

IRBS Faculty Book Recommendations

Reference Material

ESV Bible Atlas, John D. Currid & David P. Barrett

Old Testament Commentaries

Entry Level

Chronological and Background Charts of the Old Testament. Revised and Expanded Edition, John H. Walton

Moderate

A Biblical-Theological Introduction to the Old Testament: The Gospel Promised, Miles Van Pelt, et al.

Typology: How Old Testament Expectations are Fulfilled in Christ, James M. Hamilton

Advanced

The Art of Biblical Narrative. Second Edition, Robert Alter

The Art of Biblical Poetry. Revised Edition, Robert Alter

Old Testament use of Old Testament, Gary Edward Schnittjer

New Testament Commentaries

Entry Level

Commentary on Matthew: The Gospel of the Kingdom, Charles H. Spurgeon

The Gospel of Mark: An Expository Commentary, D. Edmond Hiebert

The Theology of the Book of Revelation, Richard Bauckham

Moderate

The Gospel According to Matthew, Joseph Addison Alexander

A Theology of Matthew, Charles Quarles

The Gospel According to Mark, Joseph Addison Alexander

Commentary on the Gospel of Luke, The New International Commentary on the New Testament, Norval Geldenhuys

Gospel According to St. John 1-10 (Calvin's New Testament Commentaries, Vol. 4), John Calvin (trans. By William Pringle)

The Gospel of John, George Hutcheson

The Acts of the Risen Lord Jesus: Luke's Account of God's Unfolding Plan (New Studies in Biblical Theology, Volume 27), Alan J. Thompson

A Theology of James, Peter, and Jude, Peter Davids

2 Peter–Jude, Word Biblical Themes, Richard Bauckham

The Letters to the Seven Churches of Asia in Their Local Setting, Colin Hemer

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Advanced

Studies in Matthew, Dale Allison

The Structure of Hebrews, George Guthrie

The Climax of Prophecy: Studies in the Book of Revelation, Richard Bauckham

John's use of the Old Testament in Revelation, G. K. Beale

Imperial Cults and the Apocalypse of John: Reading Revelation in the Ruins, Steven J. Friesen

Old Testament Theology

Entry Level

How to Read and Understand the Biblical Prophets, Peter John Gentry

Interpreting the Prophetic Word, Willem A. Van Gemeren

Moderate

The Christ of the Prophets, O. Palmer Robertson

Reading the Prophets as Christian Scripture: A Literary, Canonical, and Theological Introduction, Eric J. Tully

Advanced

Old Testament Theology, Volume 2: The Theology of Israel's Prophetic Traditions, Gerhard Von Rad

New Testament Theology

Entry Level

Exegetical Fallacies, D.A. Carson

Moderate

How to Understand and Apply the New Testament, Andrew Naselli

Theology of the New Testament, Frank Theilman

Advanced

A New Testament Biblical Theology, G.K. Beale

Echoes of Scripture in the Gospels, Richard Hays

Echoes of Scripture in the Letters of Paul, Richard Hays

An Introduction to the New Testament, Carson & Moo

The New Testament and the People of God, N.T. Wright

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NT Theology - Gospels

Entry Level

A Biblical-Theological Introduction to the New Testament: The Gospel Realized, Michael J. Kruger (Ed.)

Expository Thoughts on the Gospels, in seven volumes, J.C. Ryle

Can We Trust the Gospels?, Peter J. Williams

Moderate

Jesus and the Eyewitnesses: The Gospels as Eyewitness Testimony, Richard Bauckham

Jesus and the Gospels: An Introduction and Survey, Second Edition, Craig L. Blomberg

Reading Backwards: Figural Christology and the Fourfold Gospel Witness, Richard Hays

Christ of the Consummation: The Testimony of the Four Gospels, O. Palmer Robertson

The Fourfold Gospel: A Theological Reading of the New Testament Portraits of Jesus, Francis Watson

Advanced

What are the Gospels? A Comparison with Graeco-Roman Biography, twentieth anniversary edition, Richard Burridge

Canon Revisited: Establishing the Origins and Authority of the New Testament Books, Michael J. Kruger

The Modern Search for the Historical Jesus: An Introductory Survey of the Historical Roots of Gospels Criticisms, Robert B. Stremple

Jesus and the Victory of God, N.T. Wright

NT Theology - Pauline

Entry Level

The Life and Theology of Paul, Guy Waters

Paul: Missionary Theologian, Robert Reymond

Interpreting the Pauline Epistles, Tom Schreiner

Moderate

Paul: Apostle of the Heart Set Free, F.F. Bruce

Paul and the Hope of Glory, Constantine Campbell

In the Fullness of Time: An Introduction to the Biblical Theology of Acts and Paul, Richard B. Gaffin Jr.

Advanced

Acts and the Isaianic New Exodus, David W. Pao

The Apostle Paul: His Life, Thought, and Letters, Stanley Porter

Paul: An Outline of His Theology, Herman Ridderbos

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NT Theology - General Epistles

Moderate

The Message of the General Epistles in the History of Redemption, Brandon Crowe

Advanced

Jude and the Relatives of Jesus in the Early Church, Richard Bauckham

NT Theology - Eschatology

Entry Level

The End Times Made Simple, Samuel Waldron

More of the End Times Made Simple, Samuel Waldron

Moderate

City of God, Books XX–XXII, Augustine

The Bible and the Future, Anthony A. Hoekema

A Case for Amillennialism: Understanding the End Times, Kim Riddlebarger

Advanced

Evangelical Millennialism in the Trans-Atlantic World, 1500–2000, Crawford Gribben

Regnum Caelorum: Patterns of Millennial Thought in Early Christianity. Second Ed., Charles E. Hill

The Pauline Eschatology, Geerhardus Vos

IRBS Faculty Book Recommendations

Church History & Symbolics

Entry Level

A Scriptural Exposition of the Baptist Catechism, Benjamin Beddome

Memoirs of Samuel Pierce, Andrew Fuller

Church History in Plain Language, Bruce Shelley

Moderate

History of Theology, Bengt Hägglund

An Introduction to Medieval Theology, Rik Van Nieuwenhove

Turning Points: Decisive Moments in the History of Christianity, Mark A. Noll

For the Vindication of the Truth: Baptist Symbolics Volume 1, James Renihan

To the Judicious and Impartial Reader: Baptist Symbolics Volume 2, James Renihan

Infant Baptism in Historical Perspective, David Wright

Advanced

Confessions, Augustine of Hippo, Henry Chadwick

Confessions, Augustine of Hippo, Garry Wills

The Baptists, Volume 1, Tom Nettles

The Baptists, Volume 2, Tom Nettles

The Baptists, Volume 3, Tom Nettles

Missions & Evangelism

Entry Level

To the Golden Shore: The Life of Adoniram Judson, Courtney Anderson

The Art of Man-Fishing: How to Reach the Lost, Thomas Boston

The Transcultural Gospel, E.D. Burns

What Is the Mission of the Church?: Making Sense of Social Justice, Shalom, and the Great Commission, Kevin DeYoung

The Best Kept Secret of Christian Missions, John Dickson

No Shortcut to Success: A Manifesto for Modern Missions (9Marks), Matt Rhodes

The Soul Winner, Charles Spurgeon

Moderate

Ancient Gospel, Brave New World, E. D. Burns

Mission-Commitment in Ancient Judaism and in the Pauline Communities: The Shape, Extent and Background of Early Christian Mission, John Dickson

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Biblical Languages

Entry Level

Using New Testament Greek in Ministry, David Alan Black

Linguistics for Students of New Testament Greek, David Alan Black

A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature, Second Edition; Bauer, Anrdt & Gingrich

Beginning with New Testament Greek, Benjamin Merkle & Robert L. Plummer

Greek for Life: Strategies for Using Greek in Ministry, Benjamin Merkle & Robert L. Plummer

Charts for Beginning Greek Grammar and Syntax: A Quick Reference Guide to Beginning with New Testament Greek, Benjamin Merkle & Robert L. Plummer

The Text of the New Testament: Its Transmission, Corruption, and Restoration. 4th Ed., Bruce M. Metzger

Moderate

A Greek Grammar of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature; Blass, Debrunner & Funk

Going Deeper with New Testament Greek, Andreas Köstenberger et al.

Charts for Intermediate Greek Grammar and Syntax: A Quick Reference Guide to Going Deeper with New Testament Greek; Köstenberger, Merkle & Plummer

The Morphology of Biblical Greek, William D. Mounce

Novum Testamentum Graeca. Nestle-Aland 28th edition; Nestle, Aland, American Bible Society

UBS 5th Revised Greek New Testament Reader's Edition; Nestle, Aland, United Bible Society

Biblical Words and Their Meaning: An Introduction to Lexical Semantics, Moisés Silva

Greek Grammar, Herbert Weir Smyth

Greek Grammar beyond the Basics: An Exegetical Syntax of the New Testament, Daniel B. Wallace

Advanced

Linguistics and New Testament Greek: Key Issues in the Current Debate, David Alan Black & Benjamin J. Merkle

The Evolution of Grammar: Tense, Aspect, and Modality in the Languages of the World; Bybee, Perkins & Pagliuca

Advances in the Study of Greek: New Insights for Reading the New Testament, Constantine R. Campbell

Linguistics & Biblical Exegesis (Lexham Methods Series), Douglas Mangum & Josh Westbury

An Introduction to the New Testament Manuscripts and Their Texts, D.C. Parker

A Grammar of the Greek New Testament in Light of Historical Research, A.T. Robertson

The Greek Verb Revisited; Runge & Fresch, eds.

Discourse Grammar of the New Testament, Steven Runge

The Greek Verb Revisited: A Fresh Approach for Biblical Exegesis, Steven E. Runge & Christopher J. Fresch

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Systematic Theology

Entry Level

God's Word Alone: the Authority of Scripture, Matthew Barrett

The Glory of a True Church, Benjamin Keach

Covenant and God's Purpose for the World, Thomas R. Schreiner

The Trinity: An Introduction, Scott R. Swain

The Blessed and Boundless God, George Swinnock

Moderate

Reformed Dogmatics, Volume 2: God and Creation (Ed. John Bolt. Trans. John Vriend), Herman Bavinck

The Trinity: An Introduction to Catholic Doctrine on the Triune God (Trans. Matthew Levering), Gilles Emery

A Treatise on True Theology, Franciscus Junius

The Mystery of Christ, His Covenant, and His Kingdom; Samuel Renihan

Advanced

The Treatise on the Divine Nature: Summa Theologiae I, 1–13, Thomas Aquinas, Translated with Commentary by Brian J. Shanley

The Trinity, St. Augustine, Translated by Edmund Hill

All that is in God: an Evangelical Theology and the Challenge of Classical Christian Theism, James Dolezal

From Shadow to Substance: The Federal Theology of the English Particular Baptists (1642-1704), Samuel Renihan

Unity and Continuity in Covenantal Thought, Andrew A. Woolsey

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Pastoral Theology

Entry Level

Descriptions and Prescriptions: A Biblical Perspective on Psychiatric Diagnoses & Medications, Michael Emlet

Preparation for Ministry, Allan Harman

The Pastor and Counseling: The Basics of Shepherding Members in Need, Jeremy Pierre & Deepak Reju

Moderate

The Christian Family, Herman Bavinck

The Christian Ministry, Charles Bridges

Concerning the True Care of Souls, Martin Bucer

Pastoral Theology, Patrick Fairbairn

Counsel for Couples: A Biblical and Practical Guide for Marriage Counseling, Jonathan D. Holmes

Seeing with New Eyes: Counseling and the Human Condition Through the Lens of Scripture, David Powlison

Advanced

Pastoral Care in Historical Perspective, William A. Clebsch & Charles R. Jaekle

Psychology and Christianity: Five Views; Eric L. Johnson, et al.

The Book of Pastoral Rule (Popular Patristics Series), St. Gregory the Great, Trans. George E. Demacopoulos

Philosophical Theology

Entry Level

The Love of Wisdom: An Introduction to Philosophy for Theologians, Andrew Davison

Methodical Realism: A Handbook for Beginning Realists; Étienne Gilson, Trans. Philip Trower

Moderate

Dictionary of Latin and Greek Theological Terms: Drawn Principally from Protestant Scholastic Theology. Second edition, Richard A. Muller

The Philosophy of Being. Second edition, Henri Renard

Dictionary of Scholastic Philosophy, Bernard Wuellner

Advanced

Thomistic Common Sense: The Philosophy of Being and the Development of Doctrine; Réginald Garrigou-Lagrange, Trans. Matthew K. Miner

Wisdom in the Face of Modernity: A Study in Thomistic Natural Theology. Second edition, Thomas Joseph White