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## **Themelios, Volume 42, Issue**

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**Can We Still Believe in God?**  
- Craig L. Blomberg 2020-06-16  
People regularly give certain  
reasons for not believing in  
God, but they are much less  
aware of what the New  
Testament actually teaches.  
Although challenges to  
Christianity are perennial and  
have frequently been  
addressed, they are noticeably  
more common today and are  
currently of particular interest  
among evangelicals. Skeptics  
of Christianity often ask highly  
regarded biblical scholar and  
popular speaker Craig  
Blomberg how he can believe  
in a faith that seems so  
problematic. How can God  
allow evil and suffering? Isn't  
the Bible anti-women, anti-gay,  
and pro-slavery? Isn't the New  
Testament riddled with  
contradictions? What about the  
nature of hell, violence in  
Scripture, and prayer and  
predestination? Following the  
author's successful *Can We  
Still Believe the Bible?*, this  
succinct and readable book  
focuses on what the New  
Testament teaches about 10  
key reasons people give for not

believing in God.

**Closing the Floodgates** - A.

E. Gillies 2017-11-06

"In *Closing the Floodgates*, psychotherapist Dr. Ann Gillies has written a blockbuster of a book exposing the biased, unscientific, and corrupt methods used to promote the sexual revolution of the last sixty years. In her powerful and compelling analysis, she shows how the truth of scientific fact has been overturned in the interest of pleasure and personal feelings, and how a determined minority is using social engineering to reconstruct our social and moral worlds by redefining gender, sexuality and the family. She draws an alarming picture of the consequences: identity confusion among the youth; sexual abuse and victimization of children; soaring rates of suicide and sexually transmitted diseases; the embedding of false, unhealthy, and immoral teaching in the school curriculum; and the loss of freedom of speech and parental rights. While a few readers

may find the level of detailed academic content challenging at times, Dr. Gillies is able to make professional findings understandable and real for the average person. For all the necessary research and statistical reporting, this is a gut-level book. In a time of culture wars, when the truth about gender and sexuality is under attack, this book sets the record straight. It issues a rallying cry to parents and others concerned for the future of the family and western society to be informed and take action before it is too late."

—Dr. George R. Slater author of *Along Comes God and Bringing Dreams to Life*

**The Bible in History** - David W. Kling 2023

"This book examines the symbiotic relationship between Scripture and the social and cultural contexts shaping its interpretation throughout Western history. Biblical texts have not only shaped the times, but the times have also exerted an enormous impact on shaping the interpretation of texts. The book traces how

specific biblical texts-verses, chapters, and portions of books-have at various times emerged to be the inspiration of movements that have changed the course of history. Each chapter is shaped roughly like an hourglass; that is, chapters examine the history of a text on either side of a particular episode in which the text undergoes an innovative interpretation. This critical juncture-the next of the hourglass-becomes the primary focus of attention in each chapter. Criteria for the selection of texts include their significance in the history of Christianity, the diversity of traditions and texts, and the interpretive strategies and varied themes that demonstrate a cross section of exegetical and hermeneutical approaches. The book consists of ten chapters: Anthony's call to the desert after hearing words of Matthew 19:21; the biblical rationale for the papacy found in Matthew 16:18; Bernard of Clairvaux's Sermons on the Song of Songs; the transformative influence of

Romans 1:16-17 on Martin Luther; the Anabaptist non-violent ethic in following Jesus' teaching in the Sermon on the Mount; the exodus motif in African American history; the texts that gave rise to modern Pentecostalism; the decisive text of Galatians 3:28 in support of women's ministry; the "Great Commission" text (Matthew 28:18-20) of missionary motivation in the modern period; and biblical texts that encompass the divisive and ongoing controversy of male homosexuality"--

*Kdo je člověk? Teologická antropologie ekumenicky -*  
Ivana Noble 2021-09-01  
Teologická antropologie ekumenicky nabízí z pohledu 18 autorů rozbor lidského bytí v mezioborové perspektivě, v jejímž středu je vztah člověka k Bohu. Vedle teologické, filosofické a kulturní antropologie vychází z lingvistických, psychologických, sociologických, religionistických a dalších analýz důležitých pro

charakteristiku lidské existence, které ve svém komplexním výsledku ukazují plastický portrét člověka jako dynamický průřez mnoha dimenzí. Kniha je pozváním i k vlastnímu zamyšlení nad podstatnými otázkami naší existence: Kdo jsme? Odkud jsme přišli? Kam směřujeme?

Until Unity - Francis Chan  
2021-04-01

New York Times-bestselling author Francis Chan calls for believers and churches everywhere to align our hearts with God and start taking seriously His numerous commands to unify. It is absolutely clear from Scripture that God passionately desires supernatural unity within His Church. Unity is what Jesus prays for, what He commands, and what He says will be our greatest witness to the world. If unity is so important to the heart of God, why is the Church one of the most divided groups on earth? While many believe doctrine is at the root of the problem, Francis argues that the real problem is the shallowness or non-existence of

our love for each other—rooted in a shallowness in our understanding of the gospel. This is what desperately needs to change. The reason that God gifts the Church with leaders is so they can equip God’s people in a way that leads to “unity of the faith” (Ephesians 4:13). We have done a poor job at this, but it can all change. Those who are believers will hear the call and be “eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace” (v. 3). There will be opposition, but we cannot allow anything to discourage us from giving everything we have to the pursuit of a unified, restored Bride.

*Unchanging Witness* - Samuel Donald Fortson 2016-02

The Body of Christ is going through a time of severe fracture. Schism is taking place on a scale not seen since the 16th century, and the reasons for this come into clear focus on the issue of homosexuality. The gay Christian movement and revisionist theologians and exegetes have set up an array of arguments, often mutually

exclusive, in favor of homosexual practice. This book addresses these arguments on a single point: can they withstand the evidence of the primary sources? The authors intend to articulate the orthodox view—Biblical teaching held everywhere, always, and by all—by presenting primary sources throughout Christian history and by interpreting the Biblical texts in their cultural context. The first part of the book makes available the key primary sources for understanding the Christian Church's view on homosexuality through the centuries. It opens with a chapter on the gay Christian movement and then works chapter by chapter through church history: the patristic period, the Middle Ages, and the Renaissance and Reformation periods. It then explores teaching within different Christian traditions: the Roman Catholic and Orthodox Churches, the Evangelical movement, and mainline Protestant Churches,

including the recent revisionist readings of the last few decades. The first part of the book concludes with an excursus on the Church's various views on slavery and women, in contrast to the consensus view of the Church on homosexual practice. The second part of the book engages the more familiar Biblical material in the debate facing Christians today. Like the first part of the book, it focuses on primary sources while also engaging the revisionist interpretations of these texts. The relevant primary sources from the Ancient Near East, Jewish, Greek, and Roman literature are quoted and discussed alongside the Biblical passages. A fresh interpretation of the Biblical material involves, among other things, the story of Sodom, Israel's unique law against any homosexual acts, the meaning of "soft men" in Greek literature, the variety of homosexual practices in antiquity (not just pederasty), the various understandings of

homosexual orientation in antiquity (including Paul), and the “nature versus nurture” argument in philosophy and Paul's letter to the Romans. The book examines the conflicting and changing arguments of revisionist readings and argues that, in light of the overwhelming evidence of the relevant texts, the real issue is not one of interpretation but of Biblical authority and Christian orthodoxy.

### **Putting Jesus in His Place -**

Robert M. Bowman

Putting Jesus in His Place is designed to introduce Christians to the wealth of biblical teaching on the deity of Christ and give them the confidence to share the truth about Jesus with others.

**Living in Christ -** Stephen W. Hiemstra 2020-04-20

Our journey in Christian ethics starts with God in whose image we are created. Creation begins with birth and continues as we mature. Our character matures, shaped by the example of Christ under the mentorship of the Holy Spirit

through the family and the church. Christian leaders reach full maturity once they are able to mentor others—we are blessed to be a blessing. Living in Christ focuses on explaining, not justifying, Christian ethics. At a time and in a place where people scoff at developing a theological understanding of their faith and refuse to teach Christian morality, ethics is almost a lost art. At the heart of the ethical dilemma is a tension between theological principles that can only be resolved through the guidance of the Holy Spirit. How do you practice forgiveness for sinners who refuse to confess their sin and force you to bear its consequences? In this context, ethics is less a philosophical discipline than a recognition of our own limitations as Christians and the need for divine intervention. Ethical thought and action always involve interpretation under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. It is thus ironic that a book on Christian living should have an outward focus on God rather than an inward focus on what

to do and not do. This interpretative element colors how we view character formation, the community of faith, leadership, and the many special issues that arise in daily life. Hear the words; walk the steps; experience the joy!

**Peace and Faith** - Cary

Nelson 2021-10-26

PEACE AND FAITH: Christian Churches and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict, composed of new essays, is the first collection to bring together writers from different faith communities to discuss the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions movement's impact on one of the more fractious topics addressed by Christian denominations: the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. In so doing, it builds on interfaith projects under way for decades. Theology and politics intermingle in debates taking place in local churches, Christian NGOs, and national church meetings that define official policy. The debates revive and reframe the most basic values of Christianity and the questions church members

seek to resolve: How do Christians today hew to the principles Jesus articulated? How can justice be pursued in the context of competing national narratives and historical understandings? What bearing do or should centuries of Christian violence against Jews and Muslims have on contemporary theology and ethics? Is it ethical, or even possible, to set aside millennia of Christian anti-Semitism in judging Israel's conduct? What Christian values should be honored in pursuing Jesus's mission of reconciliation today? How may the pursuit of truth be corrupted by passionate social witness? Can advocacy cross the line into hatred? These are among the critical questions this collection poses and attempts to address.

**A Biblical Point of View on Homosexuality** - Kerby

Anderson 2008-03-01

In the last few decades, homosexuality has moved from the margins of society to the mainstream. In response to this cultural shift, Christian apologist and radio host Kerby



Anderson sorts through myths to deliver the facts on homosexuality and the social impact it has had on families, the church, schools, and traditional marriage. With a balance of God's truth found in the Bible and a desire to reach out to homosexuals, he answers key questions about homosexuality, including: What percentage of the population is homosexual? Is homosexuality the worst of all sins? Did Jesus remove God's condemnation of homosexuality? Is there a connection between gay teens and suicide? What are the causes of homosexuality? Anderson also looks at the spiritual aspects of homosexuality and offers practical suggestions for Christians seeking to reach out to gay and lesbian friends and loved ones. This book is an essential resource for anyone seeking to better understand the roots, goals, and implications of homosexuality and the pro-gay movement.

**Dirty Glory** - Pete Greig

2016-10-18

U. K. Book of the Year 2017!

For many Christians, prayer is an obligation that has little bearing on everyday life. The story of the 24/7 prayer movement demonstrates in gripping detail how prayer is far more than an obligation and how God is far more interested in prayer than we are.

Continuing to chronicle the life and extraordinary ministry of the 24/7 prayer movement for a readership anxiously awaiting this title, Pete Greig tells story after story of God's faithful interaction with human prayer to change lives and cultures.

[American Religious History: Belief and Society through Time \[3 volumes\]](#) - Gary Scott Smith 2020-12-07

A mix of thematic essays, reference entries, and primary source documents covering the role of religion in American history and life from the colonial era to the present. Often controversial, religion has been an important force in shaping American culture. Religious convictions strongly influenced colonial and state governments as well as the United States as a new

republic. Religious teachings, values, and practices deeply affected political structures and policies, economic ideology and practice, educational institutions and instruction, social norms and customs, marriage, and family life. By analyzing religion's interaction with American culture and prominent religious leaders and ideologies, this reference helps readers to better understand many fascinating, often controversial, religious leaders, ideas, events, and topics. The work is organized in three volumes devoted to particular periods. Volume one includes a chronology highlighting key events related to religion in American history and an introduction that overviews religion in America during the period covered by the volume, and roughly 10 essays that explore significant themes. These essays are followed by approximately 120 alphabetically arranged reference entries providing objective, fundamental information about topics related to religion in America.

Each volume presents nearly 50 primary source documents, each introduced by a contextualizing headnote. A selected, general bibliography closes volume three. Timelines in each volume highlight key events in American religious history. Some 30 essays survey broad themes central to American religious history. Roughly 360 reference entries provide fundamental information about specific topics related to religion in American history. Excerpts from around 150 primary source documents provide first-hand accounts of how religion has shaped American history. Entry bibliographies and a selected, general, end-of-work bibliography direct users to additional information resources.

[Discovering Biblical Equality](#) - Ronald W. Pierce 2021-11-02  
The conversation about gender roles in Christian life and the church has evolved, but the topic continues to inspire debate and disagreement. Now in its third edition, this fresh, positive defense of gender

equality brings together scholars firmly committed to the authority of Scripture to explore historical, biblical, theological, cultural, and practical aspects of this discussion.

*Paul as a Problem in History and Culture* - Patrick Gray  
2016-04-19

As one of the most significant figures in the history of Western civilization, the apostle Paul has influenced and inspired countless individuals and institutions. But for some, he holds a controversial place in Christianity. This engaging book explores why many people have been wary of Paul and what their criticisms reveal about the church and the broader culture. Patrick Gray brings intellectual and cultural history into conversation with study of the New Testament, providing a balanced account and assessment of widespread antipathy to Paul and exploring what the controversy tells us about ourselves.

**Fundamental Christian Ethics** - Daniel Heimbach  
2022-11-01

In *Fundamental Christian Ethics*, Daniel R. Heimbach offers clarity and hope for ethically navigating a pluralistic culture. Heimbach engages with diverse ethical issues such as abortion, sexuality, religious liberty, and racism from biblical, theological, historical, and philosophical angles. He delivers a comprehensive textbook for scholars, teachers, pastors, and laypersons to understand God's ethical reality and to cultivate virtuous character in the people of God.

**Health Care Ethics** - Benedict M. Ashley, OP 2006-11-22

Health Care Ethics is a comprehensive study of significant issues affecting health care and the ethics of health care from the perspective of Catholic theology. It aims to help Christian, and especially Catholic, health care professionals solve concrete problems in terms of principles rooted in scripture and tested by individual experience; however, its basis in real medical experience makes this

book a valuable resource for anyone with a general interest in health care ethics. This fifth edition, which includes important contributions by Jean deBlois, C.S.J., considers everyday ethical questions and dilemmas in clinical care and deals more deeply with issues of women's health, mental health, sexual orientation, artificial reproduction, and the new social issues in health care. The authors devote special attention to the various ethical theories currently in use in the United States while clearly presenting a method of ethical decision making based in the Catholic tradition. They discuss the needs of the human person, outlining what it means to be human, both as an individual and as part of a community. This volume has been significantly updated to include new discussions of recent clinical innovations and theoretical issues that have arisen in the field: • the Human Genome Project • efforts to control sexual selection of infants • efforts to genetically modify the human genotype

and phenotype • the development of palliative care as a medical specialty • the acceptance of non-heart beating persons as organ donors • embryo development and stem cell research • reconstructive and cosmetic surgery • nutrition and obesity • medical mistakes • the negative effects of managed care on the patient-physician relationship • recent papal allocution regarding care of patients in a persistent vegetative state and palliative care for dying patients

The Thrill of Orthodoxy - Trevin Wax 2022-10-25

Every generation faces the temptation to wander from Christian teaching, and so every generation must be awakened again to the thrill of orthodoxy. Returning to the church's creeds, Trevin Wax beckons us away from the broad yet ultimately boring road toward the straight and narrow path, where true adventures can be found.

*Unchanging Witness* - S. Donald Fortson 2016-02-01

The church is going through a

time of severe fracture over the issue of homosexuality. This book addresses the arguments from the gay Christian movement and revisionist theologians and exegetes on a single point: Can they withstand the evidence of the primary sources? In *Unchanging Witness*, Donald Fortson and Rollin Grams articulate the consistent orthodox view on homosexuality by presenting primary sources throughout Christian history and by interpreting the biblical texts in their cultural contexts. The first part of the book examines church history from the patristic period to the present day, and the second part engages biblical texts in light of Ancient Near Eastern, Jewish, Greek, and Roman primary sources. Throughout, the authors survey the conflicting and changing arguments of revisionist readings and contend that, in light of the overwhelming evidence of the relevant texts, the real issue is not one of interpretation but of biblical

authority and Christian orthodoxy.

*The Splendor of Truth* - Catholic Church. Pope (1978-2005 : John Paul II) 1993 Pope John Paul II proclaims a sense of urgency in challenging moral darkness with the light of truth.

**Uncomfortable** - Brett McCracken 2017-09-15 Does your church make you uncomfortable? It's easy to dream about the "perfect" church—a church that sings just the right songs set to just the right music before the pastor preaches just the right sermon to a room filled with just the right mix of people who happen to agree with you on just about everything. Chances are your church doesn't quite look like that. But what if instead of searching for a church that makes us comfortable, we learned to love our church, even when it's challenging? What if some of the discomfort that we often experience is actually good for us? This book is a call to embrace the uncomfortable aspects of Christian

community, whether that means believing difficult truths, pursuing difficult holiness, or loving difficult people—all for the sake of the gospel, God’s glory, and our joy.

The Newman-Scotus Reader - Edward J. Ondrako 2015-05-13 Drawing from the inaugural Newman-Scotus Symposium, this edited volume presents principles that converge with striking similarities in the thought patterns of Bl. John Duns Scotus and Bl. John Henry Newman. With contributions from prominent philosophers and theologians, this book argues in detail that Newman was overall sympathetic to many of the major themes characteristic of Scotus’ metaphysics, and furthermore would be cautious about simply substituting historical dimensions and new hermeneutics for a sound metaphysical approach. The more metaphysical approach of Scotus uncovers the implicit notional foundations of Newman’s thought, while the more phenomenological style

of Newman assists the reader in grasping the realism and profound spirituality lying behind the more abstract presentation of Scotus. Topics range from the Franciscan-Scotistic motive of the Incarnation, the Scotistic position of sacramental theology, to intuition and certitude, scientific form and real assent, uncoupling Scotus from Kant, the will as the power to self-determine as the essential characteristic of the will, with love as its object, and its relationship to the intellect as moved by its object, the truth, and more. Features of this edited work include: A unique text that offers connections and contexts between Newman and Scotus, including a genuine unity of approach and substantially identical convictions concerning the nature of theology and how to conduct it Contributions from prominent philosophers and theologians such as John T. Ford, Timothy P. Noone, Cyril O’Regan, Peter D. Fehlner, Olivier Boulnois, Edward J. Ondrako, Bishop

Geoffrey Rowell, Mary Beth Ingham, Patricia Hutchison, and Robert C. Christie, and includes the first hand account from Deacon Jack Sullivan of the miracle that led to Newman's beatification End of chapter study questions This book is intended for upper level undergraduate and graduate students, professors, and interested persons intuiting modern sensitivity to freedom in its relationship to the will and intellect. Scotus and Newman provide an indispensable basis for grasping the profound insights of the Church in the Modern World (Gaudium et Spes).

*Loving God with All Your Mind*  
- Gene Edward Veith Jr.

2003-10-07

Our world is alive with fascinating new ideas, discoveries, and technologies. But for Christians this can also present problems-especially when the values of postmodernism and secular university life conflict with basic Christian principles. What should Christians do when their beliefs come under

attack in the classroom or the public square? *Loving God with All Your Mind* shows us that the answer is neither wholesale rejection of intellectual life and culture, nor blind acceptance of it. The answer lies in understanding that Jesus is Lord of all of life and that everything in life must be carefully viewed in the light of what Christ's lordship means. Gene Edward Veith unfolds a dazzling critique of the postmodern intellectual world and culture. He affirms the part that is good and true, but he also shows crucial weaknesses that have such a hold over contemporary thought. This book shows Christians how to survive and flourish in a postmodern world while affirming the truth of the Christian faith.

**Marriage, Scripture, and the Church** - Darrin W. Snyder Belousek 2021-03-16

This book takes a distinctive approach to the same-sex-union debate by framing the issue as a matter of marriage. Darrin Snyder Belousek demonstrates that the

interpretation of Scripture affects whether the church should revise its doctrine of marriage for the sake of sanctioning same-sex union. Engaging charitably yet critically with opposing viewpoints, he delves deeply into what marriage is, what it is for, and what it means as presented in the biblical narrative and the theological tradition, articulating a biblical-traditional theology of marriage for the contemporary church. Afterword by Wesley Hill.

[Apologetics at the Cross](#) - Josh Chatraw 2018-05-15  
2019 Outreach Magazine  
Resource of the Year:  
Apologetics • 2018 The Gospel Coalition Book Award:  
Evangelism & Apologetics  
Apologetics at the Cross describes a much-needed approach to defending Christianity that uses Jesus as a model and the letter of 1 Peter as a guiding text. This is a guidebook for how to defend Christianity with Christ-like gentleness and respect toward those who persecute the faith,

making you a stronger witness to the good news of the gospel than many other apologetics books that focus on crafting unbreachable arguments. Joshua D. Chatraw and Mark D. Allen first provide an introduction to the rich field of apologetics and Christian witness, acquainting students and lay learners with the rich history, biblical foundation, and ongoing relevance of apologetics. Unique in its approach, *Apologetics at the Cross*: Presents the biblical and historical foundations for apologetics. Explores various contemporary methods for approaching apologetics. Gives practical guidance in "how to" chapters that feature many real-life illustrations. But their approach pays special attention to the attitude and posture of the apologist, outlining instructions for the Christian community centered on reasoned answers, a humble spirit, and joy; rather than anger, arrogance, and aggression. Chatraw and Allen equip Christians to engage skeptics with the heart as well



as the mind. Conversational in tone and balanced in approach, Apologetics at the Cross provides a readable introduction to the field of apologetics. You'll be informed and equipped for engaging a wide range of contemporary challenges with the best in Christian thought.

The Joy of the Gospel - Pope Francis 2014-10-07

The perfect gift! A specially priced, beautifully designed hardcover edition of The Joy of the Gospel with a foreword by Robert Barron and an afterword by James Martin, SJ. "The joy of the gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus... In this Exhortation I wish to encourage the Christian faithful to embark upon a new chapter of evangelization marked by this joy, while pointing out new paths for the Church's journey in years to come." - Pope Francis This special edition of Pope Francis's popular message of hope explores themes that are important for believers in the 21st century. Examining the

many obstacles to faith and what can be done to overcome those hurdles, he emphasizes the importance of service to God and all his creation. Advocating for "the homeless, the addicted, refugees, indigenous peoples, the elderly who are increasingly isolated and abandoned," the Holy Father shows us how to respond to poverty and current economic challenges that affect us locally and globally.

Ultimately, Pope Francis demonstrates how to develop a more personal relationship with Jesus Christ, "to recognize the traces of God's Spirit in events great and small."

Profound in its insight, yet warm and accessible in its tone, The Joy of the Gospel is a call to action to live a life motivated by divine love and, in turn, to experience heaven on earth. Includes a foreword by Robert Barron, author of Catholicism: A Journey to the Heart of the Faith and James Martin, SJ, author of Jesus: A Pilgrimage

**The Bible, Sexuality, and Culture** - Brian Neil Peterson

2021-05-26

We are living in a rapidly changing culture. Since the 1960s, the changes in our sexual ethics have become increasingly problematic. How are people—especially Evangelicals and other conservative Christians—supposed to respond? Does the Bible address these seismic changes? How is a believer supposed to raise a family in the cultural chaos of the twenty-first century? If you have asked any of these questions before, then this book is for you. Peterson argues forcefully that the changes in our culture are a direct result of a postmodern and post-Christian cultural rejection of the mandates established by God in the opening two chapters of Genesis. The reason Western culture is imploding morally is directly connected to the Enemy's undoing of each of the Genesis mandates established by God for human and cultural flourishing. With Western culture's rejection or undoing of every one of God's mandates

in Genesis, is there any hope for the survival of once-thriving Judeo-Christian cultures? Peterson tackles these and many other issues in a forthright and unreserved manner. This book is not for the faint of heart. It is a call for a return to cultural sanity rooted in the fear of God and his Word.

Venus and Virtue - Jerry L. Walls 2018-01-30

Venus and Virtue are a match made in heaven. While popular culture often tends to think of Christianity as negative about sexuality and sexual pleasure, the fact is that Christians have the best of reasons to joyfully celebrate sex as a gift. Unfortunately, there is as much confusion about sex in Christian circles as there is in the culture at large. The authors of this book believe that this confusion can only be adequately addressed by drawing from the deep wells of biblical truth and traditional theology. The writers, however, are not only experts in biblical scholarship, theology, and philosophy, but also pastoral

ministry, counseling, pop culture criticism, and women's issues. This book is not sexy in the typical sense of that word, but by situating sexuality within the cosmic drama of biblical revelation, the true beauty and goodness of sex most clearly emerges. And as that beauty emerges, we can begin to see why Christian morality not only makes profound sense, but also why it positively enriches the meaning of sex in ways that far outstrip the sexy secular alternative.

Simple Faith - Stephen W.

Hiemstra 2019-04-26

As Christians, how do we know what we know? This simple question challenges the nature of information, how we learn, decision making, who we are, and who this God is that we worship. If this challenge appears optional; it is not—our post-Christian culture questions every faith assumption. Simple Faith examines these questions and discusses implications for faith and life. An important implication of this study is that faith plays a critical role into

how we think, learn, and make decisions in the context of limited resources and an uncertain future. Even scientific inquiry requires faith, which normally gets hidden in untested assumptions and presumptions about what is interesting to investigate.

Often the critical arguments driving our decisions are not cold hard facts, but the stories that we tell in the midst of complex decision

environments. The timing of this inquiry is critical. The movement from modern to postmodern thinking has upended most institutions, but especially the Christian church. The separation of heart and mind, which characterizes modern thinking, eroded faith leaving the church in a weak position to adapt to the rapid changes accompanying postmodernism. Ironically, postmodern thinking that values storytelling favors Christian faith because the Gospel of Jesus Christ is the best story around.

*The Moment of Truth* - Steven J. Lawson 2018

"What is truth?" Pilate turned to Jesus and asked a profound question. It is a question that continues to be debated in our day. But it is one that God has definitively answered in His written Word and ultimately revealed in the incarnate Word, Jesus Christ. It has been the duty and privilege of each successive generation of Christians to proclaim the truth of the gospel to a world that desperately needs to hear it. In this collection of sermons, Dr. Steven J. Lawson speaks into our cultural moment, helping Christians and skeptics alike to answer Pilate's age-old question.

The Subversion of Christianity - Jacques Ellul 2011-06-02

Pointing to the many contradictions between the Bible and the practice of the church, Jacques Ellul asserts in this provocative and stimulating book that what we today call Christianity is actually far removed from the revelation of God. Successive generations have reinterpreted Scripture and modeled it after their own cultures, thus

moving society further from the truth of the original gospel. The church also perverted the gospel message, for instead of simply doing away with pagan practice and belief, it reconstituted the sacred, set up its own religious forms, and thus resacralized the world. Ellul develops several areas in which this perversion is most obvious, including the church's emphasis on moralism and its teaching in the political sphere. The heart of the problem, he says, is that we have not accepted the fact that Christianity is a scandal; we attempt to make it acceptable and easy--and thus pervert its true message. Ultimately, however, Ellul remains hopeful. For, in spite of all that has been done to subvert the message of God, the Holy Spirit continues to move in the world. Christianity, writes Ellul, never carries the day decisively against Christ.

Christian Ethics - Wayne Grudem 2018-07-20

What does the Bible teach about how to live in today's world? Best-selling author and

professor Wayne Grudem distills over forty years of teaching experience into a single volume aimed at helping readers apply a biblical worldview to difficult ethical issues, including wealth and poverty, marriage and divorce, birth control, abortion, euthanasia, homosexuality, business practices, environmental stewardship, telling the truth, knowing God's will, understanding Old Testament laws, and more.

**From Pentecost to Patmos, 2nd Edition** - Craig L.

Blomberg 2021-07-01

Pairing depth of scholarship with contemporary application, the authors of From Pentecost to Patmos have produced a unique introductory New Testament textbook. Craig Blomberg and Darlene Seal provide the context and clarity that readers need to better understand Acts through Revelation, showcasing the historical, linguistic, and theological implications found in each book. This second edition includes expanded footnotes and a lengthier, up-

to-date introduction to Paul. Newly added review questions, maps, and diagrams enhance the scholarship and make the resource truly user-friendly.

*The Heart of Female Same-Sex Attraction* - Janelle Hallman 2010-02

The fruit of years of training, research and counseling experience, Janelle Hallman has drawn together a comprehensive resource for those who are interested in understanding and counseling women in conflict with same sex attraction. In this groundbreaking work, Hallman sets forth the unique dimensions of struggle that women experience through the presentation of research, interviews and clinical experience. This is an indispensable guide for understanding and a manual for counseling adult women seeking to "mature in giving and receiving love in all of [their] relationships, and no longer be restricted by destructive relational patterns."

Two Views on Homosexuality.

the Bible, and the Church -

Zondervan, 2016-11-29

Unique among most debates on homosexuality, this book presents a constructive dialogue between people who disagree on significant ethical and theological matters, and yet maintain a respectful and humanizing posture toward one another. Few topics are more divisive today than homosexuality. Two Views on Homosexuality, the Bible, and the Church brings a fresh perspective to a well-worn debate. While Christian debates about homosexuality are most often dominated by biblical exegesis, this book seeks to give much-needed attention to the rich history of received Christian tradition, bringing the Bible into conversation with historical and systematic theology. To that end, both theologians and biblical scholars--well accomplished in their fields and conversant in issues of sexuality and gender--articulate and defend each of the two views: Affirming - represented by William Loader

and Megan K. DeFranza Traditional - represented by Wesley Hill and Stephen R. Holmes The main essays are followed by insightful responses that interact with their fellow essayists with civility. Holding to a high view of Scripture, a commitment to the gospel and the church, and a love for people--especially those most affected by this topic--the contributors wrestle deeply with the Bible and theology, especially the prohibition texts, the role of procreation, gender complementarity, and pastoral accommodation. The book concludes with reflections from general editor Preston Sprinkle on the future of discussions on faith and sexuality. 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.

**NKJV, Unapologetic Study Bible** - Emmanuel Foundation, 2017-11-07

The NKJV Unapologetic Study Bible cuts through the confusion with clear answers for today's most complicated and controversial issues. With timely articles, thoughtful book introductions, insightful quotations, and profiles on some of history's most unapologetic defenders of the faith, this is a Bible that won't leave you guessing. You'll grow in confidence as you discover how to defend your faith and share it with others in a world increasingly at odds with the truth of God's Word. The Bible doesn't shy away from the tough topics, and neither should you. Features Include: Book Introductions: Provide key passages and background information for each book Articles: Over 220 articles placed near relevant Scripture passages bring keen biblical insight to the current issues of the day Quotations: Over 70 quotations from historical figures help you understand,

first, that the issues of the day are not new; and second, that wise people throughout history have been challenged to live by biblical standards, just as we are today Unapologetic Profiles: Over 50 profiles of historical figures inspire you with biblical faith lived out in the face of seemingly impossible circumstances Indexes: Categorize each of the above features to assist you in a topical study of the issues that matter to you 8.9-point print size

*God's Unfailing Word* - The Faith and Order Commission 2019-11-21

This important and timely study offers a theological exploration of the relationship between Christians and Jews. It is mindful of the prejudice and persecution experienced by the Jewish community throughout history, not least from the Christian church, and is intended as antidote to antisemitism.

**Until Unity: Study Guide** - Francis Chan 2021-07-01  
Christians cannot remain indifferent to the divisions in

the Church today. In this study guide companion, Chan draws on the gospel infused message of Until Unity to remind readers that Church unity is not optional. This study guide includes: Deeper exploration of every chapter in Until Unity Free original videos with Francis Chan Tips for leading and participating in a small group Scripture passages and reflection questions Prompts for group and individual prayer Chan's emphasis on worship and praise, along with his passionate teaching, make this guide a unique and life-changing exploration of why unity is not just God's wish for His Church—it's His command.

**The Teaching Ministry of the Diocesan Bishop** - Committee on Doctrine 1992

*Stewards of Grace* - Rollin G. Grams 2010-07-01

*Stewards of Grace* tells several stories in one. It is a story of two faithful stewards of God's grace called to serve the poor, despised, and marginalized in apartheid South Africa. It is a story that captures how cross-

cultural missions from the west at the end of the colonial era led to a thriving church in the southern hemisphere. It is a story of God's power to redeem and transform the lost, heal the sick, and build the church of Jesus Christ. It is a story of the positives and negatives of Pentecostal missions in its third generation in the mid-twentieth century. And it is a story of radical Christian discipleship. Written first for those who would like to know the story of the first of six decades of ministry for Eugene and Phyllis Grams, this book also reflects on mission theology and practice. The very personal story is full of painful struggles and amazing miracles, human opposition and divine triumph, and examples of how God's plan works through and despite human weaknesses for the praise of his glory and grace. Reflection on ministry, missions, theology, and the Christian life are based on Scripture, history, and the Grams' personal experiences. The biographical narrative



explores such things as the call to Christian service, evangelism, church planting, justice, compassion, cross-cultural ministry, partnerships,

and spiritual power. The result is both a riveting biography and a narrative theology of mission practice to challenge and encourage every believer.