

2016 Excellent Publications*

New Testament

Barclay, John. *Paul and the Subversive Power of Grace*. Grove Books, 2016. (28 page booklet with a masterful summary of his 600+ page *Paul and the Gift*, perhaps the most important book on Pauline theology written in my life time. Only \$6...but must be ordered online at: <https://grovebooks.co.uk/products/b-80-paul-and-the-subversive-power-of-grace>)

Longenecker, Richard. *The Epistle to the Romans*. NIGNT. Eerdmans, 2016. (Now the best technical commentary on Romans)

Porter, Stanley; Byer, Bryan, eds. *The Synoptic Problem: Four Views*. Baker, 2016.

Smith, Craig A. *2 Timothy*. Sheffield Phoenix Press, 2016.

Theology

Allison, Dale. *Night Comes: Death, Imagination and the Last Things*. Eerdmans, 2016. (A favorite)

Goldingay, John. *Biblical Theology: The God of the Christian Scriptures*. IVP, 2016. (Exquisite!)

Reichenbach, Bruce. *Divine Providence: God's Love and Human Freedom*. WIPF & Stock, 2016. (My Book of the Year choice. I've been looking for this book all my life)

Sprinkle, Preston, ed. *Four Views on Hell*. Zondervan, 2016. (Stackhouse, Walls and Parry are A+)

Various topics

Gushee, David P., Stassen, David. *Kingdom Ethics: Following Jesus In Contemporary Context*. 2nd ed. Eerdmans, 2016. (Extraordinary)

Stackhouse, David. *Partners in Christ: A Conservative Case for Egalitarianism*. Rev. ed. IVP, 2015.

Smith, Gordon. *Consider Your Calling: Six Questions for Discerning Your Vocation*. IVP, 2016.

Goldingay, John. *Daniel and the Twelve Prophets for Everyone*. Westminster/John Knox, 2016.

Hurtado, Larry. *Destroyer of the Gods: Early Christian Distinctiveness in the Romans World*. Baylor University Press, 2016.

Longman, Tremper. *Genesis*. The Story of God Bible Commentary. Zondervan, 2016. (Especially interesting because written after he had come to fully accept evolution as the mechanism of creation)

Tucker, Ruth. *Black and White Bible, Black and Blue Wife*. Zondervan, 2016. (JesusCreed Book of the Year)

Walls, Jerry. *Does God Love Everyone? The Heart of What is Wrong with Calvinism*. WIPF & Stock, 2016.

Sexual Orientation

(All are helpful in processing one's thinking on this issue...no book is arguing a single position)

Harper, Brad; Harper, Drew. *Space at the Table: Conversations Between an Evangelical Theologian And His Gay Son*. Zeal Books, 2016. (A honest, loving, heart rending book in which father and son tell their story while remaining committed to their different perspectives.)

Marin, Andrew. *Us Versus Us: The Untold Story of Religion and the LGBT Community*. NavPress, 2016.

Sprinkle, Preston, ed. *Two Views on Homosexuality, the Bible and the Church*. Zondervan, 2016.
(All four contributors are exceptional and their interaction is a model of respectful dialogue)

Creation-Evolution

Applegate, Kathryn, Stump, J.B., eds. *How I Changed My Mind About Evolution*. IVP, 2016. (25 leading evangelicals tell the story of how they came to accept evolution as the mechanism of creation)

Hill, Carol; Davidson, Gregg; Ranney, Wayne; Helbe, Tim; eds. *The Grand Canyon, Monument to an Ancient Earth: Can Noah's Flood Explain the Grand Canyon?* Kregel, 2016. (Challenges 'creationism' from the geological evidence of the Grand Canyon)

Lamoureux, Denis. *Evolution: Scripture and Nature Say Yes*. Zondervan, 2016. (Excellent materials on his website, including concise video talks on the key issues: <https://sites.ualberta.ca/~dlamoure/>)

Recently Read or Discovered

Alexander, Denis. *Creation or Evolution. Do We Have to Choose?* 2nd ed. Monarch Books, 2014.
(Distinguished British neuroscientist skillfully makes the scientific case for evolution and has good discussions of the theological implications.)

Arnold, Bill. *Genesis*. Genesis. New Cambridge Bible Commentary. Cambridge U. Press, 2008.
(Asbury professor...excellent approach to Genesis 1-11)

Hurtado, Larry. *Lord Jesus Christ: Devotion to Jesus in Early Christianity*. Eerdmans, 2003.

Loader, William. *Making Sense of Sex: Attitudes to Sexuality in Early Jewish and Christian Literature*. Eerdmans, 2013. (Summarizes the results of his 5 volumes of specialized studies!)

Loader, William. *Sexuality in the New Testament: Understanding the Key Texts*. Westminster, 2010

Koester, Craig R. *Hebrews*. AB. Yale University Press, 2001. (A clear first choice)

Koester, Craig R. *Revelation* AB. Yale University Press, 2014. (A clear first choice)

Koester, Craig R. *The Word of Life: A Theology of John's Gospel*. Eerdmans, 2008.

Smith, Christian. *The Bible Made Impossible: Why Biblicism Is Not a Truly Evangelical Reading of Scripture*. Brazos Press, 2012. (Clearly identifies challenges which most are happy to ignore.)

***These are the books that caught my attention. I am sure other fine books were published this year.**