

<b>Paul: A Biography</b>	Wright N. T.	Harper Collins	2018	In this definitive biography, renowned Bible scholar, Anglican bishop, and bestselling author N. T. Wright offers a radical look at the apostle Paul, illuminating the humanity and remarkable achievements of this intellectual who invented Christian theology — transforming a faith and changing the world. For centuries, Paul, the apostle who „saw the light on the Road to Damascus“ and made a miraculous conversion from zealous Pharisee persecutor to devoted follower of Christ, has been one of the church’s most widely cited saints. While his influence on Christianity has been profound, N. T. Wright argues that Bible scholars and pastors have focused so much attention on Paul’s letters and theology that they have too often overlooked the essence of the man’s life and the extreme unlikelihood of what he achieved. To Wright, „The problem is that Paul is central to any understanding of earliest Christianity, yet Paul was a Jew; for many generations Christians of all kinds have struggled to put this together.“ Wright contends that our knowledge of Paul and appreciation for his legacy cannot be complete without an understanding of his Jewish heritage. Giving us a thoughtful, in-depth exploration of the human and intellectual drama that shaped Paul, Wright provides greater clarity of the apostle’s writings, thoughts, and ideas and helps us see them in a fresh, innovative way. Paul is a compelling modern biography that reveals the apostle’s greater role in Christian history — as an inventor of new paradigms for how we understand Jesus and what he accomplished — and celebrates his stature as one of the most effective and influential intellectuals in human history.
<b>In Christ' in Paul: Explorations in Paul's Theology of Union and Participation</b>	<i>Thate M. J., Vanhoozer K. J., Campbell C. R.</i>	Mohr Siebeck	2014	Nearing thirty-five years ago, E. P. Sanders famously stated that the center of thought within Paul's theology is participatory in nature - which, of course, caused no small debate within broad strands of Pauline scholarship. Sanders also suggested that we have no modern conception of what this thought might mean for us today. These two axioms of Sanders loosely organize the essays in this volume which seek to explore the complex notions of union and participation within Pauline theology through exegesis, highlights in reception history, and theological reflection. Contributors: Mary Patton Baker, T. Robert Baylor, Ben C. Blackwell, Constantine R. Campbell, Douglas A. Campbell, Julie Canlis, Stephen Chester, Matthew Croasmun, Susan Eastman, Michael J. Gorman, Joshua W. Jipp, Keith L. Johnson, Grant Macaskill, Isaac Augustine Morales, O.P., Darren Sarisky, Devin P. Singh, Michael J. Thate, Kevin J. Vanhoozer, Ashish Varma
<b>Center Church: Doing Balanced, Gospel-Centered Ministry in Your City</b>	Keller T.	Zondervan	2012	Today many pastors are struggling to adapt to a post-Christian culture without abandoning orthodox theology. How do we communicate the concepts of grace and substitutionary atonement in our globalized culture and context? In Center Church, Timothy Keller offers challenging insights and provocative questions based on over twenty years of ministry in New York City. This book outlines a theological vision for ministry - applying classic doctrines to our time and place - organized around three core commitments: • Gospel-centered: The gospel of grace in Jesus Christ changes everything, from our hearts to our community to the world. It completely reshapes the content, tone and strategy of all that we do. • City-centered:

				With a positive approach toward our culture, we learn to affirm that cities are wonderful, strategic and underserved places for gospel ministry. • Movement-centered: Instead of building our own tribe, we seek the prosperity and peace of our community as we are led by the Holy Spirit. „In this important book, Tim Keller unpacks the gospel and gently but firmly reminds us that it is nonnegotiable. At the same time, he enables us to think through how we can responsibly interact with the culture, how we can - indeed, must - appreciate good things within it, and how we can firmly and faithfully apply the gospel to it.“ - D.A. Carson, research professor of New Testament, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School
<b>Jesus Through Middle Eastern Eyes</b>	Bailey K. E.	IVP Academic	2008	Beginning with Jesus' birth, Ken Bailey leads you on a kaleidoscopic study of Jesus throughout the four Gospels. Bailey examines the life and ministry of Jesus with attention to the Lord's Prayer, the Beatitudes, Jesus' relationships with women, and especially Jesus' parables. Through it all, Bailey employs his trademark expertise as a master of Middle Eastern culture to lead you into a deeper understanding of the person and significance of Jesus within his own cultural context. With a sure but gentle hand, Bailey lifts away the obscuring layers of modern Western interpretation to reveal Jesus in the light of his actual historical and cultural setting. This entirely new material from the pen of Ken Bailey is a must-have for any student of the New Testament. If you have benefited from Bailey's work over the years, this book will be a welcome and indispensable addition to your library. If you are unfamiliar with Bailey's work, this book will introduce you to a very old yet entirely new way of understanding Jesus.
<b>Das Pfarramt: ein gefährdeter Pfeiler der europäischen Kultur</b>	Rothen P. B.	LIT Verlag Münster	2009	Das Buch von Rothen ist in zwei Teile aufgeteilt. Im ersten Teil setzt er sich konstruktiv kritisch mit dem Pfarramt in der neueren pastoraltheologischen Literatur auseinander (namentlich mit Ernst Lange, Manfred Josuttis, Fritz und Christian Schwarz, Pierre-Luigi Dubied und Isolde Karle), im zweiten Teil deutet er das Pfarramt als „Ordnungsmacht im Dienst des Evangeliums“ in seiner Spannung zwischen biblischen und geschichtlichen Vorgaben, aber auch der soziologischen Situation der heutigen Kirche.
<b>An Introduction to the Old Testament: The Canon and Christian Imagination</b>	Brueggemann W., Linafelt T.	Westminster John Knox Press	2012	In this book, Walter Brueggemann, America's premier biblical theologian, introduces the reader to the broad theological scope and chronological sweep of the Old Testament. Covering each book of the Old Testament - in the order in which it appears in the Hebrew Bible - the Introduction explains without unnecessary jargon the most important issues and methods in contemporary interpretation of the Old Testament - literary, historical, and theological.
<b>Theology of the Old Testament. Testimony, Dispute, Advocacy</b>	Brueggemann W.	Fortress Press	2005	This paperback edition of Walter Brueggemann's classic work makes this important volume available at a lower price and accompanied by a CD-ROM that enhances its usefulness in numerous ways. Using the Libronix software, with helpful features for the user (searching, bookmarking, highlighting, auto-footnoting, note taking), the CD-ROM also includes chapter summaries, discussion questions, and web links to Brueggemann resources (articles, interviews, reviews).

<b>The Mission of God's People: A Biblical Theology of the Church's Mission</b>	Wright Ch. J. H.	Zondervan	2010	Chris Wright's pioneering 2006 book, <i>The Mission of God</i> , revealed that the typical Christian understanding of „missions“ encompasses only a small part of God's overarching mission for the world. God is relentlessly reclaiming the entire world for himself. In <i>The Mission of God's People</i> , Wright shows how God's big-picture plan directs the purpose of God's people, the church. Wright emphasizes what the Old Testament teaches Christians about being the people of God. He addresses questions of both ecclesiology and missiology with topics like „called to care for creation,“ „called to bless the nations,“ „sending and being sent,“ and „rejecting false gods.“ As part of the <i>Biblical Theology for Life Series</i> , this book provides pastors, teachers, and lay learners with first-rate biblical study while at the same time addressing the practical concerns of contemporary ministry. <i>The Mission of God's People</i> promises to enliven and refocus the study, teaching, and ministry of those truly committed to joining God's work in the world.
<b>Small Church Essentials: Field-Tested Principles for Leading a Healthy Congregation of under 250</b>	Vaters K.	Moody Publishers	2018	Big churches get all the love. Articles, books, conferences they mostly feature leaders of large congregations. Yet big churches are a small part of the ecclesial landscape. In fact, more than 90 percent of churches have fewer than 200 people. That means small churches play a big part in what God is doing.
<b>God Can't: How to Believe in God and Love after Tragedy, Abuse, and Other Evils</b>	Oord T. J.	SacraSa ge Press	2019	Many people wrestle with questions of evil. Some appeal to mystery („God's ways are not our ways“). Others say God allows evil for some greater purpose. Still others say God punishes with evil. Not only are these answers unsatisfying, they fail to support the view that God loves everyone all the time.
<b>Christian Mission in the Modern World</b>	Stott J. R. W.	IVP Books	2016	In recent years, the mission of the church has been defined in two almost exclusive ways. On the one hand are those who say the church must focus on evangelism and discipleship alone. On the other hand are those who advocate concentrating almost solely on societal reform. In this classic book, John Stott shows that Christian mission must encompass both evangelism and social action. He begins with careful definitions of five key terms--mission, evangelism, dialogue, salvation and conversion. Then, through a thorough biblical exploration of these concepts, Stott provides a model for ministry to people's spiritual and physical needs alike. Ultimately, Stott points to the example of Jesus, who modeled both the Great Commission of proclamation and the Great Commandment of love and service. This balanced, holistic approach to mission points the way forward for the work of the church in the world.
<b>Mission in Central and Eastern Europe: Realities, Perspectives, Trends</b>	Constantineanu C. et al.	Regnum Edinburgh Centenary Series, Oxford	2016	This is a wonderfully comprehensive and informative book on a subject about which little has been written or is known. It provides a veritable encyclopaedia that will be a useful addition to any mission scholar's library.
<b>The Day the Revolution Began: Reconsidering the</b>	Wright N. T.	HarperCollins	2016	The renowned scholar, Anglican bishop, and bestselling author widely considered to be the heir to C. S. Lewis contemplates the central event at the heart of the Christian faith—Jesus' crucifixion—arguing that the Protestant Reformation did not go

<b>Meaning of Jesus's Crucifixion</b>				far enough in transforming our understanding of its meaning. In <i>The Day the Revolution Began</i> , N. T. Wright once again challenges commonly held Christian beliefs as he did in his acclaimed <i>Surprised by Hope</i> . Demonstrating the rigorous intellect and breathtaking knowledge that have long defined his work, Wright argues that Jesus' death on the cross was not only to absolve us of our sins; it was actually the beginning of a revolution commissioning the Christian faithful to a new vocation—a royal priesthood responsible for restoring and reconciling all of God's creation. Wright argues that Jesus' crucifixion must be understood within the much larger story of God's purposes to bring heaven and earth together. <i>The Day the Revolution Began</i> offers a grand picture of Jesus' sacrifice and its full significance for the Christian faith, inspiring believers with a renewed sense of mission, purpose, and hope, and reminding them of the crucial role the Christian faith must play in protecting and shaping the future of the world.
<b>Genesis for Normal People</b>	Enns P., Byas J.	Patheos Press	2012	Given the fever-pitched controversies about evolution, Adam and Eve, and scientific evidence for the Flood, the average person might feel intimidated by the book of Genesis. But behind the heady debates is a terrific story—one that anyone can understand, and one that has gripped people for ages. If you are not a Bible scholar but want to be able to read Genesis and understand its big picture, this brief, witty book is the guide you've been waiting for. Clear summaries and thought-provoking questions provide direction for personal reflection and group discussion. Peter Enns, a Biblical Studies professor, and Jared Byas, an Old Testament professor, summarize the book's key themes and help us see Genesis as an ancient story, one with continued relevance for human experience today. <i>Genesis for Normal People</i> illuminates the characters that fill the book of Genesis, causing us to resonate with their choices and struggles even as we marvel at their distant world. And that's what you'll find here—not scientific proof texts or simple moral tales, but a distant world made available, and a story that is often strange, sometimes dangerous, and always filled with rich possibilities.
<b>Most Moved Mover</b>	Pinnock C. H.	Baker Academi c	2001	This defense of openness theology begins with an analysis of the current debate, followed by an explanation of the misconceptions about openness theology, and a delineation of areas of agreement between classical and openness theologians.
<b>Does God Love Everyone?</b>	Walls J. L.	Cascade Books	2016	Does God truly love all persons? Most Christians think the obvious answer to this question is, „Yes, of course he does!“ Indeed, many Christians would agree that the very heart of the gospel is that God so loved the whole world that he gave his Son to make salvation available for every single person. This book shows that one of the most popular and resurgent theological movements in the contemporary evangelical church--namely, Calvinism--cannot coherently and consistently affirm this vital claim about the love of God. While some Calvinists forthrightly deny that God loves everyone, more commonly Calvinists attempt to affirm the love of God for all persons in terms that are compatible with their doctrines that Christ died only for the elect--those persons God has unconditionally chosen to save. This book shows that the Calvinist attempts to affirm God's love

				for all persons are fraught with severe philosophical and theological difficulties. Calvinism, then, should be rejected in favor of a theology that can forthrightly and consistently affirm the love of God for all persons. Nothing less is at stake than the very heart of the gospel.
<b>Putting God Second: How to Save Religion from Itself</b>	Hartman D.	Beacon Press	2016	Why have the monotheistic religions failed to produce societies that live up to their ethical ideals? A prominent rabbi answers this question by looking at his own faith and offering a way for religion to heal itself.
<b>Telling God's Story: A Parents' Guide to Teaching the Bible</b>	Enns P.	Olive Branch Books	2011	In this accessible and engaging book, Peter Enns (author of the controversial and best-selling <i>Inspiration and Incarnation: Evangelicals and the Problem of the Old Testament</i> ) provides parents and teachers with a straightforward and intelligent twelve-year plan for teaching the Bible. Written for lay readers but incorporating the best scholarly insights, <i>Telling God's Story</i> avoids sectarian agendas. Instead, Enns suggests beginning with the parables of the Gospels for the youngest students; continuing on with the more complex stories of the Old and New Testaments for middle grade students; and guiding high school students into an understanding of the history and culture of biblical times.
<b>The Jewish Gospels. The Story of the Jewish Christ</b>	Boyarin D.	The New Press, New York	2012	In July 2008, a front-page story in the <i>New York Times</i> reported on the discovery of an ancient Hebrew tablet, dating from before the birth of Jesus, which predicted a Messiah who would rise from the dead after three days. Commenting on this startling discovery at the time, noted Talmud scholar Daniel Boyarin argued that „some Christians will find it shocking — a challenge to the uniqueness of their theology.” Guiding us through a rich tapestry of new discoveries and ancient scriptures, <i>The Jewish Gospels</i> makes the powerful case that our conventional understandings of Jesus and of the origins of Christianity are wrong. In Boyarin's scrupulously illustrated account, the coming of the Messiah was fully imagined in the ancient Jewish texts. Jesus, moreover, was embraced by many Jews as this person, and his core teachings were not at all a break from Jewish beliefs and teachings. Jesus and his followers, Boyarin shows, were simply Jewish. What came to be known as Christianity came much later, as religious and political leaders sought to impose a new religious orthodoxy that was not present at the time of Jesus's life.
<b>Pastoral Theology: Essentials of Ministry</b>	Oden T. C.	HarperCollins	1983	This much-needed book fully integrates principles of pastoral care, leadership, and theology to restore to ministers a clearly defined pastoral identity. Moving from a critique of inadequate models for ministry -- from community organizer to T. V. evangelist -- Oden develops a more classical model, rich in its references to the past and compatible both with Christian faith and theology through the ages and with current needs. Reconciling classical tradition with practice, <i>Pastoral Theology</i> will be a standard resource and reference in the field. Oden distills the best ideas of the two millennia of ecumenical Christian thinking concerning what pastors are and do. <i>Pastoral Theology</i> provides the foundational knowledge of the pastoral office requisite to the practice of ministry. It will be of interest to persons preparing for ordination in its review of key issues; at the same time, <i>Pastoral Theology</i> will appeal to all those who

				have considered entering the ministry, those who want to know more about what clergy do and why, and those ministers who want to review their ongoing work in the light of a systematic reflection on the pastoral gifts and tasks.
<b>Irresistible</b>	Stanley A.	Zondervan	2018	Two thousand years ago, Christians risked persecution and death for the sake of their faith. What would happen if 21st-century believers followed their lead? Taking you back to a time when Christianity couldn't be ignored, marginalized, or eradicated, Stanley shows how the early church turned the world upside down---and how we can recover that same faith.
<b>Postcards from Babylon: The Church In American Exile</b>	Zahnd B.	Spello Press	2019	The original gospel proclamation that the Lord of the nations was a crucified Galilean raised from the dead and that salvation was found in vowing allegiance to Jesus of Nazareth unleashed a shock wave that turned the Roman Empire upside down. Early Christianity was subversive and dangerous - dangerous for Christians, and a threat to the keepers of the old order. Most of all Christianity was countercultural. But what about contemporary American Christianity? Is it the countercultural way of Jesus or merely a religious endorsement of Americanism? In his provocative audiobook, Postcards From Babylon, Brian Zahnd challenges the listener to see and embrace a daring Jesus-centered Christianity that can again turn the world upside down.
<b>The Living Church: Convictions of a Lifelong Pastor</b>	Stott J. R. W.	InterVarsity Press	2015	At the 150th anniversary of the dedication of his church, John Stott gave voice to his dream for All Souls, London, and all souls everywhere: „I have a dream of . . . a biblical church . . . a worshiping church . . . a caring church . . . a serving church . . . an expectant church. Reflecting on his more than sixty years of service at All Souls and a worldwide ministry that led Time magazine to acknowledge him as one of the „100 Most Influential People in the World,“ Stott alerts a church that is in transition to the marks of a church that is living. The Living Church is the full articulation of Stott's dream for the body of Christ in the world today. To the people of God who inherit the global church he has helped to build for the past sixty years, he bequeaths this calling: There is such a thing as goodness: pursue it. The postmodern mood is unfriendly to all universal absolutes. Yet the apostle says there is such a thing as truth: fight for it. And there is such a thing as life: lay hold of it. May God enable us to make an unabashed commitment . . . to what is true, what is good, and what is real.