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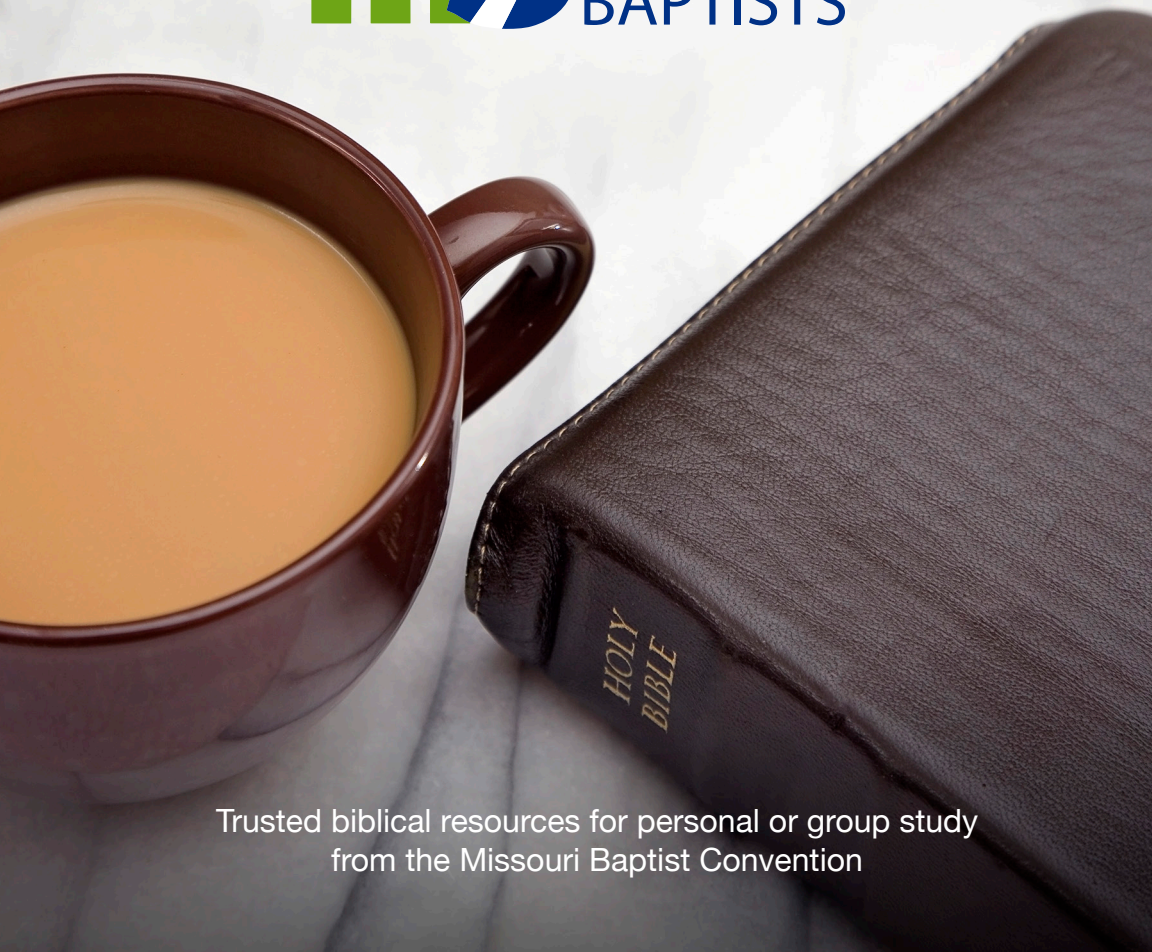

Trusted biblical resources for personal or group study
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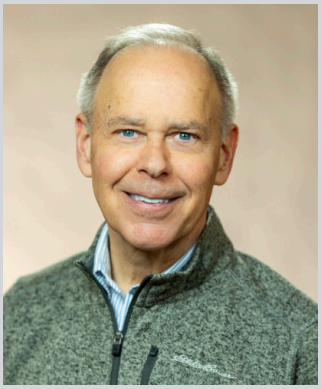

The apostle Peter urges followers of Jesus to always be ready to defend the Christian faith – with gentleness and respect (1 Pet. 3:15-16). Jude expresses the urgent need to contend for the faith delivered to the saints once for all (Jude 3).

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 to get started on your journey of a deeper walk with Jesus.

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

Rob Phillips
Associate Executive Director
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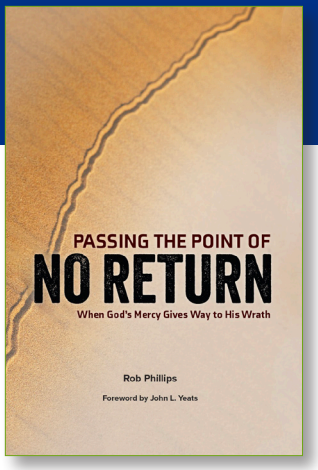
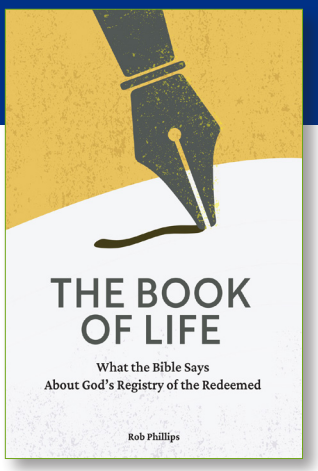


Passing the Point of No Return: When God's Mercy Gives Way to His Wrath

Does God draw a line in the sand when it comes to sin? Can those who reject the one living and true God rebel against him so grievously, and reject his grace so persistently, they pass a point of no return? The answer is yes. Scripture reveals not only God's profound mercy; it unveils its limits.

In this study, we focus on biblical accounts of people and people groups that ignore God's warning and step brazenly across a divinely written line in the sand. Each chapter features top ten takeaways, and an appendix offers chapter summaries along with questions for personal or group study.

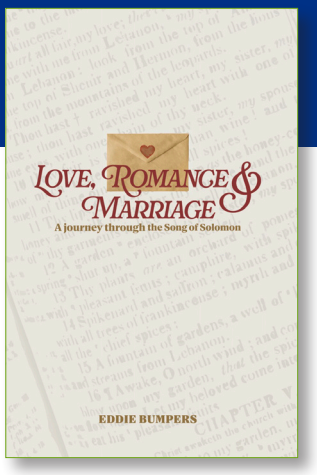


The Book of Life: What the Bible Says About God's Registry of the Redeemed

The Bible mentions dozens of books, from the Book of the LORD's Wars to a seven-sealed scroll only Jesus is worthy to open. But perhaps the most fascinating book revealed in Scripture is the one that may, or may not, feature your name: the book of life.

In this study, we discover that the book of life discloses the everlasting destiny of all people. It is, John writes, the Lamb's book of life, and those whose names are written there are shielded from the lake of fire and welcomed into New Jerusalem. Each chapter concludes with a summary of key points and questions for further discussion, making this a helpful resource for personal or group study.

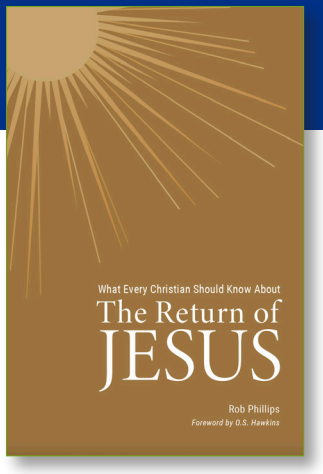
Love, Romance & Marriage: A Journey Through the Song of Solomon



Sometimes, Scripture can make you blush. The Song of Solomon offers us stimulating details of love, romance, and marriage between King Solomon and a Shulamite woman. There's passion, intrigue, desire, pursuit, and exhilaration as these young people anticipate their wedding day and then grow old together. There also are bruised egos, lonely nights, and deep longings as the king and his country-girl bride get to know each other better.

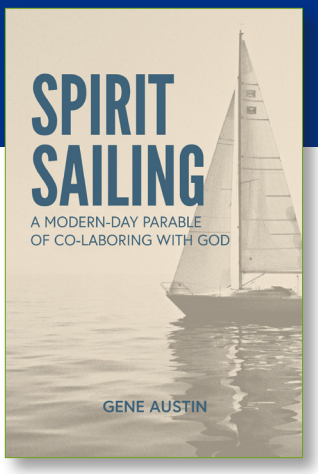
Love, Romance & Marriage offers a compelling and readable exploration of the Song of Solomon. It offers practical steps to help husbands and wives love their mates in the same way Christ loves his church.

What Every Christian Should Know About the Return of Jesus



Christians often devote so much attention to various views about the chronological details of Christ's return, we forget the many beliefs we hold in common.

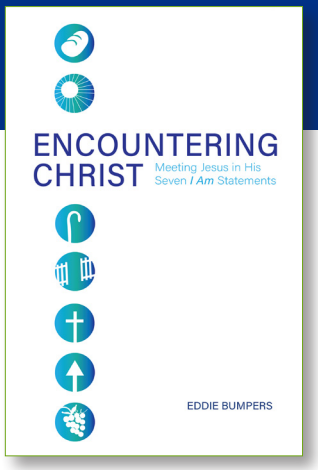
It's that common knowledge we seek to regain in *What Every Christian Should Know About the Return of Jesus*. Specifically, this study focuses on the truths about Christ's second coming that are plainly stated in Scripture, and on which nearly all Christians agree. With the non-negotiables of Christ's imminent return in view, we are better prepared. And we're better equipped to share the good news that the returning Jesus came the first time to secure our salvation.



Spirit Sailing: A Modern-day Parable of Co-Laboring with God

Dan Crenshaw has it all: career, family, house, and retirement fund. He's earned respect as a business leader and provider for his family. But Dan's perspective shatters one weekend when the cracks in his personal life break wide open. He discovers he's not the man he wants to be. At the same time, he sees the power of his grandfather's spiritual heritage.

During a sailboat ride, "Papi" shares the secret of his legacy, and Dan's life changes forever. In this modern-day parable, discover what it means to Spirit Sail, and dig deeper into what it means to embrace God's purposes for your life. Your own spiritual legacy is in the making.

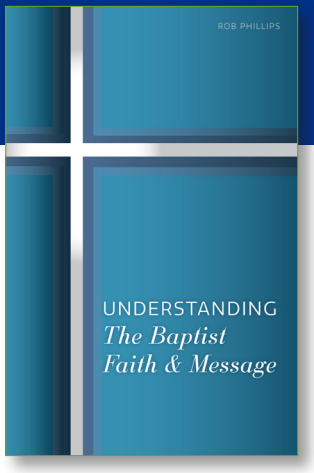


Encountering Christ: Meeting Jesus in His Seven *I AM* Statements

Standing at the foothills of Mount Hermon, Jesus pointedly asks his disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" That's the question this book seeks to answer – not from the plethora of opinions that emerged over the centuries or dot the cultural landscape today, but from the lips of Jesus himself. Through seven "I am" statements, Jesus of Nazareth leaves no doubt as to his true identity – from the bread of life to the true vine.

Encountering Christ offers in-depth, readable explorations of Jesus' seven "I am" statements recorded in the Gospel of John. Designed for personal or group study, this book helps readers understand who Jesus really is – and better yet, to know him personally.

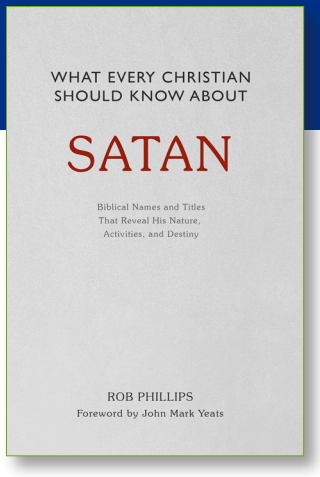
Understanding *The Baptist Faith & Message*



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



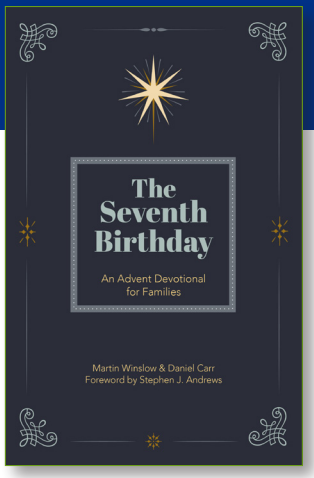
Was Satan once an anointed cherub – God's prime minister of the universe? When and how did he become the father of lies, tempter, accuser, and adversary? How do names like Beelzebul and Belial depict his heinous deeds? And what hope is there for followers of Jesus in knowing that God has prepared a special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

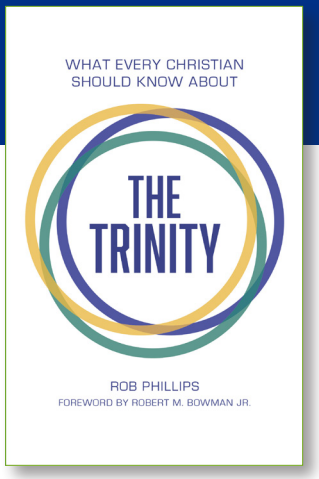


The Seventh Birthday

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

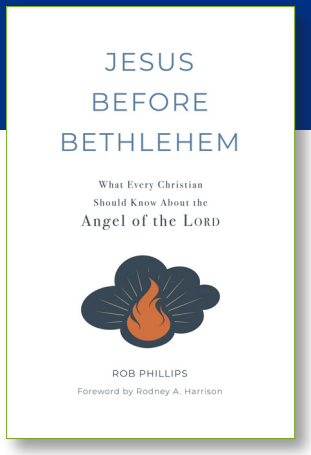


The doctrine of the Trinity distinguishes orthodox Christianity from counterfeit forms of the faith, and sets Christianity apart from other monotheistic religions such as Judaism and Islam. Even so, many Christians struggle to understand and explain this non-negotiable doctrine.

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

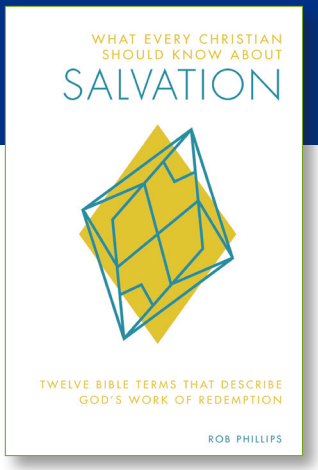


What was Jesus doing prior to his conception in Mary's womb?

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, 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.

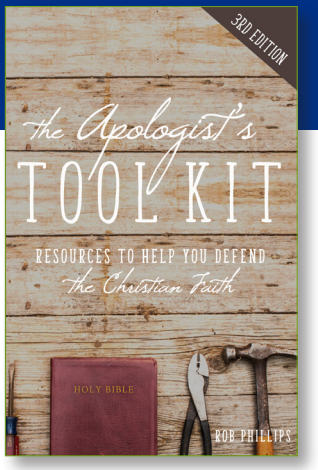


What Every Christian Should Know About Salvation

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.

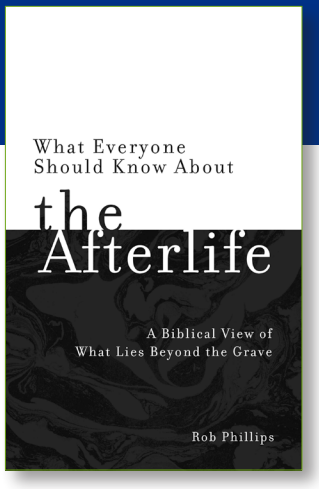
Each chapter concludes with summary statements and probing questions, making this an ideal resource for personal or group study.



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 Pet. 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.

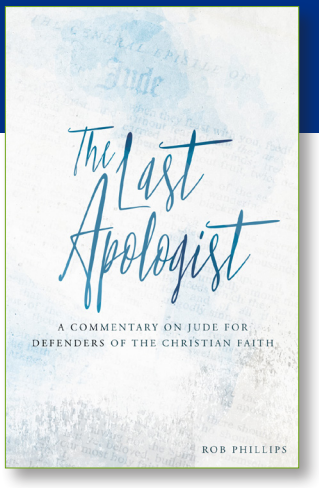


What Everyone Should Know About the Afterlife

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.

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