

1 Peter Christian Adult Education

The floodwaters of life are rising; the current races faster. You feel yourself slipping. You need a secure foothold . . . and you need it now! We have all experienced the heart-pounding feeling of losing our stability in the storms of life. We want to stand strong as followers of Christ, but the world presses against us with staggering force. Where can we find an unshakable foundation for life? In the book of 1 Peter, you and your small group will find a rock-solid basis for living in a precarious and uncertain world. God offers you hope, love, purpose, service, submission, and victory. You can stand strong against the flood as you anchor yourself to the bedrock of Jesus Christ.

This is a book that relentlessly pursues defining the goals of Christian education and then offers a plan in keeping with those goals. So many books in the field assume the goals and simply describe the methods. Not so Larry Richards. His biblical and theological analysis conveys an excitement that makes Christian education a mission, not just a responsibility. And still his approach is eminently practical, insightful, and motivational.

The Jesus Way series helps readers encounter big questions about the reign of God in the world. Concise and practical books deeply rooted in Anabaptist theology. Start small. Temple, Exile and Identity in 1 Peter will generate a fresh and perhaps even a new understanding of the main themes of 1 Peter, which include questions of identity, suffering, hope, holiness, and judgment. Mbuvi explores the temple imagery in the epistle of 1 Peter and focuses on the use of cultic language in constituting the new identity of the Petrine community. He contends that temple imagery in 1 Peter undergirds the entire epistle. 1 Peter directly connects the community's identity with the temple by describing it in terms reminiscent of the temple structure. He calls the members of the community "living stones", formulating an image that has been categorized as a "Temple-Community." This concern with the temple characterizes the restoration eschatology in the Second Temple period with its focus on the establishment of the eschatological temple. Restoration of Israel was also to be characterized by hope for the re-gathering of the scattered of Israel, the conversion or destruction of the Gentiles, and the establishment of God's universal reign, all of which are reflected in the discourse of the epistle.

A Sociological Exegesis of 1 Peter, Its Situation and Strategy

Let Wives be Submissive

Aliens in Your Native Land

Advancing and Defending the Gospel of Christ

Render to Caesar

Adult Bible Studies Spring 2021 Teacher

The Whole Christ

Using both ancient and modern rhetoric, linguistics, and argumentation theory, this study offers a fresh approach to 1 Peter and New Testament ethics. It is often claimed that the growing interest in paraenesis, or ethical teaching, among early Christians indicates how Jesus' revolutionary teaching and the Pauline notion of justification by faith were gradually replaced by an emphasis on good works and ethics borrowed from the surrounding Hellenistic and Jewish culture. The Motivation of the Paraenesis challenges this traditional view of ethics in early Christianity, arguing that paraenesis was an original, essential part of early Christian doctrine and life. The book also provides a new, well-balanced picture of 1 Peter and its message, giving a natural interpretation to many puzzling sections and clarifying the internal logic of the text and the theology behind it.

"Here, as elsewhere, Elliott expertly joins the findings of social-scientific research with the insights of literary and theological analysis to clarify the 'good news' that is proclaimed in this often-overlooked New Testament writing."---Victor Paul Furnish, University Distinguished Professor of New Testament Emeritus, Southern Methodist University. "Affirming that 1 Peter represents from beginning to end a coherent and integrated line of thought, Prof. Elliott seeks to show in these two essays how this pastoral letter, forged to respond to the alienated situation of its readers, employs the conceptuality of the moral discourse and pivotal values of honor and shame that reigned in its contemporary world. The book is an excellent introduction to Prof. Elliott's seminal work in applying social-scientific analysis of this New Testament writing, and will richly reward its careful reader."---Paul J. Achtemeier, Jackson Professor of Biblical Interpretation Emeritus, Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, VA "[This volume] reveals the letter in its own context, in such a way that we can appropriate its message and values into our own."---Carolyn Osiek, Professor of New Testament, Brite Divinity School

At long last here is a textbook for the basic public speaking course--one that integrates a Christian worldview with up-to-date scholarship in the field of communication. Proclamation! covers the standard speech types: informative speech, persuasive speech, and ceremonial speech. In addition, Blake J. Neff recognizes that Christians need to know how to deliver an edifying speech and a personal testimony speech. Neff acknowledges that one of the reasons to study public address at the university level is that God has commanded His people to "always be prepared to give an account" (1 Peter 3:15). Proclamation! prepares Christians to speak not only as one to many but also as members of interpersonal or small groups. Christian teachers of public speaking will appreciate the assistance this book offers toward integrating faith with learning. Students will applaud the practical and readable approaches found in Proclamation!

Peter David's study on 1 Peter is part of The New International Commentary on the New Testament. Prepared by some of the world's leading scholars, the series provides an exposition of the New Testament books that is thorough and fully abreast of modern scholarship yet faithful to the Scriptures as the infallible Word of God.

Conflict, Community, and Honor

A Home for the Homeless

A Christian Guide to Public Speaking

The Origins of Christian Paraenesis

An Exegetico-theological Study

Character Formation and Decision Making in Matthew 5-7

Christian Education

Winter Theme: Holy This Spring, lessons center around the theme "Holy." Holy Living These lessons continue a unit we began last quarter on the first Sunday of February. It proceeded through all of February and continues through March. The eight lessons of the unit invite us to think about what it means to be the people of God and to pursue holy living. The four lessons for March help us examine how God defines holiness, how holiness is nourished, what holiness means in terms of sexual morality, and how we ought to pray. Much of this unit overlaps Lent, which is an especially appropriate time to think about holiness. Spiritual Practice: Fasting Scriptures: Leviticus 19:1-37; 1 Peter 2:1-10; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; Matthew 6:5-18 New in Christ The theme of this unit draws its direction from the Apostle Paul's words in 2 Corinthians 5:17, which is used as the key verse for each lesson. In the first lesson, we look at the resurrection of Jesus, which is the basis for our new creation. Over the remaining three lessons, we consider some of the ways we are new in Christ: we live by new standards, we behave differently, and we allow ourselves to become carriers of the gospel message. Spiritual Practice: Sabbath Scriptures: Luke 24:13-35; 2 Corinthians 5:11-21; Ephesians 4:21-32; 2 Corinthians 4:7-20 God Revealed This five-lesson unit explores some of the ways God has revealed God's self in the biblical account. These include self-declaration, quietness, through Jesus, visions, and love. God is not limited to these avenues of expression, of course, but the lessons helps us grasp some of the scope of the ways God comes to us. Spiritual Practices: Praise, thanksgiving, and song Scriptures: Exodus 33:12-23; 34:5-8; 1 Kings 19:9-18; Luke 9:28-36; Daniel 7:1-14; 1 John 4:7-21 Hundreds of thousands of people each week have transformative encounters with God through Adult Bible Studies--Bible-based, Christ-focused Sunday school lessons and midweek Bible studies endorsed by the Curriculum Resources Committee of The United Methodist Church. In fall 2019, based on feedback from hundreds of readers, we made exciting changes designed to benefit Bible study groups. For 2020, in response to additional feedback, we are reintroducing printed focal Bible passages in both the Student and Teacher books. Lessons follow the church seasons, including Advent and Lent, and include suggestions for developing spiritual practices to help nurture your faith. Published quarterly, each week's Student Book lesson lists background Scripture, features key verses, provides reliable and relevant biblical explanation and application, and more, in a readable font size that is accessible to everyone. Visit AdultBibleStudies.com and sign up for the FREE weekly newsletter to automatically receive the FREE Current Events Supplement and other information about these resources and more!

Talbert concludes that only when the text is read in three contexts--the whole of Matthew, the whole of the New Testament, and the entire biblical plot--can the Sermon on the Mount make a contribution to decision making.

Whether in the home or in the church or in a Christian school, the challenge of contemporary Christian educators is to meet the academic needs of students while remaining unswerving in adherence to biblical principles. Christian Education: Foundations for the Future introduces you to the basics of a healthy Christian education program, then takes you beyond, showing you how to develop a fresh, innovative Christian education program that will revitalize your church, home, or school.

A Walk Through 1 Peter is a book that follows the book of 1 Peter verse by verse. The book is written in away that allows the reader to view the text of scripture and read the authors observation and applications of the text. This book is not meant to be an in-depth theological study dissecting the original Greek. It was written to assist the read in how to apply God's Word to their daily lives and understand who we are in the Lord. This book should be read with the reader's Bible open to the text and examine the text along with the author.Topics covered in the book: Authority Structure, Roles of Submission, the Trinities role in Salvation, Man's responsibility in Salvation, Suffering and Trials, Holy living and much more.Each chapter's subject and length is designed to read independent of one another in a devotional style or can be read strait through as the chapters build upon each other.

The Single Meaning of Scripture in Christian Theology

The First Epistle of Peter

A Walk Through 1 Peter

A Homicide Detective Investigates the Claims of the Gospels

Sacra Pagina: 1 Peter, Jude and 2 Peter

Written for Our Learning

The Domestic Code in 1 Peter

Insightful and heart-warming, this classic book is written for those who seek to know God better. It unfolds life-impacting, biblical truths and has been called a "soul-stirring celebration of the pleasures of knowing God."

Everyone seeking to live a godly life will suffer some oppression; this mission is inescapable. Therefore, we ought not to be amazed when it comes. Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf (1 Peter 4:16). God has the answers to all our problems and is always true to his word. But He never put a time frame on it. He is never in a hurry! There is nothing we can do to speed him up, nor help him out. We must wait! Pain and suffering teach us not only to wait on God but to trust his timing. Trusting His timing helps to solidify our faith and enhance our spiritual progression. Just when things look hopeless, and the future looks uninviting, God will show up and show his powers. God is in full control. Waiting on God requires faith and a whole lot of patience. Dont become weary in well doing for God has promised to reward those who wait on him. From Tribulations to Restoration is an inspiring spiritual handbook that is designed to help believers face difficulties faithfully. The author, Debra Sanders Clark, encourages readers to trust Gods Word and provision to get through lifes most difficult moments. After reading this book, readers will be able to: -evaluate their lives and their relationship with Christ -understand Gods unconditional love, His faithfulness and His promises -become empowered, to grow spiritually During difficult times, we are encouraged to remain faithful and trust God. Because one day soon the waves will subside and suddenly we will find ourselves on the other side of the storm. Then we can shout, thank you Lord, I made it over, I couldnt made this journey without you.

For over twenty years, Standard Lesson Commentary (SLC) has been the most popular and trusted annual Bible commentary in the world. This nondenominational series provides 52 weeks of verse-by-verse commentary of Scripture, drawing you closer every day to God and His Word. With timely themes for your life, Standard Lesson Commentary 2022-2023 will help you study the Bible like never before. Key features include: Printed Scripture Detailed lesson context Expert verse-by-verse commentary of the Bible text Pronunciation guide for difficult words Thoughtful discussion starters A review quiz for each quarter Available in the King James Version (KJV) and New International Version® (NIV) Bible translations, the SLC is based on the popular Uniform Series. This series, developed by scholars from numerous church fellowships, outlines an in-depth study of the Bible over a six-year period. The four main themes of the 2022–2023 study are: God’s Exceptional Choice–Genesis, Exodus, Deuteronomy, Judges, 1 Samuel, Ephesians From Darkness to Light–2 Chronicles, Isaiah, Joel, Luke, 1 Corinthians, 2 Timothy, James, 1 Peter Jesus Calls Us–Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Acts The Righteous Reign of God–Isaiah, Ezekiel, Zephaniah, Zechariah, Matthew, Romans, Galatians, 1 Corinthians The SLC is perfect as the primary resource for an adult Sunday School class, for personal study, or as a supplemental resource for any curriculum that follows the ISSL/Uniform Series. Nearly two dozen ministers, teachers, and Christian education specialists contribute their expertise to SLC. The Deluxe Edition features online and downloadable access for the Standard Lesson eCommentary through FaithLife’s Logos Bible Software. This includes the full text of the Standard Lesson Commentary (both KJV and NIV® editions) as well as: PowerPoint® presentations Full text of the KJV Bible Full-color visual resources Student activity reproducible pages Quarterly quiz More than a dozen additional helps and resources

Identifying the theme of 1 Peter as how the church is to witness responsibly in a non-Christian world, Boring emphasizes the necessity of a sympathetic historical understanding of those parts of the letter that collide with modern cultural values and understandings of what Christian commitment and theology require. He gives special attention, as well, to the narrative world within which this ancient writer operated, and to the strong affirmation of ecumenism implicit in the letter's amalgamation of traditions stemming from Peter and Paul, respectively. "Through the years, Professor Boring has shown himself to be a master of technical exegesis and theology wedded to great pastoral concern. These twin talents are fittingly brought to bear on a New Testament document that shows the same union of rich theology and pastoral care. Indeed, the sober, centrist, yet moving commentary squares perfectly with the sober, centrist, yet moving document that is 1 Peter. If this commentary is a popularization, then it is a popularization of very high caliber; a tremendous amount of research and insight is made available and intelligible to a wide public. This commentary is not just a rehash of what everyone else has said on 1 Peter. The innovative appendix detailing the narrative world of 1 Peter is alone worth the price of admission. All in all, an excellent contribution to present-day literature on an often neglected book of the New Testament." --John P. Meier, The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.

A Living Hope in Christ

Constructing Ethnic Identity in 1 Peter

Reading the Sermon on the Mount

Written To Serve

Meditations of a Christian Hedonist

From Tribulations to Restoration

Acts is the sequel to Luke's gospel and tells the story of Jesus's followers during the 30 years after his death. It describes how the 12 apostles, formerly Jesus's disciples, spread the message of Christianity throughout the

Mediterranean against a background of persecution. With an introduction by P.D. James

***The book you are holding in your hands is perhaps the simplest, most straightforward summary and how-to guide for presuppositional apologetics now in print. It is both informative and practically helpful. I believe you will find it an extremely useful tool whether you are an professor at the seminary level seeking supplemental reading material or just a simple lay person looking for practical answers. Pastor McManis writes with crisp clarity in a way that is certain to give you fresh insight into what Scripture teaches about the defense of the Christian faith. I wish this book had been available when I was studying apologetics in seminary."* John MacArthur, Pastor-Teacher, Grace Community Church; President of The Masters College and Seminary Cliff has rescued the discipline from the elite circle of the intelligentsia and returned it as a biblical theology of truth communication to the common people (i.e. to all believers). This volume will be of great help in the restoration of the practicality of biblical apologetics as it was exemplified in the early Church. Hopefully, todays readers will be able to understand and put into practice the true nature of Peters command in 1 Peter 3:15 as it is strategically situated in its defini ng context. George J. Zemek, Academic Dean, The Expositors Seminary, Jupiter, Florida.**

Readers will gain even more appreciation for their Bible when they see how God directed its development, from the original authors through today's translations. How Did We Get the Bible? provides an easy-to-read historical overview, covering the Holy Spirit's inspiration of the writers, the preservation of the documents, the compilation of the canon, and the efforts to bring the Bible to people in their own language. This fascinating story, populated by intriguing characters, will encourage readers with God's faithfulness—to His own Word, and to those of us who read it. It's a fantastic, value-priced resource for individuals and ministries!

Living as an alien in one's native land is a familiar reality to marginalized communities. Cultural, economic, and political shifts can cause people to become alienated by a system of greed, racism, sexism, xenophobia, and media manipulation. How can Christians persist under a sustained threat within a social order diametrically opposed to them? This question drives Warner Bailey's investigation of 1 Peter. The mature Christology of 1 Peter yields a profile of Christian identity. This picture is funded by texts from the Book of the Twelve (Hosea-Malachi) and is counter-intuitive, in that it is able to create new initiatives for behavior that offer hope for redemption in the midst of oppression. Bailey explores how 1 Peter has been used in shaping the life of modern "aliens," such as Dietrich Bonhoeffer, living in his own country under the oppression of Nazism, and feminist, black, immigrant, and LGBTQIA+ readers. Placing 1 Peter within the crisis in U.S. political and economic life opens up fresh implications for faithful ecclesiastical practice and personal witness.

Jude and 2 Peter

Argument and Theology in 1 Peter

1 Peter

How Did We Get the Bible?

Booklet Growing in God

The Acts of the Apostles

Abingdon New Testament Commentaries: 1 Peter

The use of Scripture in 1 Peter has been subject to much extensive analysis in the last thirty years. In Written to Serve Benjamin Sargent offers an up to date and comprehensive analysis of how 1 Pet 1.10-12 offers a 'hermeneutic,' providing an insight into how Scripture is interpreted in the letter. Sargent also argues that the relation of 1.10-12 has been misunderstood. Rather than offering a Christological hermeneutic with a focus on the suffering and glories of Christ, Sargent asserts that the primary importance of 1.10-12 is its orientation of the prophetic witness towards the eschatological community as an act of service. Similarly, rather than offering a theological narrative of continuity between Israel and Christian communities, 1.10-12 may be seen to suggest a narrative of profound discontinuity in which the community in the present is elevated above God's people of the past.

While there are many commentaries written today, most have been products of Euro-American scholars who have sought to address questions and concerns of the western church. The New Covenant Commentary Series (NCCS) has provided an opportunity for scholars from the non-majority communities in Biblical Studies to engage fully with NT writings without bracketing their diverse backgrounds in the interpretive process. Consequently, in Andrew Mbuvi's interpretation of Jude and 2 Peter, the author seeks to both be faithful in the first century Greco-Roman world setting of the letters while also allowing aspects of his postcolonial, African, and liberation theology interests to inform his hermeneutics. Mbuvi reads the epistles within the context of first century Greco-Roman Associations since the communities of Jude and 2 Peter seem to share significant commonalities with these groups. The Fusing Horizons sections address aspects of concern to the Church, with inclination towards issues that have occupied the church outside of the western world (the Global South), home to the majority of Christians today. Mbuvi's useful analysis shows that Jude's and 2 Peter's message remains as relevant today as when the letters were written.

Janette H. Ok argues that 1 Peter characterizes Christian identity as an ethnic identity, as it holds the potential to engender a powerful sense of solidarity for readers who are experiencing social alienation as a result of their conversion. The epistle describes and delineates a communal identity based on Jewish traditions, and in response to the hostility its largely Gentile Anatolian addressees are experiencing as religious minorities in the Roman empire. In order to help construct a collective understanding of what it means to be a Christian in contrast to non-Christians, Ok argues that the author of the epistle employs “ethnic reasoning” or logic. Consequently, the writer of 1 Peter makes use of various literary and rhetorical strategies, including establishing a sense of shared history and ancestry, delineating boundaries, stereotyping and negatively characterizing “the other,” emphasizing distinct conduct or a common culture, and applying ethnic categories to his addressees. Ok further highlights how these strategies bear striking resemblances to what modern anthropologists and sociologists describe as the characteristics of ethnic groups. In depicting Christian identity as an ethnic identity akin to the unique religious-ethnic identity of the Jews, Ok concludes that 1 Peter seeks to foster internal cohesion among the community of believers who are struggling to forge a distinctive and durable group identity, resist external pressures to revert to a way of life unbefitting the people of God, and live as those born anew to a living hope.

A new commentary for today’s world, The Story of God Bible Commentary explains and illuminates each passage of Scripture in light of the Bible’s grand story. The first commentary series to do so, SGBC offers a clear and compelling exposition of biblical texts, guiding readers in how to creatively and faithfully live out the Bible in their own contexts. Its story-centric approach is ideal for pastors, students, Sunday school teachers, and all who want to understand the Bible in today’s world. SGBC is organized into three easy-to-use sections, designed to help readers live out God’s story: Listen to the Story; Explain the Story; and Live the Story. Praise for SGBC: “The easy-to-use format and practical guidance brings God’s grand story to modern-day life so anyone can understand how it applies today.”—Andy Stanley “Opens up the biblical story in ways that move us to act.”—Darrell L. Bock “It makes the text sing and helps us hear the story afresh.”—John Ortberg “This commentary breaks new ground.”—Craig L. Blomberg

Legalism, Antinomianism, and Gospel Assurance—Why the Marrow Controversy Still Matters

Cold-Case Christianity

Foundations of the Christian Way of Life According to 1 Peter 1, 13-25

Foundations for the Future

Desiring God

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The Use of Scripture in 1 Peter

A substantive commentary that will help pastors, students, and teachers understand the historical significance of 1 Peter.

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Written by an L. A. County homicide detective and former atheist, Cold-Case Christianity examines the claims of the New Testament using the skills and strategies of a hard-to-convince criminal investigator. Christianity could be defined as a “cold case”: it makes a claim about an event from the distant past for which there is little forensic evidence. In Cold-Case Christianity, J. Warner Wallace uses his nationally recognized skills as a homicide detective to look at the evidence and eyewitnesses behind Christian beliefs. Including gripping stories from his career and the visual techniques he developed in the courtroom, Wallace uses illustration to examine the powerful evidence that validates the claims of Christianity. A unique apologetic that speaks to readers’ intense interest in detective stories, Cold-Case Christianity inspires readers to have confidence in Christ as it prepares them to articulate the case for Christianity. Since the days of the early church, Christians have struggled to understand the relationship between two seemingly contradictory concepts in the Bible: law and gospel. If, as the apostle Paul says, the law cannot save, what can it do? Is it merely an ancient relic from Old Testament Israel to be discarded? Or is it still valuable for Christians today? Helping modern Christians think through this complex issue, seasoned pastor and theologian Sinclair Ferguson carefully leads readers to rediscover an eighteenth-century debate that sheds light on this present-day doctrinal conundrum: the Marrow Controversy. After sketching the history of the debate, Ferguson moves on to discuss the theology itself, acting as a wise guide for walking the path between legalism (overemphasis on the law) on the one side and antinomianism (wholesale rejection of the law) on the other.

Jesus, the Early Church, and the Roman Superpower

Biblical Apologetics

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Stand Strong - 1 Peter

1 Peter in Social-Scientific Perspective

Waiting on God During Life’S Most Difficult Moments.

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From the Preface: "I have long believed that there is only one sufficient reason to be a Christian, and that is because it is true." This book explains why Christianity is the one true religion. As Jesus said, "I am the truth." (John 14:6) Attorney Don Davidson has been studying Christianity with a lawyer's attention to detail for more than 40 years. In these well researched and easy-to-read essays he explains: -Why Christianity is different from all other religions -Why Christ's resurrection is not merely a matter of faith, but of fact -Why Darwin's theory of evolution is not a matter of fact, but of faith -Why bad things happen -Why "belief" in Christ falls short of what God wants from us -Why the traditional view of Hell as eternal torture of unbelievers is wrong -Why the Old Testament's Yahweh is not the monster some believe Him to be -Why Islam and Buddhism are not credible alternatives to Christianity -Why we appear to be approaching the "birth pangs" Jesus prophesied would precede the Apocalypse This book is ideal for adult education groups, Christian discussion groups, Bible study groups, and self-study. It is intended for Christians who want a stronger foundation for their faith, as well as for open-minded skeptics. For the serious Bible student, the endnotes provide additional information as well as extensive citations to relevant Scriptures. For more on this and some of Don's other writings, see www.ChristianityForThinkers.com.

Get historical insight and practical help for your adult Christian education needs.

Crisis in the church is not a new phenomenon. In fact, the church has always been - and probably always will be - involved in some kind of crisis. Even in the apostolic period, which is regarded by many as the church's golden age, there were serious crises coming both from the outside, as in 1 Peter, and from the inside, as in Jude and 2 Peter. The three short New Testament letters treated in 1 Peter, Jude and 2 Peter illustrate the problems early Christians faced, as well as the rhetorical techniques and theological concepts with which they combated those problems. In the first part of this volume, Donald Senior views 1 Peter as written from Rome in Peter's name to several churches in northern Asia Minor - present-day Turkey - in the latter part of the first century C.E. The new Christians addressed in 1 Peter found themselves aliens and exiles in the wider Greco-Roman society and suffered a kind of social ostracism. But they are given a marvelous theological Vision of who they have become through their baptism and pastoral encouragement to stand firm. They are shown how to take a missionary stance toward the outside world by giving the witness of a holy and blameless life to offset the slander and ignorance of the non-Christian majority and possibly even to lead them to glorify God on the day of judgment. In the second part of this volume, Daniel Harrington interprets Jude and 2 Peter as confronting crises in the late first century that were perpetrated by Christian teachers who are described polemically as intruders in Jude and as false teachers in 2 Peter. In confronting the crises within their churches, the authors appeal frequently to the Old Testament and to early summaries of Christian faith. While Jude uses other Jewish traditions, 2 Peter includes most of the text of Jude as well as many distinctively Greek terms and concepts. It is clear that for the authors, despite their different social settings, what was at stake was the struggle for the faith. Daniel J. Harrington, SJ, is a professor of New Testament at Weston Jesuit School of Theology in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and general editor of New Testament Abstracts. He is a past-president of the Catholic Biblical Association of American and the editor of the Sacra Pagina series. He also wrote The Gospel of Matthew in the Sacra Pagina series. Donald Senior, CP, is a professor of New Testament studies and president of Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. He was recently appointed by Pope John Paul II to the Pontifical Biblical Commission. General editor of The Bible Today, he also co-edited The Collegeville Pastoral Dictionary of the Bible and the 22-volume international commentary series New Testament Message, and he wrote the four-volume The Passion series published by The Liturgical Press.

How does a Christian behave when surrounded by a hostile world that doesn't understand who we are or why we do what we do? In three letters, Peter and Jude provide some powerful answers. These nine studies from Tom Wright show you the wisdom of their words for us today.

1 Peter Bible Study Book

Reasons for the Hope We Have (1 Peter 3:15)

Temple, Exile and Identity in 1 Peter

The Christian Educator's Handbook on Adult Education

Who You Are No Longer

1 & 2 Peter and Jude

What Is the Bible and How Do We Understand It?

At the end of the 20th century, “postcolonialism” described the effort to understand the experience of those who had lived under colonial rule. This kind of thinking has inevitably brought about a reexamination of the rise of Christianity, which took place under Roman colonial rule. How did Rome look from the viewpoint of an ordinary Galilean in the first century of the Christian era? What should this mean for our own understanding of and relationship to Jesus of Nazareth? In the past, Jesus was often “depoliticized,” treated as a religious teacher imparting timeless truths for all people. Now, however, many scholars see Jesus as a political leader whose goal was independence from Roman rule so that the people could renew their traditional way of life under the rule of God. In *Render to Caesar*, Christopher Bryan reexamines the attitude of the early Church toward imperial Rome. Choosing a middle road, he asserts that Jesus and the early Christians did indeed have a critique of the Roman superpower -- a critique that was broadly in line with the entire biblical and prophetic tradition. One cannot worship the biblical God, the God of Israel, he argues, and not be concerned about justice in the here and now. On the other hand, the biblical tradition does not challenge human power structures by attempting to dismantle them or replace them with other power structures. Instead, Jesus’ message consistently confronts such structures with the truth about their origin and purpose. Their origin is that God permitted them. Their purpose is to promote God’s peace and justice. Power is understood as a gift from God, a gift that it is to be used to serve God’s will and a gift that can be taken away by God when misused. *Render to Caesar* transforms our understanding of early Christians and their relationship to Rome and demonstrates how Jesus’ teaching continues to challenge those who live under structures of government quite different from those that would have been envisaged by the authors of the New Testament. The idea of determinate or single meaning in biblical interpretation has long been considered to be a purely modern idea, indissolubly wedded to the hermeneutics of historical criticism. At a time when historical criticism is increasingly viewed with theological suspicion, it must be asked whether determinate meaning has a future in biblical interpretation. Written for Our Learning explores the various expressions of single meaning within Christian theology, from the apostolic period to the present, and argues for the preservation of the discernment of determinate meaning as the goal of biblical reading and study.

Revision of dissertation (Ph. D.)--Pontificia Universita gregoriana, 2000.

Our inheritance through Christ is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading. In 1 Peter, a man of faith and flaws and eyewitness to the life of Christ challenges us to look beyond our current circumstances to a future inheritance. He shares his concerns on big picture issues for the early church, describes believers’ true identity in Christ, and ultimately helps readers discover what it means to experience the Living Hope they have in Christ. Key themes of humility, submission, and identity in Christ guide the study of 1 Peter as participants are challenged to read the book in its entirety each week. Teaching videos are key to the understanding of this study. (9 sessions) Features: Personal study segments to complete between group sessions 9-session study with 8 weeks of homework Verse-by-verse approach to complete a book study Teaching videos that build upon and tie together the personal study available for purchase or rent (30 to 35 minutes per session) Benefits Expand your understanding of 1 Peter for personal spiritual growth by reading the book in its entirety throughout each week of study Follow a verse-by-verse approach to complete a book study Discover the gospel of Christ as learners seek to conform fully to the Scriptures Dig deeper into Scripture individually and alongside other women--both those new to Bible study and those more familiar with Scriptures--with this widely-applicable study Author: Jen Wilkin is a writer, teacher, and blogger at JenWilkin.net. She is the managing editor of The Village Church blog and leads the Flower Mound Women's Bible Study, an interdenominational Bible study with about 700 members representing 68 different churches. She earned a B.A. in English and a Master of Business Administration from Texas A&M. Jen wrote *Women of the Word: How to Study the Bible with Both Our Hearts and Our Minds* and has a 9-week DVD Bible study on The Sermon on the Mount. Jen grew up in Texas and came to saving faith in elementary school. Her childhood was marked by time spent in seven different denominations - a range of experience that left her with the conviction that knowing the Word was the only sure means of discerning truth from error. Jen's passion is to see women become articulate and committed followers of Christ, with a clear understanding of why they believe what they believe and grounded in the Word of God. She sees women as most frequently appealed to through their emotions. Because of that, she advocates for women to have Bible literacy, love God with their minds, and have their voices and giftings fully leveraged in the church.

Seeking to Become Like Jesus Christ

Holy

1 Peter and the Formation of Christian Identity

Proclamation!

Beyond Blind Faith