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Divine Foreknowledge James K. Beilby 2009-09-20 The question of the nature of God's foreknowledge and how that relates to human freedom has been pondered and debated by Christian theologians at least since the time of Augustine. And the issue will not go away. More recently, the terms of the debate have shifted, and the issue has taken on new urgency with the theological proposal known as the openness of God. This view maintains that God's knowledge, while perfect, is limited regarding the future inasmuch as the future is "open" and not settled. *Divine Foreknowledge: Four Views* provides a venue for well-known proponents of four distinct views of divine foreknowledge to present their cases: Gregory A. Boyd of Bethel College presents the open-theism view, David Hunt of Whittier College weighs in on the simple-foreknowledge view, William Lane Craig of Talbot School of Theology takes the middle-knowledge view, and Paul Helm of Regent College, Vancouver, presents the Augustinian-Calvinist view. All four respond to each of the other essayists, noting points of agreement and disagreement. Editors James K. Beilby and Paul R. Eddy introduce the contemporary debate and also offer a conclusion that helps you evaluate the relative strengths and weaknesses of each view. The result is a unique opportunity to grapple with the issues and arguments and frame your own understanding of this important debate.

The Last Seven Pages James Pinnick 2014-04 When a ventilator prevented her from speaking during her final hours, Jennifer started writing. After her death, her husband turns to those pages to tell her story of courage and faith. James had just walked through the door after a day's work when Jennifer told him the news that changed everything: it was cancer. In the following two years they would lose their sense of normalcy and their dreams for the future. But along the way, they would gain something even greater than their loss. Told through the eyes of a grieving husband is this true story of a young woman's fight for her life. Jennifer's final words, penned by hand when a ventilator prevented her from speaking, provide a powerful backdrop to this journey of faith and hope. A memoir that also offers a practical pathway for those struggling with loss, *The Last Seven Pages* is a testimony of a God who is present in our darkest moments, and who turned a devastating illness into a life-changing promise.

The Road to New Life Phil Rehberg 2010-08 Finally! The ideal guide through the process of salvation, fully explained. Written for non-Christians and nominal Christians. Excellent for teaching leaders and lay people how to explain the gospel. Engaging style, reflection questions and practical prayers make it the perfect tool.

An Expose' of the Holy Spirit Willie B. White 2009-06 This book takes an in-depth look at the Holy Spirit, His works, His names, and His Emblems. The Holy Spirit is the third person in the Godhead, who operates coequally, coeternally, and coexistently as one unit. The Holy Spirit's activities are (a) He reveals, (b) He teaches, (c) He witnesses, and (d) He intercedes for us. Additionally, He possesses a relationship with humanity and He can be grieved. The Holy Spirit is eternal, omnipresent, omnipotent, and omniscient. His symbols are (a) wind, (b) fire, (c) water, (d) a seal, (e) oil, and (f) dove.

Practicing Christian Doctrine Beth Felker Jones 2014-04-15 This introductory theology text explains key concepts in Christian doctrine and shows that doctrine is integrally linked to the practical realities of Christian life. In order to grow into more faithful practitioners of Christianity, we need to engage in the practice of learning doctrine and understanding how it shapes faithful lives. Beth Felker Jones helps students articulate basic Christian doctrines, think theologically so they can act Christianly in a diverse world, and connect Christian thought to their everyday life of faith. This book, written from a solidly evangelical yet ecumenically aware perspective, models a way of doing theology that is generous and charitable. It attends to history and contemporary debates and features voices from the global church. Sidebars made up of illustrative quotations, key Scripture passages, classic hymn texts, and devotional poetry punctuate the chapters.

John Hick's Pluralist Philosophy of World Religions Paul R. Eddy 2015-06-22 According to John Hick's model of religious pluralism, all the world's great religions present equally valid ways of understanding and responding to the same ultimate Reality. This book offers an exposition of, and critical response to, Hick's model. Following an introductory chapter that surveys dominant approaches to religious diversity, the rise and development of Hick's pluralist interpretation of religions is traced. Finally, a critical assessment of Hick's mature pluralist model is offered. The conclusion: Hick's model is ultimately unsuccessful in overcoming the pluralist's most difficult conceptual problem, namely providing an adequate account of the fact that the world's religions understand the divine Reality in often contradictory ways. Ultimately, Hick's own solution threatens two of his long-cherished goals: a robust religious realism and a tradition-neutral religious pluralism.

Historical Theology Alister E. McGrath 2012-07-23 Freshly updated for this second edition with considerable new material, this authoritative introduction to the history of Christian theology covers its development from the beginnings of the Patristic period just decades after Jesus's ministry, through to contemporary theological trends. A substantially updated new edition of this popular textbook exploring the entire history of Christian thought, written by the bestselling author and internationally-renowned theologian Features additional coverage of orthodox theology, the Holy Spirit, and medieval mysticism, alongside new sections on liberation, feminist, and Latino theologies, and on the global spread of Christianity Accessibly structured into four sections covering the Patristic period, the Middle Ages and Renaissance, the reformation and post-reformation eras, and the modern period spanning 1750 to the present day, addressing the key issues and people in each Includes case studies and primary readings at the end of each section, alongside comprehensive glossaries of key theologians, developments, and terminology Supported by additional resources available on publication at www.wiley.com/go/mcgrath

Love and Grace Jacob Stringer 2015-07-07

Across the Spectrum Gregory A. Boyd 2009-09-01 This accessible yet comprehensive primer explores the breadth of viewpoints on major issues in evangelical theology by examining positions taken by evangelicals on seventeen seminal issues. The second edition retains the helpful features of the first edition and adds an appendix that addresses thirteen peripheral issues in contemporary evangelicalism. Praise for the first edition "The authors do what no book on the market does: In one volume they faithfully present divergent views on the crucial issues that divide evangelicals, and they do so in an unbiased, succinct, and lively manner. This book is perfect as a supplemental text in an introductory theology course or as a manual for church study groups. It will help everyone arrive at his or her own conclusions within the parameters of the evangelical tradition."--Dennis Okholm, Azusa Pacific University "Across the Spectrum succeeds with distinction in at least two respects. First, it represents a very useful tool for those who wish to begin grappling with different approaches to difficult theological problems. The book will be most helpful to beginning students in evangelical theology, the target audience. Second, the work presents various perspectives in fair and unbiased tones. . . . If used with care, it will repeatedly reward the reader with its fair and even treatment of different theological views."--Nathan D. Holsteen, Bibliotheca Sacra "I've been waiting for this book for some time. Due to its brief, nontechnical format, it can be used in a variety of ways in undergraduate theology courses. Although a concise volume, it succinctly outlines multiple arguments, both pro and con, for (incredibly!) over two dozen issues in disputed, largely non-fundamental areas of doctrine. The professor can present positions in favor of particular views or leave the issues open. It's settled--I'm requiring it!"--Gary R. Habermas, Liberty University "A collective sigh of relief will arise from the evangelical student body when it discovers this book! It helpfully and critically surveys the many legitimate evangelical theological options and convincingly demonstrates that there is no single authentically evangelical viewpoint on a wide range of controversial issues. It constitutes a small library between two covers."--Roger E. Olson, George W. Truett Theological Seminary, Baylor University

The Myth of a Christian Nation Gregory A. Boyd 2009-05-18 The church was established to serve the world with Christ-like love, not to rule the world. It is called to look like a corporate Jesus, dying on the cross for those who crucified him, not a religious version of Caesar. It is called to manifest the kingdom of the cross in contrast to the kingdom of the sword. Whenever the church has succeeded in gaining what most American evangelicals are now trying to get - political power - it has been disastrous both for the church and the culture. Whenever the church picks up the sword, it lays down the cross. The present activity of the religious right is destroying the heart and soul of the evangelical church and destroying its unique witness to the world. The church is to have a political voice, but we are to have it the way Jesus had it: by manifesting an alternative to the political, "power over," way of doing life. We are to transform the world by being willing to suffer for others - exercising "power under," not by getting our way in society - exercising "power over."

Am I an Antisemite? Chas E. Coughlin 2016-05-12 Properly, while I endeavor to expound the principles of Christian social justice, I shall also endeavor to show you how these principles can be applied. And just as properly, it will be my hope to bestir you to action-Christian action, American action-for faith without good works is dead. Thus, at the outset, while I am deeply grateful to everyone of you for, the heroic sacrifices you have made, and will make, to keep me on the air over this independent chain of radio stations, may I ask you for one more favor today-the favor of a prayer to the Holy Ghost. I beseech all of you to ask the spirit of understanding to fill me with prudence; and the spirit of fortitude to give me strength and courage to carry on the battle against the hidden powers of darkness-perhaps not quite so hidden today as yesterday. May I also suggest that you will ask your little children who are ignorant of the causes of poverty, wretchedness

and exploitation-may I suggest that you ask these innocent children to whisper a prayer for one who fully recognizes how unworthy he is but who fully realizes what a golden opportunity God has given to him to be an instrument for good. You are anxious to know what topics I shall discuss during the ensuing year. Roundly speaking, it is my hope that these addresses will be concerned chiefly with Christian social justice. While my ultimate objective is to help more and more men to save their immortal souls, I recognize how difficult it is for man to practice Christian virtue, to live a holy life in peace and contentment, when he and a great group of his fellowmen are denied unjustly an equitable share in the goods and wealth of this world-goods and wealth which our common Father in heaven bestowed upon all men for all men to use and enjoy-goods and wealth, which, alas, have been concentrated in the hands of a few to the detriment of the many because an un-Christian species of social injustice was foisted upon us in the past few centuries and because, as a result of this, an alien philosophy of social injustice, under the name either of Communism or Naziism, is endeavoring to win our allegiance today. Fearlessly, Christian social justice challenges these several systems for the attention and the support, in this instance, of the American public-a public composed of persons who, despite their many faults and shortcomings, will never surrender the heritage of Bethlehem, of Pilate's hall, of Calvary Hill or of the Easter morning sepulchre from whose empty depths there echo and re-echo the immortal words, "Hallelujah, for the Resurrection and the Life." Fortified with these precious heritages it is our hope to carry on a campaign of instruction and inspiration even though we find ourselves opposed by the rugged individualists on the right and by the unchristly radicals on the left. It is our hope to convert a zealous band of followers into a group of active Christians-. Christians who, by the sincerity of their lives and the logic of their doctrines shall win millions of followers who are convinced that there is no way other than Christ's way for saving America and restoring prosperity and peace for all. My friends, at the outset, permit me to clarify the fundamental doctrine of Christian social justice-the doctrine that differentiates it from every other plan of life proposed for man to follow. It is this: Christ came on earth not only to redeem and save individuals but also to establish an absolutely new social order. Recognizing the chaotic condition of society in His own time; aware of the universal slavery practiced virtually by every nation; and conscious of the spiritual darkness which had encompassed every kingdom, empire, republic and tribe, our Saviour well understood that man, left to his natural abilities, was unable to acquire peace and prosperity in this world and save his immortal soul in the hereafter.

Lord or Legend? Gregory A. Boyd 2010-10-01 DID JESUS EVER REALLY EXIST--AND IF SO, WHO WAS HE?

Encounter Joel Comiskey 2006-10-05 Christ's death on the cross offers victory over bitterness, addictions, occult bondage, and debilitating strongholds. Encounter! Receive Christ's Freedom will show you how to apply Christ's victory to your own life. This book is an excellent resource for someone who is bound by sinful habits or who simply needs to live an abundant life. It explains clearly how to receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit and then to walk in the Spirit's power. It's a great resource to use individually or in a retreat setting. In the back of the book, there's a coach's section to help guide someone else through the contents of this book. Topics include: Repentance and forgiveness; The power of the cross over sin, Satan, and demonic strongholds; How to receive inner healing; Freedom from the fear of death; How to be filled with the Spirit.

Biblically Sound Evan Lenow 2014-08-09 Studying doctrine for the Christian often feels like watching a construction crew build a foundation. There seems to be a great amount of activity, but the results don't appear visible. Just like the foundation is essential for the stability of a building, studying theology is crucial to the long-term stability of the believer. The goal of this study is to provide you with the basics of biblical doctrine to make sure your foundation is sound. At times this will feel like the difficult work of laying an unseen foundation for a building. At other times, however, it will feel like we are soaring to great heights as we explore the breadth and length and height and depth of our faith. During the course of this study, we will consider the questions: Why study theology? Who is God? Who am I? What is the church? Where do I go when I die? Why do other people believe differently?

I, Church Brett Fish Anderson 2015-01-15 "It was the best of church, it was the worst of church..." [not Charles Dickens] In some ways, the church has a horrendous track record and is deserving of much of the hate, accusation and mistrust it has received. But, in many other ways, the church has also been monumental in affecting great systemic change, being first on the scene in crisis and on the forefront of reaching out to and loving well those considered the least of these. To those of you who believe church is the worst thing ever: You're right! To those of you who believe church is the best thing ever: You're right! The church was God's idea and it is the plan He has chosen to bring transformation to a world desperately in need of a deeper experience of His love. He doesn't appear to have a plan B. We are it! I call this book, 'i, church' because more than a building or a meeting or a list of do's and don'ts, the church is about the people. It is about me. And it is about you. If you love Jesus and have chosen to follow Him, then you are the church. Let's figure out together how to be the best church we can be. "Brett Anderson weaves a picture of the church that is stark and real. He sees through church politics and denominational blinkers and defines the core of what the church is and isn't and what God desires it to be." [Bruce Collins, legend and appreciator of good coffee]

The Healing Companion Glynda Lomax 2016-09-20 Have you struggled with the promises of healing in the Holy Bible, not understanding why you could not make them yours? Have you, like me, tried reading, listening, confessing, and everything else you can think of, only to fall back into sickness again? Would you like to learn the truth about Biblical healing, once and for all, in a way that is understandable and easy to apply to your own life? Walk with me through my healing journeys and learn what God taught me about healing as I struggled to understand, and came out healed from every effect of a hemorrhagic stroke that nearly killed me. * Learn the steps to healing, and why they MUST be done in order * Learn why you confess over and over that you are healed and you still do not see the manifestation

Dead on Arrival David L. Gray 2010-09-13 The Doctrine of Sola-Scriptura (Bible Only) teaches that Scripture (the Bible) alone is the sole source of authority for the Christian and the Church. Coined and promulgated by Martin Luther and John Calvin (1500's), this doctrine has become the ground-floor upon which all of the doctrine of Protestant-Christianity has been built. If it can be proven that Sola-Scriptura is in error and that it is an innovation to orthodox Christianity, the entire body of purely Protestant doctrine will be, subsequently, rendered void. Using Scripture itself, reason, and a spoon full of humor, David L. Gray (also called Yoseph Daviyd) brilliantly reduces the doctrine of Sola-Scripture to absolute absurdity; thus rendering all of Protestantism Dead on Arrival. This book is a must have for all Christians who love sacred Scripture and desire to use it as God intended. This the Second Edition - The changes to the text from the previous version include additional material, modification to images, and correction of typos.

Freedom Bargains Rev Joshua S. Boateng 2017-09-19 In our Christian walk in this world, we are always presented with choices and subtle offers that can appear appealing. However, we often ignore the small print, either deliberately, or through ignorance. Interestingly, the Israelites, faced similar offers, as they 'negotiated' with Pharaoh for their freedom from slavery. Freedom Bargains explores five subtle offers usually presented to us as alternatives to God's ideal of real and total freedom. It provides lessons from the wisdom of Moses and his attention to detail, in avoiding these subtle traps (schemes), intended to keep believers in perpetual bondage and also provides vital biblical keys for walking in complete freedom. The book details the need to be alert to our life's purpose as spelt out by God, in being able to navigate past all the traps that are intended to trip us into living life below the level God intends for us. It encourages and challenges believers to re-examine God's original intention for setting us free. It encourages us to be alert to and remain steadfast in the liberty with which we have been set free and to let this be manifest in all areas of our lives. The book is written in a contemporary, conversational style with real life (personal, family, social and political) examples which speak to current popular and social culture and makes it easily accessible to those new to engaging with the Bible as well as more mature believers. This notwithstanding, the book's message is strongly biblical and culturally informed. The chapters include contemporary real-life stories and quotations from a wide spectrum of well-known Christian and political leaders, which will make it easy for most readers to identify with. It is my desire for you to believe again that you can walk in complete freedom in all aspects of your life and to go ahead and live it. Above all, I desire that all believers will rise up and be outward looking to impart their freedom found in Christ, to other people in their various fields of endeavor.

Hidden Mountain, Secret Garden Anthony Lynn Lilles Std 2012-11 "Hidden Mountain Secret Garden: a theological contemplation on prayer" helps the reader discover the riches of mental prayer in the Catholic Tradition. In fact, the images of the "Hidden Mountain" and the "Secret Garden" are ancient metaphors for contemplative prayer, a kind of prayer that begins and ends in faith. This book is especially for those whose prayer is a search for the loving eyes of One who has conquered death. This kind of prayer beholds the wonder of Christ's living but hidden presence in one's highest thoughts and most noble aspirations as well as in one's instinctual urges and deepest longings. The ecstasy of this kind of prayer extends beyond even the vast unexplored horizons of the human heart and opens to an immensity of such excessive mercy that all else is forgotten -- and only love remains. The whole world needs this love: it is the secret garden, the hidden mountain, the inexhaustible riches only prayer knows and an excess of grace only prayer can make known. This is why Blessed John Paul II told the Church not to be afraid to open wide the doors of our hearts to Christ and it is why He told the young people of the world to be proud to proclaim the Gospel of the Lord. For those brave souls who have faithfully open their hearts to the Lord through this discipline of this kind of prayer, every Christian owes you a debt of gratitude. For those who want to join them, this work encourages you along the way -- for the journey you endeavor is at once the most perilous, the most heart-rending and the most wonderful adventure this world has ever known. "Dr. Anthony Lilles has authored an introduction to prayer that is inspiring and encouraging. For those desiring to pray this is a resource that is full of practical advice - written simply and attractively. This book bears the mark of a man - husband, father and teacher - who is not only imbued with the wisdom of the Saints, but who has also, through his own prayer, learned how all of us can, through prayer, foster faith in and love for Jesus and his Gospel." THOMAS G. WEINANDY, O.F.M., CAP. Executive Director for the Secretariat for Doctrine United States Conference of Catholic Bishops This is a wonderful book. I've taught spiritual theology many years and I wish I had had this text use. In fact, I wish I had written this book. It is scriptural, patristic, historical, theological, mystical, experiential and user friendly. Dr. Lilles takes us through the spiritual journey of prayer, citing Fathers and doctors, saints and even sinners to guide us on our Christian way toward contemplation. Weaving many themes into a harmonious whole, he opens up the life of contemplation for all Christians, our baptismal birthright in a way that is accessible and attractive. This is a book one will read more than once. FR. GILES DIMOCK, O.P., S.T.D. University Parish of St. Thomas Aquinas At the University of Virginia In this book we find the real meat of the new evangelization. The church in America will not be renewed by "facts about Jesus" but only through one's choice to let Christ reach the heart and change it from within. It is an ancient message received by only few: Do not be afraid of letting go of what now defines you. Let Christ tell you who you are. Dr. Lilles is one of the ablest guides to lead us through to such a choice. Will I stay with knowledge about Jesus or will I enter the garden of prayer and finally come to know Him!! Do not be afraid to be loved, read this book. DEACON JAMES KEATING, PH.D, Institute for Priestly Formation, Omaha, NE

Understanding Gender Dysphoria Mark A. Yarhouse 2015-05-22 Gender and sexual identity are immensely complicated topics. An expert on human sexuality, Mark Yarhouse offers a Christian perspective of transgender identity that eschews simplistic answers, engages the latest research and listens to people's stories. This

accessible guide challenges Christians to rise above the politics and come alongside individuals navigating these issues.

The Nature of the Atonement James K. Beilby 2009-09-20 James K. Beilby and Paul R. Eddy edit a collection of essays on four views of atonement: the healing view, the Christus victor view, the kaleidoscopic view and the penal substitutionary view. This is a book that will help Christians understand the issues, grasp the differences and proceed toward a clearer articulation of their understanding of the atonement.

Navigating a Sea of Emotions Kristin Hanley 2017-01-19 When the world says, "Let your emotions lead you," we as Christ-followers must find a different course, navigating through the minor whirlpools, unpredictable winds, and sometimes ferocious hurricanes. Christ's words and actions guide our ships into deeper waters and beyond to the other shore. This book explores scriptural anchoring points, personality influence, and past experiences to give us a new vision of the weighted tension between letting loose with our feelings or cinching up and ignoring them altogether. As human beings, we are created with emotional dimension, and within Christ, we are called to surrender these feelings, using them in a healthy and biblical way.

Across the Spectrum Gregory A. Boyd 2022-08-16 This accessible yet comprehensive primer helps readers understand the breadth of viewpoints on major issues in evangelical theology, with chapters using the popular multiple-views format. This third edition of a well-received textbook (over 60,000 copies sold) has been updated and revised throughout. It examines positions taken by evangelical scholars on seventeen seminal issues. In addition, it offers end-of-chapter "For Further Reading" sections, an extensive glossary, and an appendix that addresses contrasting views on fifteen additional issues in contemporary evangelicalism.

God in Your Personality Everett L. Shostrom 1986 Examines four major aspects of the human personality, love, assertion, weakness, and strength, answers questions about personal growth, and explains how the Holy Spirit works in individuals

Things to Come Tom Newman 2017-05-27 Initially it was not my intention to write a book, I was just looking for answers. Answers to questions I had after my involvement as an infantry paratrooper with the 101st Airborne during the Vietnam War. And my life after death experience after I was stung by Giant Black Wasps went into anaphylactic shock and flat lined. I suffered a cardiac arrest and complete respiratory failure. I was later able to relate procedures the medical staff used to resuscitate me while I was dead. I don't have to wonder about life after death, I know. Things To Come will give the reader a thorough understanding of what the Bible says and what Christianity means for a believer. The book is divided into six sections; The Covenants, covers God's Covenants, His chosen people and God's will for mankind. The Holy Spirit, whom the Father sent to us after Christ's ascension, details the twelve current ministries of the Holy Spirit in our lives. The Prince of Darkness explains Satan's role in everyday life. Satan is not omnipresent so he cannot possibly involve himself in the daily affairs of eight billion people. God's Providential involvement in everyday life is revealed in the 4th chapter. The Tribulation and the Rapture addresses the final eventual battle between good and evil; Christianity and Islam. The final chapter The Alpha and the Omega specifies the personal relationship a believer has with Christ. Things To Come is a very good book for anyone that desires a deep understanding of Scripture and either does not have the time for daily reading of Scripture or finds the Bible hard to understand. A word about PTS (PTSD), there is no D, PTS is not a disorder. PTS is natural reaction of stress experienced after a person is exposed to a traumatic event. Many people suffer from PTS, it can be the result of a rape, an assault, the loss of a spouse, a child, a sibling, witnessing a horrific event or an accident. What makes PTS different for soldiers is that they are subject to frequent traumatic events over a long period of time. People respond differently to traumatic events, some are more resilient than others. Frequency, duration, and the extreme nature of the event all play a role in recovery. A major component of PTS is the moral dissonance we experience. The event can completely destroy our belief system, the ideas we held that made sense of the world we live in. At any point in time we are a summation of what we know and the experiences we have gone through. Events and information change how we see the world and in effect change who we are. A traumatic event can be so life changing that we are in effect a different person and after a traumatic event, the new you. In order to recover from PTS, it is imperative we reconstruct a new belief system that encompasses our new reality and the new you. In Just War, I (Tom Newman) recount the events that destroyed my worldview and fundamentally changed the person I was. The Company I was with in Vietnam experienced a 97 percent casualties and fatalities. Within my first 30 days in country we had a friendly fire incident that killed eleven and severely wounded nineteen of my fellow troopers. I also witnessed the aftermath of the regular assassination of four year old children. Additionally, when we retook the city of Hue we found the shallow graves of 2,800; judges, doctors, clergy, policeman, and politicians, anyone that could organize a resistance against the communists. It was a very long process for me to make sense of my new realities and the new me. My other book; A Brief History of the Bible! Things To Come, is the information I needed to reconstruct a new worldview based on my experiences and the new person I had become. If you want to get your life back after suffering from PTS, it is imperative you find a new worldview for the new you. Is God to Blame? Gregory A. Boyd 2009-09-20 Is God to blame? This is often the question that comes to mind when we confront real suffering in our own lives or in the lives of those we love. Pastor Gregory A. Boyd helps us deal with this question honestly and biblically, while avoiding glib answers. Writing for ordinary Christians, Boyd wrestles with a variety of answers that have been offered by theologians and pastors in the past. He finds that a fully Christian approach must keep the person and work of Jesus Christ at the very center of what we say about human suffering and God's place in it. Yet this is often just what is missing and what makes so much talk about the subject seem inadequate and at times even misleading. What comes through in Is God to Blame? is a hopeful picture of a sovereign God who is relentlessly opposed to evil, who knows our sufferings and who can be trusted to bring us through them to renewed life.

Justification James K. Beilby 2011-10-28 "Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Rom 5:1). When Paul wrote these words he seemed confident he had made himself clear. But for centuries the Pauline doctrine of justification has been a classic point of interpretation and debate in Christian exegesis and theology. And while in recent decades there have been moments of hopeful convergence among the various traditions of the Western church, the fine print often reveals more facets and distinctions than ever before. This volume focuses on five views of justification and calls on representative proponents to set forth their case and then respond to each other. The five views are: Traditional Reformed (Michael S. Horton) Progressive Reformed (Michael F. Bird) New Perspective (James D. G. Dunn) Deification, or Theosis (Veli-Matti Kärkkäinen) Roman Catholic (Gerald O. Collins and Oliver Rafferty) In addition, editors James Beilby, Paul R. Eddy and Steven E. Enderlein provide an extensive introduction to the issues informing this important debate. This distinguished forum of biblical interpreters and theologians offers a lively and informative engagement with the biblical, historical and contemporary understandings of justification. Justification: Five Views is not only a fascinating probe into Paul's meaning, it is also a case book in theological method.

Created on Purpose for Purpose Lisa Singh 2015-11-16 You were created for purpose...God's purpose...uniquely gifted and designed to fulfill His purposes in your life. Everyone has a sense that they were born for a purpose. But there is something more than just a purpose. The God purpose was designed specifically for you, and it's your responsibility to live out God's plan for you, becoming His masterpiece. From her own experience in discovering her God purpose, author Lisa Singh has outlined the steps to take to discover your God purpose. This easy-to-read guide will instruct you to explore why God designed a special purpose for you and how you can come to understand it. Once you know your place in the world, you can begin to live your purpose and thereby bless not only yourself, but the world you live in. Realize who you are and learn practical applications for victorious fulfilling living. Whether studying alone or in a small Bible study, you'll find the tools you need to find your God purpose and start living your life the way it was intended to be lived-on purpose!

Sister to Sister Uduak Afangideh 2014-02-15 The Bible is full of stories of heroes and heroines, but the fact that we know how the stories end makes them appear more like fables than real-life stories. Living among us today, however, are Christian ladies who have faced many trials and tribulations. Like Bible heroines, they remain standing—strengthened in their faith, examples to all of us. The struggles these women have faced and the victories they have won are highlighted in this inspiring book in an attempt to encourage other Christian ladies in their daily walk with the Lord. This book is intended to be used as a Bible study, either for personal study or for group discussions. It is further given to help Christian women in their journey of spiritual growth and development. Review questions and practical activities, nestled within each chapter, are designed to give additional insights, provoke thought, and encourage application of the materials presented. Women love stories, especially stories with which they can identify. Some of the women in these stories are from among us and some are from other countries across the seas. These stories will grab you, encourage you, and, above all, underscore the fact that we all live by the choices we make.

Understanding Evangelicals David Jeffers 2006-08-01 "Understanding Evangelicals: A Guide to Jesusland" encourages and challenges evangelicals to put their faith to work in the marketplace of ideas to bring about positive change in America.

A Flexible Faith Bonnie Kristian 2018-05-15 BONNIE KRISTIAN shows that a vibrant diversity within Christian orthodoxy—which is simply to say a range of different ways to faithfully follow Jesus—is a strength of our faith, not a weakness. It is all too easy to fail to grasp the diversity of the Christian faith—especially for those who have grown up in one branch of the church and never explored another. We fail to realize how many ways there are to follow Jesus, convinced that our own tradition is the one Christian alternative to nonbelief. A FLEXIBLE FAITH is written for the convinced and confused believer alike. It is a readable exploration of the lively theological diversity that stretches back through church history and across the spectrum of Christianity today. It is an easy introduction to how Christians have historically answered key questions about what it means to follow Jesus. Chapters will include 17 big theological questions and answers; profiles of relevant figures in church history; discussion questions; single-page Q&As—profiles of more unusual types of Christians (e.g., a Catholic nun or a member of an Amish community); and a guide to major Christian denominations today. As Bonnie shares her wrestlings with core issues—such as who Jesus is, what place the Church has in our lives, how to disagree yet remain within a community, and how to love the Bible for what it actually is—she teaches us how to walk courageously through our own tough questions. Following Jesus is big and it is something that individual believers, movements, and denominations have expressed in uncountably different ways over the centuries. In the process of helping us sort things out, Bonnie shows us how to be comfortable with diversity in the Body. And as we learn to hold questions in one hand and answers in the other, we will discover new depths of faith that will remain secure even through the storms of life.

Daybreak Over Ecuador Richard Reichert 2016-02-21 Daybreak over Ecuador is a historical narrative of the first protestant foreign missionaries to attempt to enter Ecuador after the lessening of religious control in the country. Ecuador was the last Latin American country to open its doors to protestant missions. Those who dared to come faced hostility and deprivation. This is the country where a native indigenous person had to apply for permission to dress like a Spaniard, and an Ecuadorian was not a citizen if he was not a Catholic. Here is where a customs official boasted that "as long as Mount Chimborazo stands the Bible will not enter Ecuador." It was not until 1895 that foreign missionaries were allowed on its soil. This is the story of some of those people. It is a tribute to the faithful men and women who risked their lives in order to establish the evangelical church in Ecuador. There are stories of persistence and meagre beginnings in some of the most isolated places till a national church arose that is today a formidable missionary force in its own right. It is the story of the people who came, and who came to stay. Ecuadorian writers who understood the milieu into which they were coming provide the historical backdrop for the story. The book foreword is written by the president of the Ecuadorian confraternity of evangelical churches, Eduardo Lopez who says that "AS EVANGELICAL CHRISTIANS IN ECUADOR we ought to be grateful

to God for the life and testimony of the first missionaries who came to our nation for the solitary purpose of sharing the Gospel of Christ with Ecuadorians. Daybreak Over Ecuador transports us by way of its pages to an understanding of the life and testimony of these men and women of God, as well as of the events that signalled important milestones in the advance of the missionary enterprise in Ecuador." Daybreak over Ecuador is a primer to understanding evangelical mission effort in Ecuador. There is a serious attempt to set the religious context of the book. Rather than a comprehensive account it is anecdotal and selective. It touches on the original individuals who came, highlighting instructive moments in their careers. Three representative figures form the centrepiece dedicatory. The second half of the book traces some of the attempts to engage the populace with the Gospel in different spheres of endeavor. The resulting national church becomes a watershed mark in 1945. From there the mission family expanded exponentially and the resulting growth pains of the church are noted as missions organizations navigated the landscape. The author is a career international worker who himself lived and researched the stories in the course of his journey and experience as a missionary. As a participant in the drama he offers insights and insider perspective on what was happening and had access to C&MA mission files during the investigation. Daybreak over Ecuador is part of his journey and is a tribute to the men and women of the Gospel Missionary Union, the Christian and Missionary Alliance, and many others who spent their lives in the face of great opposition to establish the evangelical church in Ecuador. The fierce fanaticism of the times was matched by the steadfast defiance of the early pioneers. Theirs are stories of loneliness and loss, isolation, persecution and tragedy. There are also stories of perseverance and meagre beginnings in some of the most isolated places till a national church arose that is today a formidable missionary force in its own right. These are the stories of ordinary foot soldiers who are honoured today as heroes of faith because they constructed the footholds and built the beachheads on which the church today stands."

Precious Medicine Jannet Hopewell 2009-04-23 This book is laden with POWERFUL PRECIOUS DECLARATIONS which can be taken [applied] like medicine. SPEAK it as prescribed several times a day over situations, crisis, circumstances, challenges, turmoil, doubt, fear, sickness and so on. God spoke everything into being & we are made in his image, hence we also have the power to DECREE, DECLARE & ORDAIN and supernaturally take charge by SPEAKING OVER everything or anything facing us. All we need do is believe! This book is for those willing and ready to take charge of their lives, their living and be TRANSFORMED through the POWERFUL declaration of SPOKEN words! This book will set you free in the name of Jesus. All you have to do is believe!

The Megachurch Book LaDonna Carter 2012-06-11 The Megachurch Book juxtaposes the way of the scripture to the way of the modern day church, particularly the megachurch. A broad range of subjects are explored including church membership, lavish buildings, dual church locations, the absence of men in the church, neglect of community, the corporate orientation of the megachurch, the tax exempt charter, and many more intriguing topics. The book primarily focuses on trends and practices that are found in African American community based megachurches. Certain topics are written in prose and biblical metaphoric style for greater impact. The more biblical versed a reader is, the more the book will resonate. In order to accommodate various levels of biblical familiarity, the author includes a Discussions and Supporting Scriptures section at the conclusion of each topic. The Megachurch Book was written to open dialogue, invoke discourse, and inspire church attendees to not only consider the appropriateness of certain megachurch practices, but to also question such practices.

Most Treasured of All Gayle L. Teague 2015-09-23 I intend to leave this book my to children and grandchildren. I hope it is received in the same spirit that I give it. I love every one of them with all my heart. They are all precious individuals, and I am very proud of each one. May God bless them. Times have changed. I miss the 1940's when things were simple. Today kids are smarter than we were. They are on strange electronic games that I do not understand. I suspect they are addictive and perhaps even harmful, depending on content. The temptations today are many times more problematic than when I grew up. These young people are high-tech, intelligent, and far ahead of me at their age. They are all very smart and are, or will be, well educated. They show signs of becoming very successful in this world. However, my concerns are related to the spiritual side of life and reality. What about life hereafter? Have I prepared them for the next life? I fear I have failed in that regard and I write in order to leave them something about God's word that may take up the slack in things where I have failed. I want to be sure that my kids and grandkids become believing, studious Christians as adults. If there is an afterlife, and I believe there is, it must be of great importance for all so, get ready, I believe we will all have an afterlife. We, in America, are fortunate in that we have freedom of religion and there are churches on every corner teaching the basic principles of our Lord and Savior. My Dad raised me on the bible and denominational doctrine because that's what he knew. He gave me a good start but I have discovered that there is much more to learn than denominational tradition. I believe an open mind is absolutely necessary and denominational training is a closed down system loyal to only one view. I want my children to study God's word. Unfortunately, many churches and church people do not study, but accept a particular traditional doctrine that has been handed down to them. I am now in my late seventies. I am not an academic and hold no degrees in theology. One might say I have a degree in hard knocks, experience, big mistakes, and corrections. I hope that my years of study and faith are enough. After years of doubting, study, research, and prayer I have come to believe that the bible is the most valuable word of wisdom on earth, The Most Treasured of All books on the planet. Very intelligent men and women have tried to disprove the bible but the more they attack, the better the old book looks. It is still the world's best seller. I believe we can base our whole life in this world and the life hereafter on the bible. I intend to convince my children and grandchildren of that, and I pray they read what I have left them.

Breaking Pride Heather Bixler 2012-03-08 So many of us desire freedom - the freedom that is promised to us when we decide to follow Jesus. The freedom from the burden of our sin, the need to be "good enough," anger, jealousy, and envy. Even though we are believers we would be ashamed to say that we don't always experience peace, contentment, and joy in our life. We are looking for the grace that God has so graciously given to us to be real in our life... Breaking Pride is an eBook based on one simple truth: In order to walk in God's grace we need to tear down the walls of pride. A lot of believers, even though saved by God's grace, are still walking in pride rather than walking in His grace. Knowing what pride is and learning to identify pride in your life is the first step to overcoming a life filled with pride. Pride is rooted in fear and leads to anger, jealousy, and envy. Sin isn't keeping us from having a relationship with the Lord, it's our pride. So many of us long to have an authentic and REAL relationship with the Lord, and we long to have the fruit of the spirit filled in our heart. Our desire is to achieve these fruits through will power. But we do not even realize that the pride that lives within our heart is what is blocking the fruit of the spirit from living within us. In Breaking Pride you will learn to identify different areas of pride in your life. Filled with encouragement, Breaking Pride will take you through a practical reading of what pride may look like in your life... Let's stop building walls of pride and start building the foundation of grace within our lives...

Anointed for the Market Place Allan Kiuna 2016-10-28 Let me begin by saying that our Christian experience must be translated from the four walls of the church and into our day to day lifestyle. It is in the heartbeat of our calling that we should translate the love of God as we pick it up from church and take it to our workplaces. My mandate through this book is to strategically position you into a place of influence in your nation of calling within the marketplace. For a long time the marketplace has remained the reserve of the children of this world. The children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light' (Luke 16:8). By failing to take our position of dominion in the marketplace, we have put our God to shame. The name of God has been profaned by many people in this world. Have you realized that anytime you mention that you are born again in your workplace, you encounter ridicule, rejection and even persecution? People have continued to shamelessly talk foul things concerning Christianity and this has to stop. God is saying that He is ready to sanctify His great name that has been profaned. God wants to do this through you. God desires that you prosper in all that you do within the marketplace, and this you must remember is for His purposes. He is not doing it for you to be proud. God is doing it "that they may see and know, and understand together, that the hand of the LORD has done this, and the Holy One of Israel has created it" (Isaiah 41:20). God wants to introduce and establish His Kingdom in the marketplace through you. He will show Himself strong on your behalf for His purposes to be fulfilled in the earth. To many Christians, there has been and there remains to be a great misconception on the perception towards serving God. We see service in the full time ministry position as the only way to serve God. In everything we do, it is important to understand that it is because of the purposes of God that we were created. God is a wise investor and the gifting He invested in you is for the expansion of His Kingdom. God wants to show Himself strong through you. The Kingdom of God is within you and as such, you are supposed to carry it into your marketplaces. It has to manifest through you at your place of work, business and even in your relationships. You should remember that He chose you. You did not choose Him. To quite a number of Christians, business is secular work, whereas serving God in church is the only way to ascribe to ministry. This tendency is so prevalent in the church that many well meaning Christians do their business or work in offices without connecting it to ministry. That is why many Christians have this 'holier than thou' attitude when in church doing the things of God but when they get to their work stations they exhibit lucre luster performances, oblivious of the fact that we are commanded to work as unto God. Many Christians may be concerned with church work and even support it financially, but fail to see the connection between service at their work place and their Christian life. Some even think that if you really are serious about ministry, you ought to quit your job or give up your business in order to pursue a role in full time ministry. The object matter of this book is to bring every believer to the realization that we all were created for a purpose and that the faster we realize this and take up our positions the better. As Christians we are cut out and mandated to fulfill a specific assignment for God here on earth. Our mission is to honour God in our service by extending His will to all our activities.

The Last One Standing Paul Shirek 2011-09-06 We are in trouble. Church attendance has dropped, spiritual life in our services has ebbed and we face a serious lack of people preparing for the ministry. Perhaps most alarming is that we have failed to reach or keep our youth. The Sunday school rooms and youth groups of many churches have no real hope or strategy in place to bring them in. Beyond this, dozens of churches close each week never to reopen, while just a few new ones are started. Without some real changes in these areas we will lose our Christian influence in this nation almost entirely in the very near future. Certainly God has not planned for the failure of His church.

Four Views on the Spectrum of Evangelicalism Kevin Bauder 2011-10-04 Understand the history, core values, and divisions as they've developed within the Evangelical Christian movement. Four Views on the Spectrum of Evangelicalism compares and contrasts four distinct positions on the current fundamentalist-evangelical spectrum. Each contributor offers their case for one of four primary views: Fundamentalism - defended by Kevin T. Bauder Conservative/confessional evangelicalism - defended by R. Albert Mohler Jr. Generic evangelicalism - defended by John G. Stackhouse Jr. Postconservative evangelicalism - defended by Roger E. Olson Each author explains and defends his position, which is critiqued by the other three authors. The Counterpoints series presents a comparison and critique of scholarly views on topics important to Christians that are both fair-minded and respectful of the biblical text. Each volume is a one-stop reference that allows readers to evaluate the different positions on a specific issue and form their own, educated opinion.

Justification James K. Beilby 2011-11-10 "Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Rom 5:1). When Paul wrote these words he seemed confident he had made himself clear. But for centuries the Pauline doctrine of justification has been a classic point of

interpretation and debate in Christian exegesis and theology. And while in recent decades there have been moments of hopeful convergence among the various traditions of the Western church, the fine print often reveals more facets and distinctions than ever before. This volume focuses on five views of justification and calls on representative proponents to set forth their case and then respond to each other. The five views are: Traditional Reformed (Michael S. Horton) Progressive Reformed (Michael F. Bird) New Perspective (James D. G. Dunn) Deification, or Theosis (Veli-Matti Kärkkäinen) Roman Catholic (Gerald O Collins and Oliver Rafferty) In addition, editors James Beilby, Paul R. Eddy and Steven E. Enderlein provide an extensive introduction to the issues informing this important debate. This distinguished forum of biblical interpreters and theologians offers a lively and informative engagement with the biblical, historical and contemporary understandings of justification. Justification: Five Views is not only a fascinating probe into Paul's meaning, it is also a case book in theological method.

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