

Grace Covenant Baptist Church

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DEVOTIONAL

Assurance

- (B) Don Whitney, How Can I Be Sure I'm a Christian?
- (B) Charles Spurgeon, Around the Wicket Gate

General Devotional Books

- (B) John Calvin, The Golden Booklet of the Christian Life
- (B) D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones, Spiritual Depression
- (B) Russell Moore, Tempted and Tried
- (B) J.I. Packer, Knowing God
- (B) J.I. Packer, Grounded in the Gospel
- (B) J.I. Packer, Growing in Christ
- (I) John Piper, Desiring God
- (B) John Piper, Spectacular Sins
- (B) John Piper, Seeing and Savoring Jesus Christ
- (B) John Piper, Pierced by the Word
- (B) J.C. Ryle, Thoughts for Young Men
- (B) J.C. Ryle, Expository Thoughts on the Gospels (4 vols, Baker)
- (B) Charles Spurgeon, Morning and Evening
- (B) Charles Spurgeon, Sermons (5 vols, Baker)
- (B) Ed Welch, Addictions: A Banquet in the Grave
- (B) Ed Welch, When People are Big and God is Small

Growing in Holiness

- (I) Randy Alcorn, Money, Possessions, and Eternity
- (B) Jerry Bridges, Transforming Grace
- (I) D.A. Carson, How Long, O Lord?
- (B) Edmund Clowney, How Jesus Transforms the Ten Commandments
- (I) Sinclair Ferguson, Devoted to God
- (B) J.V. Fesko, The Rule of Love
- (B) Elizabeth Prentiss, Stepping Heavenward
- (B) Brian Hedges, Christ Formed In You
- (I) D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones, Studies in the Sermon on the Mount
- (B) J.I. Packer, Growing in Christ
- (I) J.I. Packer, A Quest for Godliness
- (I) J.I. Packer, Keep in Step with the Spirit
- (B) J.C. Ryle, Holiness
- (B) R.C. Sproul, The Holiness of God

Forgiveness

- (B) Chris Brauns, Unpacking Forgiveness

Work

- (B) Sebastian Traeger and Greg Gilbert, The Gospel at Work
- (I) Gene Edward Veith, God at Work

Prayer

- (I) D.A. Carson, A Call to Spiritual Reformation
- (B) Joel Beeke, Taking Hold of God
- (B) Samuel Prime, The Power of Prayer
- (B) Phil Ryken, When You Pray

Spiritual Disciplines

- (B) Jerry Bridges, Discipline of Grace
- (B) David Mathis, Habits of Grace
- (B) Don Whitney, Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life
- (B) Don Whitney, Spiritual Disciplines in the Church

Puritan Classics

- (I) Thomas Boston, Human Nature in its Fourfold State
- (B) John Bunyan, Pilgrim's Progress
- (B) Thomas Brooks, Precious Remedies Against Satan's Devices
- (I) Jonathan Edwards, The Religious Affections
- (A) Jonathan Edwards, The End for Which God Created the World
- (I) Jonathan Edwards, Charity and its Fruits
- (B) John Flavel, The Mystery of Providence
- (I) John Owen, The Glory of Christ
- (B) John Owen, Sin and Temptation
- (B) Richard Sibbes, The Bruised Reed
- (I) Richard Sibbes, The Soul's Conflict

Sexuality

- (B) Ellen Dykas, Sexual Sanity for Women
- (B) David White, Sexual Sanity for Men

THE CHURCH

General

- (I) Edmund Clowney, The Church
- (B) Mark Dever, Nine Marks of a Healthy Church
- (B) Mark Dever, The Church: The Gospel Made Visible
- (B) Understanding the Great Commission
- (B) Mark Dever and Jamie Dunlop, The Compelling Community
- (B) Mark Dever and Paul Alexander, The Deliberate Church
- (I) Mark Dever and Jonathan Leeman, Baptist Foundations
- (B) Kevin DeYoung, Why We Love the Church
- (B) DeYoung and Gilbert, What is the Mission of the Church?
- (B) Jonathan Leeman, Reverberation
- (B) Jonathan Leeman, Understanding the Congregation's Authority
- (A) James Samra, Being Conformed to Christ in Community
- (I) Thomas Schreiner and Shawn Wright, Believers' Baptism

Leadership

- (B) Thabiti Anyabwile, Finding Faithful Elders and Deacons
- (B) Mark Dever Understanding Church Leadership
- (B) David Dickson, The Elder and His Work
- (B) Jeremy Rinne, Church Elders
- (B) William Still, The Work of the Pastor
- (I) Alexander Strauch, Biblical Eldership
- (I) John Hammett and Benjamin Merckle, Those Who Must Give an Account
- (B) John Stott, Basic Christian Leadership

Membership

- (B) Thabiti Anyabwile, What is a Healthy Church Member?
- (B) Josh Harris, Stop Dating the Church
- (B) Jonathan Leeman, Church Membership
- (B) Wayne Mack, To be or not to be a Church Member
- (A) Jonathan Leeman, The Surprising Offense of God's Love

Discipling

- (B) Mark Dever, Discipling
- (B) Bill Hull, The Disciple-making church
- (B) Colin Marshall, The Trellis and the Vine

Discipline

- (B) Jonathan Leeman, Church Discipline

Christian Ministry

- (B) Thomas Ascol, ed., Dear Timothy
- (I) Richard Baxter, The Reformed Pastor
- (I) Thomas Bergler, The Juvenilization of American Christianity
- (I) Charles Bridges, The Christian Ministry
- (B) D.A. Carson, The Cross and Christian Ministry
- (B) Edmund Clowney, Called to the Ministry
- (A) Scott Manetsch, Calvin's Company of Pastors
- (B) John Piper, Brothers, We Are Not Professionals
- (I) Charles Spurgeon, Lectures to My Students
- (B) Iain Murray, The Forgotten Sturgeon
- (B) Iain Murray, Spurgeon v. Hyper-Calvinism
- (I) Derek Tidball, Skillful Shepherds

Corporate Worship

- (I) John Calvin, *On the Necessity of Reforming the Church*
- (I) J. Ligon Duncan, Derek Thomas, eds., *Give Praise to God*
- (B) T. David Gordon, *Why Johnny Can't Sing Hymns*
- (B) Terry Johnson, *The Case for Traditional Protestantism*
- (B) Glen Knecht, *The Day God Made*
- (I) Hughes Old, *Worship*
- (B) Charles Spurgeon, *The Greatest Fight in the World*
- (I) David Peterson, *Engaging with God*

Preaching

- (I) Bryan Chapell, *Christ-Centered Preaching*
- (I) Dennis Johnson, *Him We Proclaim*
- (I) Sidney Greidanus, *The Modern Preacher and the Ancient Text*
- (A) Sidney Greidanus, *Preaching Christ from the Old Testament*
- (B) Julius Kim, *Preaching the Whole Counsel of God*
- (B) D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones, *Preaching and Preachers*
- (B) John Piper, *The Supremacy of God in Preaching*
- (B) Tony Sargent, *Sacred Anointing*
- (B) John Stott, *Preachers Portrait*

EVANGELISM AND MISSIONS

Theology of Mission

- (I) Richard Bauckham, *The Bible and Mission*
- (I) Andreas Kostenberger and Peter T. O'Brien, *Salvation to the Ends of the Earth*
- (B) Tom Wells, *A Vision for Missions*
- (B) J.I. Packer, *Evangelism and the Sovereignty of God*
- (B) John Piper, *Let the Nations Be Glad*

Practical Teaching on Evangelism

- (B) Robert Coleman, *The Master Plan of Evangelism*
- (B) Mark Dever, *Personal Evangelism*
- (B) Mack Stiles, *Evangelism*
- (B) Mack Stiles, *Marks of the Messenger*
- (I) Will Metzger, *Tell the Truth*

Practical Tools for Evangelism

- (B) Michael Bennett, *Christianity Explained*
- (B) Charles Spurgeon, *Around the Wicket Gate: Help for those who only know about Christ*
- (B) Mark Dever, *Discipling*
- (B) David Helm, *One-to-One Bible Reading*
- (B) D. Martin Lloyd-Jones, *The Plight of Man and the Power of God*

Apologetics

- (I) Harold Netland, *Encountering Religious Pluralism*
- (I) James Sire, *The Universe Next Door*

SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY

General Reference Works

- (I) Louis Berkhof, Systematic Theology
- (B) Wayne Grudem, Systematic Theology: An Introduction
- (A) Charles Hodge, Systematic Theology

Scripture

- (A) G.K. Beale, The Erosion of Inerrancy in Evangelicalism
- (B) F.F. Bruce, The NT Documents: Are they Reliable?
- (B) D.A. Carson, The King James Version Debate: A Plea for Realism
- (B) Kevin DeYoung, Taking God at His Word
- (B) Sinclair Ferguson, From the Mouth of God: Trusting, Reading, and Applying the Bible
- (I) Hans Madume and Michael Reeves, Adam, The Fall, and Original Sin
- (I) Andreas Kostenberger, The Heresy of Orthodoxy
- (I) Michael Kruger, Canon Revisited
- (B) Stephen Nichols, Ancient Word, Changing Worlds
- (B) J.I. Packer, Fundamentalism and the Word of God
- (B) John Wenham, Christ and the Bible

God

- (B) G.K. Beale, The Morality of God in the Old Testament
- (B) D.A. Carson, The Difficult Doctrine of the Love of God
- (B) John Cheeseman, Saving Grace
- (I) Sinclair Ferguson, The Holy Spirit
- (B) Sinclair Ferguson, The Christian Life: A Doctrinal Introduction
- (I) A.W. Pink, The Sovereignty of God
- (I) John Piper, The Justification of God
- (B) Orlando Saer, Big God
- (I) Thomas Schreiner and Bruce Ware, Still Sovereign
- (B) Bruce Ware, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

Man

- (I) Anthony Hoekema, Created in God's Image
- (I) J. Gresham Machen, The Christian View of Man

Christ and Salvation

- (I) Sinclair Ferguson, The Whole Christ
- (A) Simon Gathercole, The Pre-existent Son
- (I) David and Jonathan Gibson, eds., From Heaven He Came and Sought Her
- (B) Greg Gilbert, What is the Gospel?
- (A) Martin Hengel, Crucifixion
- (I) Anthony Hoekema, Saved by Grace
- (B) J. Gresham Machen, Christianity and Liberalism
- (B) John Stott, The Cross of Christ
- (B) R.C. Sproul, Getting the Gospel Right
- (B) R.C. Sproul, Willing to Believe
- (B) Tom Wells, A Price for a People

Justification

- (A) Simon Gathercole, Where Is Boasting?
- (I) Simon Gathercole, Defending Substitution
- (I) Jeffrey Ovey, Michael Sachs, Pierced for our Transgressions
- (I) Mark Dever and J.I. Packer, In My Place Condemned He Stood
- (I) John Murray, Redemption Accomplished and Applied

- (I) Donald Macleod, Christ Crucified
- (I) John Owen, The Doctrine of Justification
- (I) Francis Turretin, Justification
- (B) Brian Vickers, Justification by Grace through Faith
- (I) Stephen Westerholm, Justification Reconsidered

Eschatology

- (I) Anthony Hoekema, The Bible and the Future
- (I) Kim Riddelbarger, The Case for Amillennialism
- (B) Sam Storms, Kingdom Come: The Amillennial Alternative
- (B) Richard Gaffin, Perspectives on Pentecost
- (I) Christopher Morgan and David Peterson, Hell Under Fire

BIBLICAL THEOLOGY

Christ-Centered Biblical Interpretation

- (A) G.K. Beale, The Right Doctrine from the Wrong Text?
- (B) Edmund Clowney, The Unfolding Mystery
- (B) Edmund Clowney, Preaching and Biblical Theology
- (I) R.T. France, Jesus and the Old Testament
- (B) Graeme Goldsworthy, Gospel and Kingdom
- (B) Graeme Goldsworthy, According to Plan
- (I) Graeme Goldsworthy, Preaching the Whole Bible as Christian Scripture
- (I) Graeme Goldsworthy, Gospel-Centered Hermeneutics
- (I) Hans LaRondelle, The Israel of God in Prophecy
- (I) O. Palmer Robertson, The Christ of the Covenants
- (I) O. Palmer Robertson, The Christ of the Prophets
- (I) O. Palmer Robertson, The Israel of God
- (B) Christopher J.H. Wright, Knowing Jesus through the Old Testament

The Bible's Storyline

- (B) T.D. Alexander, From Eden to the New Jerusalem
- (I) T.D. Alexander, From Paradise to the Promised Land
- (I) John Bright, The Kingdom of God
- (I) Stephen Dempster, Dominion and Dynasty
- (A) William Dumbrell, The End of the Beginning
- (I) William Dumbrell, The Faith of Israel
- (B) J.V. Fesko, Last things First
- (B) James Hamilton, What is Biblical Theology?
- (B) James Hamilton, God's Glory in Salvation Through Judgment
- (B) Vaughan Roberts, God's Big Picture

Thematic Studies

- (I) Peter Adam, Hearing God's Words
- (I) Richard Bauckham, The Theology of the Book of Revelation
- (I) G.K. Beale, We Become What We Worship
- (I) G.K. Beale, Hidden but now Revealed
- (I) G.K. Beale, God Dwells Among Us
- (B) G.K. Beale, The Morality of God in the Old Testament
- (I) Craig Blomberg, Neither Poverty Nor Riches
- (I) C. John Collins, Did Adam and Eve Really Exist?
- (A) Leonard Goppelt, Typos

- (I) James Hamilton, *With the Clouds of Heaven*
- (I) David Holwerda, *Jesus and Israel: One Covenant or Two?*
- (A) Meredith Kline, *Kingdom Prologue*
- (A) Meredith Kline, *The Structure of Biblical Authority*
- (A) Meredith Kline, *Treaty of the Great King*
- (I) Oren Martin, *Bound for the Promised Land*
- (I) J. Gary Millar, *Calling on the Name of the Lord: A Biblical Theology of Prayer*
- (A) Herman Ridderbos, *Paul: An Outline of His Theology*
- (I) Brian Rosner, *Paul and the Law*
- (B) Thomas Schreiner, *The King in His Beauty*
- (I) Barry Webb, *Five Festal Garments*

CULTURE

Marriage and Sexuality

- (B) Sam Allbery, *Is God Anti-Gay?*
- (B) Kevin DeYoung, *What does the Bible Really Say About Homosexuality?*
- (A) Robert Gagnon, *The Bible and Homosexual Practice*
- (I) Sherif Girgis and Robert George, *What is Marriage?*
- (B) Peter Hubbard, *Love into the Light*
- (B) Robert Reilly, *Making Gay OK*
- (I) Jeffrey Satinover, *Homosexuality and the Politics of Truth*

Biblical Complementarianism (Gender Roles)

- (B) John Piper, *What's the Difference?*
- (I) Wayne Grudem and John Piper, eds., *Biblical Manhood and Womanhood*
- (A) Thomas Schreiner, *Women in the Church*

Politics

- (B) Mark Dever, *God and Politics*
- (B) Robert Benne, *Good and Bad Ways to Think about Religion and Politics*
- (A) Jonah Goldberg, *Liberal Fascism*
- (I) Yuval Levin, *The Great Debate*
- (I) Yuval Levin, *The Fractured Republic*
- (I) Thomas Sowell, *A Conflict of Visions*
- (I) Thomas Sowell, *Intellectuals and Race*
- (I) Thomas Sowell, *Discrimination and Disparities*
- (I) Thomas Sowell, *Wealth, Poverty, and Politics*

American Evangelicalism

- (B) Thomas Bergler, *The Juvenilization of American Christianity*
- (B) Ross Douthat, *Bad Religion*
- (I) Larry Eskridge, *God's Forever Family*
- (A) Greg Frazer, *The Religious Beliefs of America's Founders*
- (I) James Davison Hunter, *To Change the World*
- (B) D. Martin Lloyd-Jones, *What is an Evangelical?*
- (A) George Marsden, *The Soul of the American University*
- (I) Rolland McCune, *Promise Unfulfilled*
- (B) Iain Murray, *Evangelicalism Divided*
- (I) J.I. Packer, *'Fundamentalism' and the Word of God*
- (I) Carl Trueman, *The Wages of Spin*
- (I) David Wells, *No Place for Truth*
- (I) David Wells, *God in the Wasteland*

- (I) David Wells, Losing Our Virtue
- (I) David Wells, The Courage to Be Protestant
- (I) David Wells, Above All Earthy Powers

Sociological Studies

- (B) Kate Bowler, Blessed: A History of the Prosperity Gospel
- (B) D.A. Carson, The Intolerance of Tolerance
- (B) Kenda Creasy-Dean, Almost Christian
- (B) Jonathan V. Last, What to Expect When No One's Expecting
- (I) Marvin Olasky, The Tragedy of American Compassion
- (I) Neil Postman, Amusing Ourselves to Death
- (I) Christian Smith, Souls in Transition
- (I) Christian Smith, Lost in Transition
- (I) Christina Hoff Sommers, One Nation Under Therapy

Christianity and Philosophy

- Colin Brown, Philosophy and the Christian Faith

CHURCH HISTORY

The Reformation

- (B) Stephen Nichols, The Reformation
- (B) J.C. Ryle, Five English Reformers
- (B) Kirsten Birkett, The Essence of the Reformation
- (I) Timothy George, Theology of the Reformers
- (I) Patrick Collinson, The Reformation
- (B) Michael Reeves, The Unquenchable Flame

Fundamentalism and Evangelicalism

- (B) Thomas Kidd and Barry Hankins, Baptists in America
- (B) Stephen Nichols, Jesus Made in America
- (I) Mark Noll, The Rise of Evangelicalism
- (A) Mark Noll, America's God
- (I) Nathan Hatch, The Democratization of American Christianity
- (A) George Marsden, Reforming Fundamentalism
- (A) George Marsden, Fundamentalism and American Culture
- (A) George Marsden, Religion and American Culture
- (I) Iain Murray, Revival and Revivalism

BIOGRAPHY

- (B) Roland Bainton, Here I Stand (Martin Luther)
- (B) John Bunyan, Grace Abounding to the Chief of Sinners (Autobiography)
- (B) Arnold Dallimore, George Whitefield
- (B) Arnold Dallimore, Charles Spurgeon
- (I) Bruce Gordon, John Calvin
- (I) Paul Guntjahr, Charles Hodge: Guardian of American Orthodoxy
- (I) D.G. Hart, Defending the Faith (J. Gresham Machen)

(B) Thomas Kidd, George Whitefield

(A) George Marsden, Jonathan Edwards

(B) Iain Murray, D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones

(B) John Piper, The Legacy of Sovereign Joy (Augustine, Luther, Calvin)

(B) John Piper, Contending for our All (Athanasius, Owen, Machen)