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The apostle Peter urges followers of Jesus to always be ready to defend the Christian faith – with gentleness and respect (1 Pet. 3:15-16). Jude expresses the urgent need to contend for the faith delivered to the saints once for all (Jude 3).

Standing for truth has always been challenging, but it's even more difficult in today's culture, which professes relative personal truth and increasingly celebrates behaviors that grieve the heart of God. Now more than ever, followers of Jesus must know what we believe, why we believe it, and how to share biblical truth with those who are blinded by the evil one (2 Cor. 4:4).

Trustworthy, biblically sound resources are key. And that's what High Street Press offers, as you see in the pages to follow. High Street Press is the publishing arm of the Missouri Baptist Convention. Each resource we produce is written for pastors and laypersons alike and is designed for personal or group study.

So, take a look and place an order. Visit [highstreet.press](http://highstreet.press) to get started on your journey of a deeper walk with Jesus.

May the Lord bless you as you earnestly contend for the faith.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Yeats". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first and last names being the most prominent.

**Dr. John Yeats**

Executive Director – Treasurer  
Missouri Baptist Convention

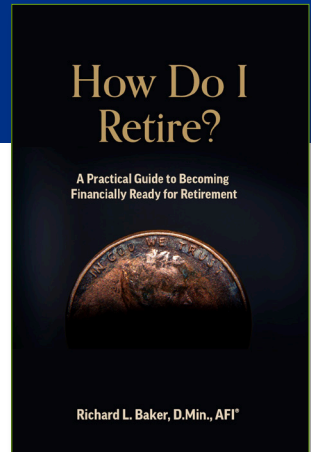
**<sup>3</sup>Dear friends, although I was eager to write you about the salvation we share, I found it necessary to write and exhort you to contend for the faith that was delivered to the saints once for all. <sup>4</sup>For some men, who were designated for this judgment long ago, have come in by stealth; they are ungodly, turning the grace of our God into promiscuity and denying Jesus Christ, our only Master and Lord.**

**JUDE 3-4 (CSB)**

# How Do I Retire?

American workers today face a game-changing scenario. By retirement, most of us have worked for seven or eight companies. We have no pension. And our savings are scattered across various retirement plans. Plus, we're living longer than our parents, which makes us wonder if we're going to outlive our money.

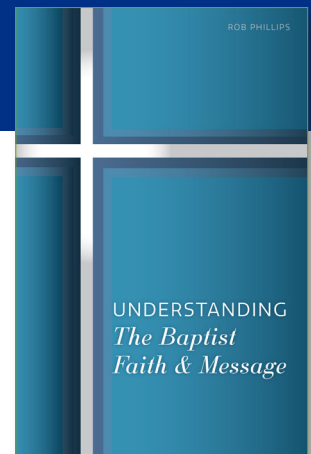
*How Do I Retire?* helps you assess your current financial situation, articulate retirement goals, discover a plan that's right for you, and take positive steps now to prepare for what could be the most fulfilling days of your life. This is a must-read for every person who wants to finish well.

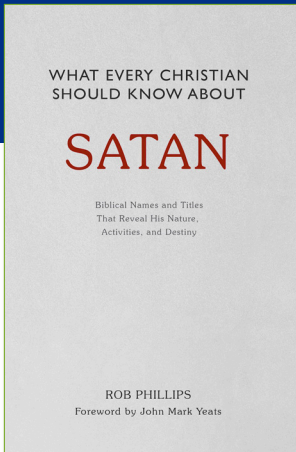


# Understanding *The Baptist Faith & Message*

Southern Baptists are a diverse bunch, with more than fourteen million members in forty-seven thousand autonomous churches. Spread across all fifty states, these churches vary in size, ethnic diversity, language, forms of worship, leadership models, and missions.

Generally speaking, however, Southern Baptists stand together in their embrace of historic Christian beliefs expressed in a confessional statement called *The Baptist Faith & Message*. Understanding this statement helps Southern Baptists appreciate the value of their common beliefs, as well as grasp the simple truths of the BF&M's eighteen articles. This resource is designed for personal or group study.

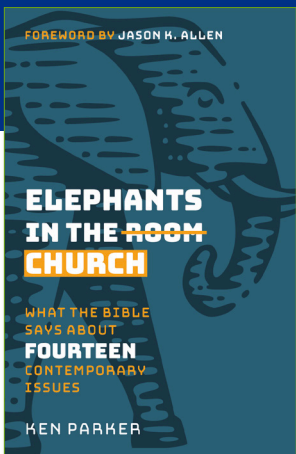




## What Every Christian Should Know About Satan

Was Satan once an anointed cherub – God’s prime minister of the universe? When and how did he become the father of lies, tempter, accuser, and adversary? How do names like Beelzebul and Belial depict his heinous deeds? And what hope is there for followers of Jesus in knowing that God has prepared a special place for Satan and his messengers?

*What Every Christian Should Know About Satan* explores more than a dozen biblical names and titles that reveal the evil one’s character, tactics, and ultimate destiny in hell. Written for pastors and laypersons alike, this resource is designed for personal or group study.



## Elephants in the Church

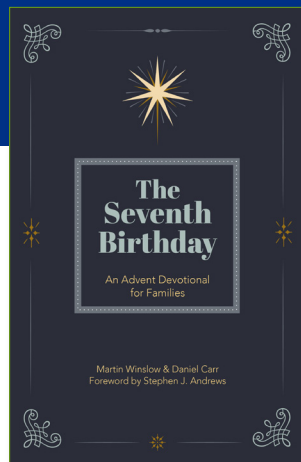
We’ve all heard the expression, “the elephant in the room.” It’s a metaphorical idiom in English for an important or controversial topic that’s obvious to everyone, but so delicate that no one wants to address it. But what happens when elephants come to church? That is, what does the local church do with such hot-button topics as creation vs. evolution, same-sex attraction, racism and sexism, depression, and burial vs. cremation? Often, the answer is: we avoid them.

But we shouldn’t because the Bible addresses them all. *Elephants in the Church* explores fourteen such topics from a biblical perspective. Written for pastors and laypersons alike, this study features discussion questions at the end of each chapter and is an engaging, readable, and biblically sound resource for all Christians.

## The Seventh Birthday

Throughout Scripture, we meet six unique women who aren't able to conceive. The Bible depicts each of them as "barren." Yet, through God's intervention, they all have children. What's more, each child born to these formerly barren women plays a vital role in the history of God's people, and more importantly in God's ultimate plan to reveal his only Son through a seventh and most miraculous conception – the virgin birth of Jesus Christ.

*The Seventh Birthday* unpacks each of these momentous birthdays in a compelling series of daily devotionals. Designed for family study, this book builds to a climax in God's most beloved birthday story – the long-awaited birth of Immanuel, God with us.

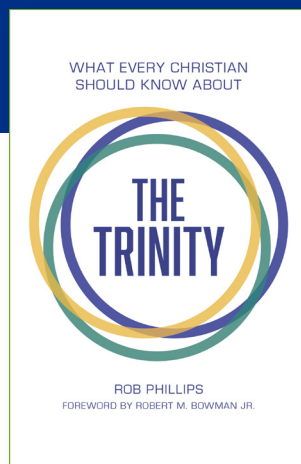


## What Every Christian Should Know About the Trinity

The doctrine of the Trinity distinguishes orthodox Christianity from counterfeit forms of the faith, and sets Christianity apart from other monotheistic religions such as Judaism and Islam. Even so, many Christians struggle to understand and explain this non-negotiable doctrine.

*What Every Christian Should Know About the Trinity* explores the biblical foundation of belief in one true and living God, who exists as three distinct, but inseparable, co-equal, co-eternal persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Written for pastors and laypersons alike, this book features twelve lessons that conclude with probing questions, making this an ideal resource for personal or group study.



## JESUS BEFORE BETHLEHEM

What Every Christian  
Should Know About the  
Angel of the LORD



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Foreword by Rodney A. Harrison

## Jesus Before Bethlehem: What Every Christian Should Know About the Angel of the LORD

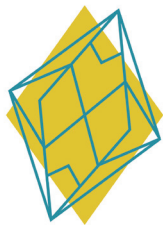
What was Jesus doing prior to his conception in Mary's womb?

While we see the Father and the Holy Spirit actively engaged in human affairs across the pages of the Old Testament, the other member of the Trinity is foreshadowed in messianic prophecies but otherwise absent from the earth. Or is he?

*Jesus Before Bethlehem* explores dozens of Old Testament appearances by a figure often called "the angel of the LORD." He not only speaks for God; he speaks as God. He appears as a man, a voice from heaven, a flame within a thorn bush, and a divine presence in a pillar of cloud and fire – all of which come to us as Christophanies, or appearances of the preincarnate Christ.

Written for pastors and laypersons alike, this study is designed to show how the eternal Son of God has always taken a personal interest in those he created to be his imagers on earth.

## WHAT EVERY CHRISTIAN SHOULD KNOW ABOUT SALVATION



TWELVE BIBLE TERMS THAT DESCRIBE  
GOD'S WORK OF REDEMPTION

ROB PHILLIPS

## What Every Christian Should Know About Salvation

What does it mean to be saved? And how does God's work of redemption span time and eternity to provide a remedy for sin, which has ruined everything and alienated everyone from him?

*What Every Christian Should Know About Salvation* explores twelve Bible terms that describe God's gracious work of rescuing us from sin, returning us to a right relationship with him, and ultimately restoring us - and the fallen world in which we live - to the perfection Adam and Eve experienced before the Fall.

Each chapter concludes with summary statements and probing questions, making this an ideal resource for personal or group study.



## The Apologist's Tool Kit

Followers of Jesus always have faced attacks from outside the church – from worshipers in the cult of Caesar to militant Muslims. But potentially more damaging are threats from within – from false teachers who tickle our ears (2 Tim. 4:3) to false prophets who come to us with “cleverly devised myths” (2 Peter 1:16).

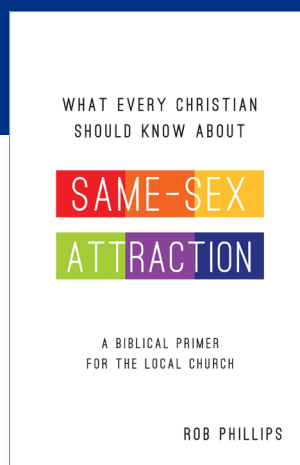
*The Apologist's Tool Kit* equips you to defend the Christian faith with gentleness and respect. This easy-to-read reference addresses some of the most commonly challenged Christian doctrines, from the existence of God to the authority of Scripture. Each chapter concludes with probing questions, talking points, and references for further reading, making this a handy resource for personal or group study.



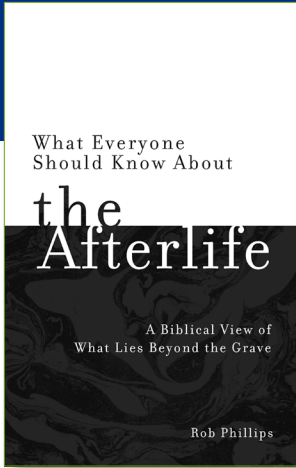
## What Every Christian Should Know About Same-sex Attraction

Christians are in the crosshairs of today's culture, which celebrates LGBTQ attractions and accuses those who stand on biblical convictions of engaging in a new brand of McCarthyism. We should not despair, however. This is a God-ordained opportunity for followers of Jesus to love our lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender friends, and for the church to minister to those struggling with unwanted same-sex attraction.

*What Every Christian Should Know About Same-sex Attraction* offers a brief overview of the Bible's clear teachings on homosexuality, and how Christians can express Christ-like love for our LGBTQ friends.





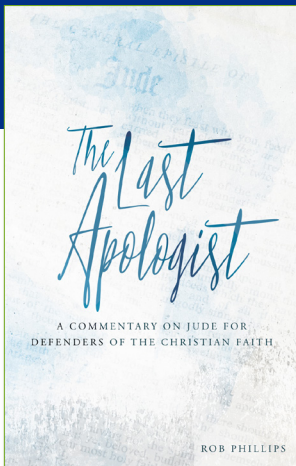


## What Everyone Should Know About the Afterlife

You're going to live forever. The questions are where, and how. With so many views about the afterlife - from reincarnation to annihilation - is there any way to know for sure what lies beyond the grave? The answer is a resounding yes! The same God who created you in His image has revealed important truths about your destiny.

*What Everyone Should Know About the Afterlife* briefly addresses what the Bible says about death, judgment, heaven, hell, and much more. Our response to God's offer of salvation carries everlasting consequences.

Each chapter concludes with probing questions, making this an ideal resource for personal or group study.



## The Last Apologist: A Commentary on Jude for Defenders of the Christian Faith

The Epistle of Jude may be one of the most neglected New Testament books. Bible readers are tempted – in part by its brevity and in part by its similarity to 2 Peter 2 – to skip over Jude on the way to Revelation, or to give this short epistle little more than a glance.

This is unfortunate, because Jude speaks volumes about the value of Christian apologetics. *The Last Apologist* is more than a verse-by-verse commentary.

Each chapter explores key words and phrases, and poses thought-provoking questions that make this a handy resource for personal or group study.

**<sup>15</sup> but honor the Messiah as Lord in your hearts.**

**Always be ready to give a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you.**

**<sup>16</sup> However, do this with gentleness and respect, keeping your conscience clear, so that when you are accused, those who denounce your Christian life will be put to shame.**

**1 PETER 3:15-16 (CSB)**



## Benefits of High Street Press Resources

- Written and produced by leaders in the Missouri Baptist Convention
- Consistent with the Southern Baptist statement of faith, *The Baptist Faith & Message 2000*
- Designed for personal or group study
- Undated, so you can build a plan for your church any time of the year
- Culturally relevant topics such as same-sex attraction and the afterlife
- Crucial doctrinal themes such as the Trinity, salvation, and Satan

*“The resources High Street Press publishes have been extremely helpful to our church’s ministry – and to mine, as well. We’ve used the materials for small-group studies and even our Wednesday evening church-wide study. The resources are doctrinally sound, and the content is both relevant and clear. If you’re an author, I highly recommend publishing with High Street Press. My experience with them was stellar! If you’re a pastor or teacher, I encourage you to utilize High Street Press to help others grow in faith.”*

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First Baptist Church, Kearney, Mo.  
Author of *Elephants in the Church*

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