Crossway) **\$10.00/\$7.50**



The Theology of the Christian Life in J.I. Packer's Thought: Theological Anthropology, Theological Method, and the Doctrine of Sanctification

Don J. Payne

J.I. Packer has wielded widespread influence on evangelicalism for more than three decades. This study pursues a nuanced understanding of Packer's theology of sanctification by tracing the development of his thought, showing how he reflects a particular version of Reformed theology, and examining the unique influence of theological anthropology and theological method on this area of his theology. (PB, 321 pages, Paternoster) **\$37.00/\$28.00**

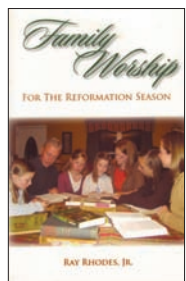


Competent to Counsel: The History of the Conservative Protestant Biblical Counseling Movement

David A. Powlison

Competent to Counsel is a comprehensive history of Biblical Counseling. Dr. Powlison originally wrote this as a dissertation, but he

has added three articles that reflect his latest thinking on biblical counseling. This book is a must read for anyone who wants to understand why the biblical counseling movement began, what it looks like now, and its importance for the church as a whole. (PB, 500 pages, New Growth Press) **\$59.99/\$45.00**



Family Worship for the Reformation Season

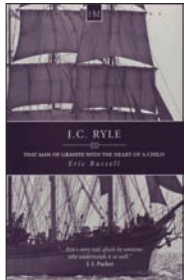
Ray Rhodes, Jr.

Ligon Duncan commends this book, saying: "Imagine, leading your family in daily worship in the home, reading the Scriptures, singing and praying, but simultaneously introducing them to the history, leading figures, and theology of the great sixteenth-century Ref-

ormation—all this in a fresh and interesting way, in just about a quarter of an hour each day. 'That would be great,' you say, 'but it would take me hours and days to put that together. I could

never do it.' Well, Ray Rhodes has done it for you in *Family Worship for the Reformation Season*. Use this book with joy. It will inspire, inform, and instruct you and your family. The studies are simple but meaty. The Scripture passages are helpfully chosen. And most of the lessons can be completed in fifteen minutes. Employ and be edified!" (PB, 123 pages, Solid Ground)

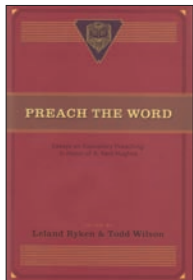
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J.C. Ryle: That Man of Granite with the Heart of a Child

Eric Russell

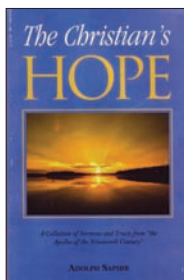
Ryle's reputation as a pastor and leader grew until he was appointed the first Bishop of Liverpool, a post he held for 20 years. He was an author who is still in print today (he put aside royalties to pay his father's debts) and a man once described by his successor as "that man of granite with the heart of a child." He changed the face of the English church. Ryle stands as a colossus at the junction of two centuries—a hundred years after his death he still stands as an example to church leaders today of how to combine leadership, a firm faith, and compassion. (PB, 302 pages, Christian Focus) **\$14.00/\$10.50**



Preach the Word: Essays on Expository Preaching in Honor of R. Kent Hughes

Leland Ryken and Todd Willson, eds.

Fifteen of Hughes' friends and colleagues celebrate his legacy and pay tribute to his years of ministry. Writers include: J. I. Packer, Wayne Grudem, John MacArthur, Peter Jensen, and D. A. Carson. These contributors address an array of themes for the ministry-minded, such as interpretive principles and practices, biblical and historical paradigms, expository preaching's contemporary aims and challenges, and the priority of training—all in the expectation that this one man's passion to preach the Word faithfully will enhance the understanding and practice of expository preaching in churches and seminaries around the world. This book will also inspire and prepare you to make the pulpit the center of your ministry and influence the generations to come. (HC, 304 pages, Crossway) **\$22.00/\$10.50**



The Christian's Hope

Adolph Saphir

This collection of sermons from Adolph Saphir, the "Apollos of the 19th century," is a treasure trove of experiential Christianity. His works are both biblically literate, theologically rich, warmly devotional, and personally practical. These words will encourage the believer to look forward to the end of all things when Christ will restore the world to the praise of His glory. (PB, 175 pages, Pietan Publications) **\$12.00/\$10.00**



The God Reality

Rob Slain

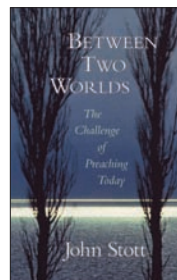
The God Delusion, by Richard Dawkins, represents perhaps the most brazen, atheistic attack yet on Christianity. In it he portrays Christianity as unscientific, irrational, and even downright evil. *The God Reality* takes Professor Dawkins' main arguments and shows the many flaws and falsehoods they contain. It aims to embolden Christians to stand up for their beliefs in the face of an increasingly skeptical and hostile world and to cause atheists to question whether the assumptions that underpin their faith are really as logical and as sound as they think. (PB, 73 pages, Day One) **\$8.00/\$6.00**



5 Things Every Christian Needs to Grow

R.C. Sproul

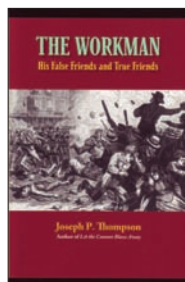
People need to maintain a diet of nutritious foods if their bodies are to grow and thrive. But what do the people of God need in order to grow and thrive in the Christian faith? In this book, noted theologian and pastor R.C. Sproul identifies five of the crucial "nutrients" that promote spiritual growth: Bible study, prayer, worship, service, and stewardship. With biblical insight and practical wisdom, Dr. Sproul teaches Christians how to maintain a balanced "diet" that will lead to growth and mature Christian living. This book is an important resource for new believers to learn these spiritual disciplines and become grounded in the Christian faith in a way that anyone can understand. (HB, 135 pages, Reformation Trust) **\$15.00/\$10.00**



Between Two Worlds

John R. W. Stott

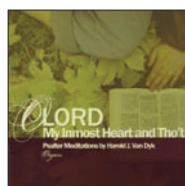
Beginning with an historical sketch of preaching brings the reader to the modern era and examines the current objections to preaching. Then, by laying theological foundations for the preacher he demonstrates how preaching can serve to build bridges across chasms of political, social, and ethical controversies. His study then takes on a more practical slant as he discusses how to cultivate and overcome the obstacles to Bible study as well as how to prepare sermons. He ends with a frank yet thoughtful reflection on the preacher's responsibility to live his message through sincerity, earnestness, courage, and humility. Addressed to the head as well as to the heart, this book will encourage and challenge both ministers and laypersons to give themselves more wholeheartedly to their calling—to make known God's message of salvation to a world in dire need of hearing it. (PB, 351 pages, Eerdmans) **\$22.00/\$16.00**



The Workman: His False Friends and True Friends

Joseph P. Thompson

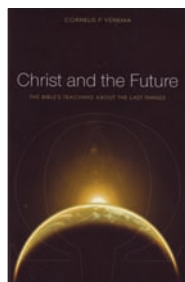
The year of his death in 1879, Joseph P. Thompson, pastor-scholar, wrote this book at the request of the American Tract Society. The grave dangers of socialism and communism were in the news around the world, and ATS sought the help of Thompson to speak with a passionate eloquence to these burning issues of the day. Once again, in 2008, socialism is threatening the American shores, and there is no better time than now to hear what this man had to say before he laid his pen aside and then fell asleep in Jesus. Every Christian needs to consider the message of this book, but especially those who earn their bread by diligent labor every week. (PB, 254 pages, Solid Ground Christian Books) ~~\$20.00~~/~~\$11.95~~



O Lord, My Inmost Heart and Tho't: Psalter Meditations on the Organ

Harold J. Van Dyk

A quiet, meditative, and religious organ CD with selections from the Psalter. It was recorded with the intent to provide “easy-listening” for those quiet evenings, times of Bible Study, and meditation. Several verses for each song are written out so that you can sing along in your heart. CD ~~\$16.00~~



Christ and the Future

Cornelius P. Venema

This book is an abridgement of Dr. Venema's highly acclaimed, major study, *The Promise of the Future*. Prepared especially with the non-specialist reader in mind, *Christ and the Future* expertly summarizes the Bible's teaching about the last things. The Christ-centered nature of the biblical teaching on the future is the main emphasis throughout, as the author shows us the future of the individual, the church, and, indeed, the whole universe. (PB, 224 pages, Banner of Truth) ~~\$17.00~~/~~\$12.75~~



Heart for the Gospel, Heart for the World: The Life and Thought of a Reformed Pioneer Missiologist Johan Herman Bavinck (1895-1964)

Paul J. Visser

In this study one finds the missiological inheritance of the first Reformed missiologist Johan Herman Bavinck in an organized and systematic form. The following topics are discussed: theology of religion, biblical theology of missions, elenc-tics (mission apologetics), and practical subjects such as encul-turation, ecumenism, and the race issue. The context in which Bavinck developed his vision is discussed in an explicit way. Special attention is given to the influence of Hendrik Kramer on Bavinck's development as well as the psychological dimension

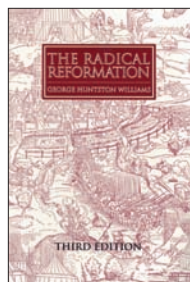
in his theologizing. The author evaluates the relevancy of Bavinck's missiology for the development of a Reformed missiology. The book is made complete by an extensive biographical sketch shedding light on the background and way of life of Johan Herman Bavinck. (PB, 343 pages, Wipf and Stock) ~~\$35.00~~/~~\$26.00~~



Running Scared: Fear, Worry, and the God of Rest

Edward T. Welch

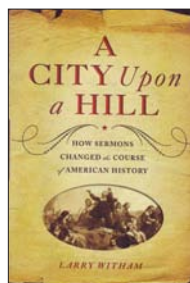
In his new release, *Running Scared*, Edward T. Welch investigates the roots of fear in the human soul and the ramifications of living in the grips of anxiety, worry, and dread. Welch encourages readers to discover for themselves that the Bible is full of beautiful words of comfort for fearful people (and that every single person is afraid of something). Within the framework of thirty topical meditations, Welch offers sound biblical theology and moment-by-moment, thoughtful encouragement for life-saving rescue in the midst of the heart and mind battlefield of rampant panic-stricken responses. Far more than merely another psychology “self-help” guide, *Running Scared* serves as a biblical roadmap to a life of serenity and security. (PB, 317 pages, New Growth Press) ~~\$16.00~~/~~\$12.00~~



The Radical Reformation, 3rd Edition

George Huntston Williams

For more than 30 years George Williams' monumental *The Radical Reformation* has been an essential reference work for historians of early modern Europe, narrating in rich, interpretative detail the interconnected stories of radical groups operating at the margins of the mainline Reformation. In its scope—spanning all of Europe from Spain to Poland, from Denmark to Italy—and its erudition, *The Radical Reformation* is without peer. Now in paperback format, Williams' *magnum opus* should be seriously considered for any college or university-level course on the Reformation. (Paperback, 1516 pages, Truman State University Press) ~~\$75.00~~/~~\$56.00~~



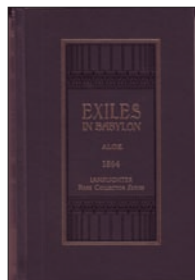
A City Upon a Hill: How Sermons Changed the Course of American History

Larry Witham

Witham offers a history of the American sermon and bolsters the contention that words change minds and alter history. He looks at works like Winthrop's “City on a Hill” homily and the Gettysburg address, and argues that sermons and religious rhetoric have accompanied turning points in American history and that the Bible is fundamental to understanding its culture. He examines famous preachers, like George Whitefield, and their influence on society; the Great Awakening; presidential addresses; and the current role of the sermon as a vehicle of American religion. (HB, HarperOne, 318 pages)

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CHILDREN'S TITLES

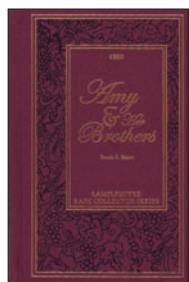


Exiles in Babylon: Children of Light

A.L.O.E.

Exiles in Babylon makes the Scriptures come alive! The pictures are so vivid, and the characters so real, it is as though we are walking alongside Daniel and his faithful friends, experiencing the momentous challenges with which they are faced. Yet we are ever mindful that they were merely flesh and blood—no different from what we are—and that our daily challenges can be met with the same fortitude and grit. You'll enjoy this story-within-a-story, as the characters portray the colorful array of personalities, strengths, and weaknesses that we find within and amongst ourselves. They are an inspiration because they grow, they fall, and they stand again, with a greater sense of appreciation and admiration for the One who is worthy of all praise! (HB, 333 pages, Lamplighter)

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Amy & Her Brothers

Sarah S. Baker

The heartache and innocent faith of an orphan child paints a real-life picture of the hidden suffering all around us, challenging us to be more attentive to the hurts of those nearby. The heart of the story, however, lies in the incredible relationship between a younger brother and sister and the love and forgiveness shown toward their selfish and greedy older brother. This is a story of redemption that brings tears of joy. (HB, 154 pages, Lamplighter)

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Sir Malcolm and the Missing Prince

Sidney Baldwin

Sir Malcolm and the Missing Prince is a story for all time and for all ages. Hugh and his friends are real boys, with boyish interests and attitudes, and the girls possess a refreshing innocence that is worn with wit and timely candor. Hubert is a prince of an unknown kingdom, but the scenes of the story illustrate the days of feudalism. The book should prove a valuable introduction to the study of the European backgrounds of our western world. The confusing impressions that crowd upon young Hugh make the building of youthful character a delicate, complex task as he develops qualities of integrity, responsibility, kindness, thoughtfulness of others, and forgetfulness of self. (HB, 221 pages, Lamplighter)

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Kept Safely in the Darkest Night...1940-1945: Stories for Youngsters about the Second World War

Marcus Banfield

The wondrous deliverances God granted in the lives of His people in Holland during the Second World War are worthy of being heard, read, and re-read. In this book are recorded eighteen true accounts, for children of ten years and upward, in which the Lord's care during that difficult period is related in a moving manner. By means of these stories the whole war period is covered. We read, for example, of Deaf C'nelia's unshakeable faith in God her refuge. Repeatedly we are reminded that God reigned, not the Germans. Though written especially for young people, it will certainly speak to adults also. That same God still lives and how essential it is that we know our need of Him for time and for eternity. (HB, 157, Gospel Standard Trust Publications)

~~\$10.00~~/~~\$7.50~~



Sammy and His Shepherd: Seeing Jesus in Psalm 23

Susan Hunt

Each chapter of *Sammy and His Shepherd* is an exploration of a passage from Psalm 23. As they work through the book, children will grow in their understanding of the metaphors the psalmist used in composing this beloved poem. But more important, they will gain a deeper appreciation for the One who is the subject of the psalm: the Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ. Captivating illustrations by Corey Godbey help Sammy and Precious come to life for children. A special section in the back of the book provides Bible passages, discussion questions, and activities to reinforce the lessons of each chapter. (HB, 58 pages, Reformation Trust)

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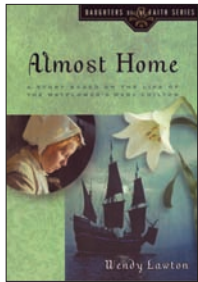


How Sleep the Brave: A Novel of 17th Century Scotland

J.H. Hunter

Even though the Scottish covenanters endured harsh persecutions by the King's Inquisition, the mysterious name of the Black Avenger sent thrills of hope and courage to many a tormented soul. Yet the captains and dragoons feared this elusive figure while at the same time determining to place his head on the Netherbow. Many faithful Presbyterians were murdered on the spot or threatened with a touch of the thumbscrew or a place on the rack if they did not disclose the hiding place of some sought-out Covenanters. An exciting, fact-based, historical novel regarding the events of Scottish history in 1688. (PB, 235 pages, Inheritance Publications)

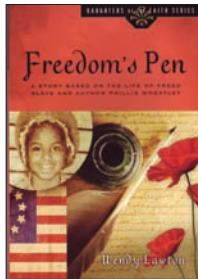
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Almost Home: A Story Based on the Life of the Mayflower's Mary Chilton

Wendy Lawton

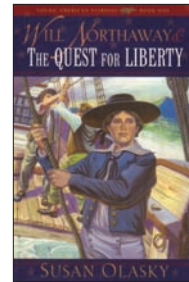
Mary Chilton was one of 102 passengers who stepped on board the Mayflower in the fall of 1620 for their long-awaited journey to the New World. This odd collection of "saints" and "strangers" sailed bravely together into the unknown. All Mary can think about is finally finding a home—a place to belong. As she experiences the adventure and hardship of the ocean voyage, the struggle of starting the new Plymouth colony, and the happiness of the first harvest festival, she learns that *home* has a bigger meaning than she thought. (PB, 143 pages, Moody Publishers) **\$7.00/\$5.25**



Freedom's Pen: A Story Based on the Life of Freed Slave and Author Phillis Wheatley

Wendy Lawton

In 1761, a little girl who came to be named Phillis was captured and taken from all she'd ever known in Africa, and brought to America as a slave. Phillis Wheatley was just seven years old when she learned her first words in English and knew she wanted to learn how to make her writing sing. A natural gift for poetry led Phillis on journeys that would bring worldwide acclaim and many opportunities to share her faith. By the time she was twelve Phillis had become famous, even coming to the attention of George Washington himself. She supported American Independence from Britain, the end of slavery, and faithfulness to God. (PB, 135 pages, Moody Publishers) **\$7.00/\$5.25**



Will Northway & The Quest for Liberty

Susan Olasky

Narrowly escaping prison, Will flees to America where he hopes to find his long-lost father. After a dangerous sea journey, Will begins a new life in Boston as a printer's apprentice. He finds a home, but times are hard in Boston. While men like Sam Adams and Paul Revere debate politics, freedom, and liberty, men like Ebenezer Mackintosh fan the flames of agitation and lawlessness. Will's search for his father takes him into the heart of a violent mob, and he has to face the consequences—and his own resistance to God's grace. (PB, 127 pages, Crossway Books) **\$6.00/\$4.50**



The Old Worcester Jug

Eglanton Thorne

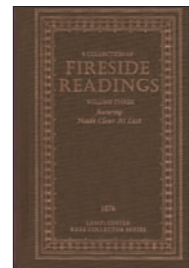
Whether in the days of old or in today's competitive culture, greed strives to take center stage in our efforts to succeed, or simply to survive. Many readers will admittedly relate to the battle that rages in John Griffin's heart as he comes face to face with his subtle, deceitful motives. In this touching story, the old Worcester jug is the catalyst through which relationships are discovered and hearts are changed. (HB, 171 pages, Lamplighter) **\$18.00/\$13.50**



In the Service of His King: The Life of Rev. G.H. Kersten

A. Vogelaar

In this book you will read about Rev. G.H. Kersten's youth, calling to the ministry, and how how he was instrumental in founding the *Gerefermerde Gementen* in the Netherlands. He encouraged the congregations to have their own Christian school and had to overcome many obstacles in order to establish a theological school. The reader will get a glimpse of his family when *De Saambinder* arrives for the first time, when he is elected to Parliament, when he visits America, and when the Second World War plunges the country into trouble. As a servant of his King, Rev. Kersten realized that he continually needed the grace of God. (HB, 161 pages, GA Printing) **\$16.00**



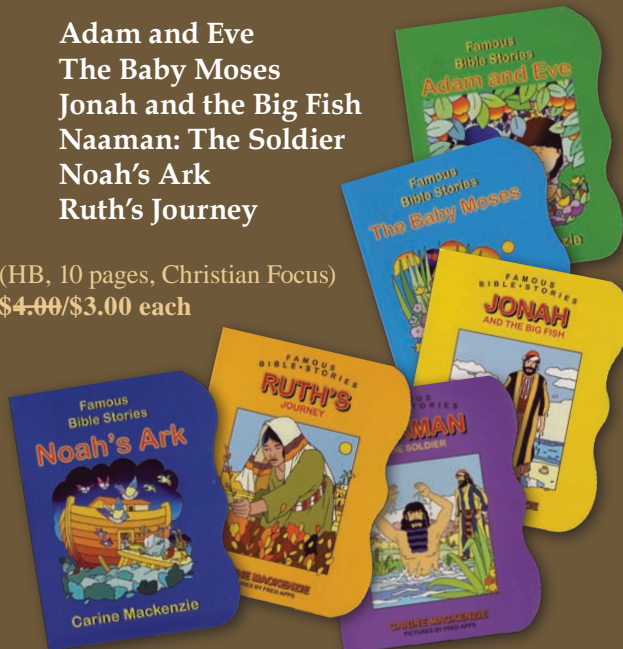
A Collection of Fireside Readings, vol. 3

Young Fred Mathers is determined to clear his father's good name and pay off the debt he owed before he heroically lost his life. Fred's diligence and hard work earn him the respect of his master as well as the cruel taunting of a jealous young co-worker, troublesome Timothy Trump. This fine story demonstrates how crucial it is to trust God through times of painful struggle and emotional turmoil, for in His perfect timing God's purpose will be made clear at last. (HB, 174 pages, Lamplighter) **\$18.00/\$13.50**

TITLES by CARINE MACKENZIE

Adam and Eve
The Baby Moses
Jonah and the Big Fish
Naaman: The Soldier
Noah's Ark
Ruth's Journey

(HB, 10 pages, Christian Focus)
\$4.00/\$3.00 each



INTERVIEW WITH JAMES DE JONG, PRESIDENT OF THE DUTCH REFORMED TRANSLATION SOCIETY

Q. What was the motivation for starting the DRTS and how did it get organized?

A. In about 1993, several of us thought it important that Herman Bavinck's dogmatics finally be fully translated into English. In conversing on how best to achieve this, we hit on the idea of forming a translation society for that purpose, invited others to join, found their enthusiastic assent encouraging, and the rest is history, as they say.

Q. What is the aim of the society?

A. Initially, to translate Bavinck's dogmatics. When that massive project was well underway and its end in sight, we began considering and adopting subsequent projects.

Q. What would you say is the most significant project that the DRTS has thus far accomplished?

A. Publishing Bavinck's dogmatics, augmented by the volume of his translated essays and Henry Dosker's tribute to his former Netherlands classmate and life-long friend. Dosker immigrated, taught at Western Seminary in Holland, MI, and ended his career on the faculty of Louisville Presbyterian Seminary. His tribute was originally published in *The Princeton Review*.

Q. Are the books translated by the DRTS just for scholars and scholarly research? How can the "layman" benefit from these Dutch Classics? What works would you recommend to whet their appetites?

A. Not at all! A hundred years ago many elders with no more than an eighth-grade education read and discussed Bavinck intelligently. It inspired their faith and fortified their work as office-bearers.

The various titles that we have translated on the Further Reformation and that Reformation Heritage Books is now publishing are more experiential in orientation. But these reflect the seventeenth and eighteenth century spirituality that contributed substantially to the 1834 Dutch Afscheiding (separation movement that returned to classic Reformed confessional teaching) to which Bavinck's family belonged. The introductions in these volumes will also be helpful to readers today, as will our translated introduction to this movement: Arie de Reuver, *Sweet Communion, Trajectories of Spirituality from the Middle Ages through the Further Reformation*. The movement is widely known as "Dutch Puritanism" or "Dutch Pietism."

Reformation Heritage Books is to be highly commended for translating and publishing the best Further Reformation source: Wilhelmus à Brakel, *The Christian's Reasonable Service*. It was widely read and cited throughout the centuries on both sides of the Atlantic. Bavinck also valued it.

So yes, any of this material is very readable, inspiring, and intellectually engaging for the thoughtful Christian layman.

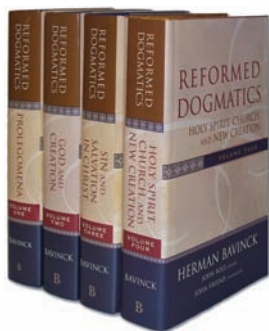
Q. What misconceptions of Dutch Calvinism do you hope the DRTS can address?

A. That it was coldly intellectual, oppressively legalistic, and fatalistic on one side. That it was so subjectivistic on the other side as to undermine assurance and put its confidence in religious experience rather than in Christ's finished, objective work. While both were dangerous tendencies and evident in a few representatives, these features do not characterize the best and vast majority of representatives of Dutch Calvinism.

Q. Are there any projects that the DRTS is currently working on that our readers should be looking for?

A. We have a second series of Further Reformation titles ready to appear soon. Three have been translated and will hopefully be in print in 2009, the fourth likely in 2010. This series will augment the first series of four titles, which will now be published and marketed by Reformation Heritage Books.

Last month we initiated the translation of Peter Van Mastricht's *Theoretico-Practica Theologia* (literally, "theoretical and practical theology") from the Latin, as informed by its later Dutch translation. This early 17th century work is as massive as Bavinck's dogmatics and had a major influence on such important Puritan divines as Jonathan Edwards. If the society can complete this project in five years, I will be very happy. Once again, our board is very grateful to Reformation Heritage Books for collaborating in the endeavor. The translator is Mr. Todd Rester, a superb Latinist, and Dr. Richard Muller has agreed to provide editorial oversight for the project. It could not have a finer scholar of post-Reformation Reformed orthodoxy to superintend the endeavor.



Reformed Dogmatics, 4 volumes

Herman Bavinck

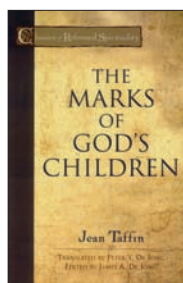
Translated by John Vriend

Edited by John Bolt

Theologians have long appreciated Herman Bavinck's four-volume masterpiece, *Gereformeerde Dogmatiek*, published in 1895–1899, for its

comprehensive treatment of dogmatic theology. Unfortunately, this *magnum opus* from the Reformed theologian has only been available in Dutch, and therefore has been inaccessible to most readers. Now, thanks to the Dutch Reformed Translation Society and the work of translator John Vriend and editor John Bolt, the complete set of Bavinck's magisterial *Reformed Dogmatics* is available in English for the first time. As he moves throughout the subject of dogmatic theology, Bavinck stands on the shoulders of giants such as Augustine, Calvin, and Turretin. Bolt's tireless work updating the documentation augments this significant work. (HB, 3008 pages)

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The Marks of God's Children

Jean Taffin

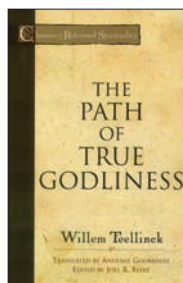
Translated by Peter Y. De Jong

Edited by James A. De Jong

First published in 1585, *The Marks of God's Children* by Jean Taffin became an instant classic in Dutch and French Reformed circles. Taffin offers comfort and encouragement to those

engaged in spiritual warfare. Grounded in Reformed confessional orthodoxy, this spiritual reflection provides an astute understanding of the “marks” of God's grace and salvation that is still relevant today. Experiential Christianity at its best. Highly recommended. (PB, 160 pages)

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The Path of True Godliness

Willem Teellinck

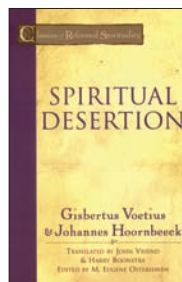
Translated by Annemie Godbehere

Edited by Joel R. Beeke

In nine short “books,” this remarkable work by Willem Teellinck shows believers the character of true godliness and the kingdom of darkness that opposes it. This is one of the

best books written on the subject of sanctification. How does one flee from temptation? What is the best way for believers to open their hearts to God? Teellinck answers these questions and many more about how to live godly in Christ Jesus. He promotes biblical, Reformed spirituality, which serves as a corrective for the too common

pseudo-spirituality of our time. He helps us link clear mind, a warm heart, and helping hands to serve God with the whole person, which is our reasonable service. If you earnestly desire to tread the paths of godliness, let Teellinck be your guide. (PB, 303 pages) ~~\$15.00~~/\$11.00



Spiritual Desertion

Gisbertus Voetius and

Johannes Hoornbeeck

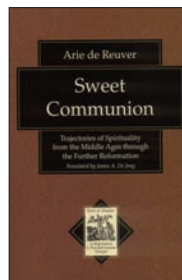
Translated by John Vriend and

Harry Boonstra

Edited by M. Eugene Osterhaven

First published in 1646, *Spiritual Desertion* offers comfort and consolation to believers whose circum-

stances cause them to wonder if God has abandoned them. Further Reformation leaders Gisbertus Voetius and Johannes Hoornbeeck demonstrate that the anxiety of doubting believers is proof that God has not abandoned them; rather, it is evidence of the work of the Spirit in their hearts. (PB, 176 pages) ~~\$15.00~~/\$11.00



Sweet Communion:

**Trajectories of Spirituality
from the Middle Ages**

through the Further

Reformation

Arie de Reuver

Translated by James A. De Jong

After carefully defining the Dutch Further Reformation and concepts such as

spirituality and mysticism, Arie de Reuver expounds the spirituality of the movement's divines through the lives, ministries, and writings of five premier representatives. The author shows that their “secondary differences in emphasis do not thwart the spiritual basis that all of them have in common.” This unified experiential spirituality is perceptively set in its medieval backdrop, highlighting the influence and spirituality of Bernard of Clairvaux and Thomas à Kempis while stressing that the seventeenth- and eighteenth-century Dutch divines did not abandon their Reformed theological convictions. Rather, these writers were masters at marrying Reformed orthodoxy and Reformed piety to promote a life of intimacy and discipleship with God. (PB, 303 pages) ~~\$30.00~~/\$20.00

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Wilhelmus à Brakel

These four volumes, by a key member of the Dutch Further Reformation, contain rich spiritual and devotional expressions that will challenge and grow the believer in every aspect of his spiritual development. While this work is a systematic theology combined with ethics, it is clear that Brakel's purpose was not a dry academic work, but rather a treatise that speaks to the heart of the pilgrim on their journey to heaven. (HB, 2,524 pages, RHB) ~~\$140.00~~/~~\$90.00~~

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Herman Bavinck

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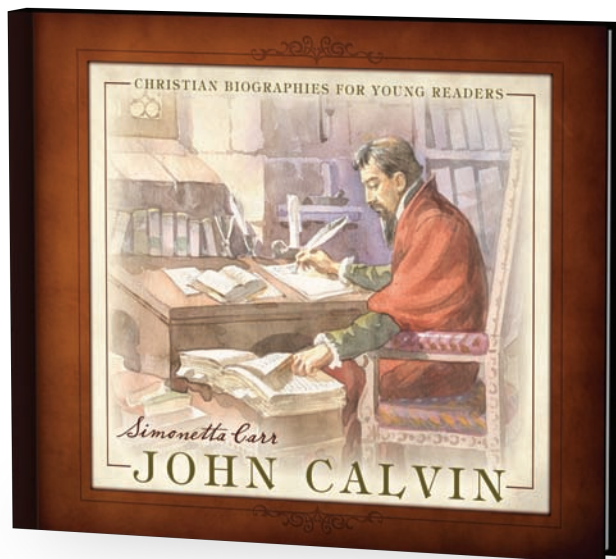
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