

Foundations Of Pentecostal Theology

Through its strength in numbers and remarkable presence in politics, Pentecostalism has become a force to reckon with in twenty-first-century Zambian society. Yet, some fundamental questions in the study of Zambian Pentecostalism and politics remain largely unaddressed by African scholars. Situated within an interdisciplinary perspective, this unique volume explores the challenge of continuity in the Zambian Pentecostal understanding and practice of spiritual power in relation to political engagement. Chammah J. Kaunda argues that the challenge of Pentecostal political imagination is found in the inculturation of spiritual power with political praxis. The result of this inculturation is that Zambian Pentecostals sacralize the political authority of state power through the charisma of the national president and other major political personalities. It has also contributed to the construction of Zambian Pentecostal leadership that is deified rather than leadership that is formed through the struggles and experiences of the marginalized and powerless. Kaunda argues that the

solution does not lie either in desacralization of powers or the separation between the church and the state, but rather in rethinking the Christ event as a paradigm for the recovery of Pentecostalism's sociopolitical prophetic dynamism.

Bad worship produces bad theology, and bad theology produces an unhealthy church. In *Liturgical Theology*, Simon Chan issues a call to evangelicals to develop a mature theology of the church--an ecclesiology that is grounded in the church's identity as a worshiping community. Evangelicals, he argues, are confused about the meaning and purpose of the church in part because they have an inadequate understanding of Christian worship. As a remedy for this ailment, Chan presents a coherent theology of the church that pays particular attention to the liturgical practices that have constituted Christian worship throughout the centuries. With a seasoned eye and steady hand, he guides the reader through these practices and unpacks their significance for theology, spirituality and the renewal of evangelicalism in the postmodern era. Chan's proposal advances the conversation among evangelicals regarding the relationship between theology and worship. In contrast to some theologians

who have tended to emphasize a sociological analysis, Chan argues that we need to consider what is essential to the church's theological identity. Drawing on the larger Christian tradition, Chan argues that we discover that identity primarily in the structure and significance of Christian worship.

Explores the supernatural works experienced in the Early Church and defends the premise that the Bible is inspired Word of God. A comprehensive introduction to the history and theory behind the study of Pentecostalism, the fastest growing religious movement worldwide.

Pentecostal Theology

Systematic Theology from a Charismatic Perspective

The Vine and the Branches

Foundations of Spirit-Filled Theology

A Contemporary Ecclesiology

Thinking in Tongues

Foundations in Scripture, Theology, History, and Praxis

What is church's true foundation? Was the Christian church founded by Jesus, or does 'the Eucharist make the church'? Paul Avis sets out his own answer to these questions. Gathering a wide range of critical scholarship,

he argues that there is something solid and dependable at the foundation of the church's life and mission. Avis argues that Jesus wanted a church in a sense, but not as we know it. Christ proclaimed the gospel of the Kingdom and his disciples proclaimed the gospel whose content was Jesus himself, the Kingdom in person. The church is battered and divided, but at its core is a treasure that is indestructible – the gospel of Christ, embodied in word and sacrament. A central theme of the book is the relationship between the church and Christ, the church and the gospel, the church and the Kingdom. Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is the sole foundation of the church, but he cannot be without his people.

Pentecostal Theology and Ecumenical Theology: Interpretations, Intersections, and Inspirations is a collection of essays from both globally recognized and newer scholars on the complex relationship between Pentecostalism and the Ecumenical Movement.

An updated examination of ecclesiology from a Baptist perspective In this useful book, professor and former pastor John Hammett helps church leaders think through foundational questions about the nature of the church. Blending biblical teaching and practical ministry experience, Hammett presents a comprehensive ecclesiology from a historic Baptist

perspective, examining crucial contemporary issues such as church discipline, the role of elders, and church ministry in a post-Christian culture. This second edition contains updates throughout, including:

- Substantive changes to chapters on the nature of the church, Baptist church polity, and deacons**
- An expanded chapter on baptism and the Lord's Supper**
- A thoroughly revised chapter on church models like multisite churches and missional churches**
- A brand-new chapter on meaningful church membership**

Robert Menzies, writing in the lucid, moderate style for which he is well known, skillfully explains Pentecostal theology. His answer for the uncertain and the confused is a skillful melding of sound hermeneutics, solid exegesis, and heartfelt testimony. Pentecost demonstrates that the Pentecostal experience is by far the best twenty-first-century expression of Luke's distinctive vision of the Spirit-baptized church in mission. This book is a heartfelt invitation for all Christians to be open to a new filling of the Holy Spirit of Jesus so He can continue to do immeasurably more for and through mere human beings than any of us can ask or even imagine!

Asia Pacific Pentecostalism

This Story Is Our Story

The Evangelical Nature of Pentecostal Theology
Biblical Foundations for Baptist Churches
Trajectories from the Old Testament to Luke-Acts
A Dogmatic Inquiry
The Foundation of the Church in the New Testament and Modern Theology

Winner of the Pneuma Book Award 2018, from The Society for Pentecostal Studies. Pentecostalism is the most rapidly growing branch of Christianity since the 20th century, yet it does not lend itself well to a singular doctrine and there is, therefore, no single comprehensive account of Pentecostal theology worldwide. In this volume, Wolfgang Vondey suggests an account of Pentecostal theology that is genuine to Pentecostals worldwide while allowing for different adaptation and explication among the various Pentecostal groups. He argues that Pentecostal theology is fundamentally concerned with the renewal of the Christian life identified by the transforming work of the Holy Spirit and directed toward the kingdom of God. The book unfolds in two main parts illustrating the full gospel story and

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theology. Eleven chapters identify the spiritual underpinnings and motivations for Pentecostal theology, formulate a Pentecostal theology of action, translate, apply, and exemplify Pentecostal practices and experiences, and integrate Pentecostal theology in the wider Christian tradition.

Asia Pacific Pentecostalism, edited by Denise A. Austin, Jacqueline Grey, and Paul W. Lewis, yields previously untold stories and interdisciplinary analysis of pioneer foundations, denominational growth, leadership training, contextualisation, and community development across East Asia, Southeast Asia, and Oceania.

There is no doubting the legacy of the Protestant Reformers and their successors. Luther, Calvin, and Wesley not only spawned specific denominational traditions, but their writings have been instrumental in forging a broadly embraced evangelical theology as well. In this volume, Ben Witherington wrestles with some of the big ideas of these major traditional theological systems (sin, God's

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sovereignty, prophecy, grace, and the Holy Spirit), asking tough questions about their biblical foundations.

Witherington argues that evangelicalism sometimes wrongly assumes a biblical warrant for some of its more popular beliefs, and, further, he pushes the reader to engage the larger story and plot of the Bible to understand these central elements of belief.

Renewal Theology deals with the full range of Christian truth from within the charismatic tradition. Previously published as three separate volumes, *Renewal Theology* represents the first exhaustive, balanced articulation of charismatic theology. *Renewal Theology* discusses: Book One--God, the World, and Redemption - Book Two--Salvation, the Holy Spirit, and Christian Living - Book Three--The Church, the Kingdom, and Last Things. As theology, this work is an intellectual achievement. But it is much more than that. The author urges the church to undertake its task of theology in the proper spirit: - an attitude of prayer - a deepening sense of reverence - an ever-increasing purity of

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heart - a spirit of growing love - a theological approach rooted in the glory of God. Done in such a spirit, theology becomes a faithful and powerful witness to the living God.

Spirit and Power

A History of the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel

Foundations for Mission

The Nation That Fears God Prospers

Liturgical Theology

Testing the Exegetical Foundations of Calvinism,

Dispensationalism, and Wesleyanism

Pentecost

The times have long passed when Pentecostals were viewed as Protestantism's untouchables. Today, the shock waves from Azusa Street have influenced countless Evangelicals worldwide. But if dialogue between Pentecostals and Evangelicals has awakened within the latter a thirst for the power of God's Spirit, it has challenged Pentecostals to examine their theology more deeply in the light of his Word. Just how firm is the biblical foundation on which they

stand? Spirit and Power provides a cutting-edge look at Pentecostal theology. It addresses the concern expressed by its authors and echoed throughout charismatic churches today: "Although our Pentecostal forefathers intuitively grasped the correlation between the reality they experienced and the promise of Acts 1:8, they did not always articulate their theology in a manner that was convincing to other believers committed to the authority of Scripture." In response, theologians William and Robert Menzies explore Pentecostalism in a scholarly and current light. Spirit and Power is no mere paraphrase of dated approaches. It is a fresh and penetrating look at the whys and wherefores of Pentecostal doctrine that sets a new standard for Spirit-filled theology. Whatever your persuasion may be as a Christian, this book's thoughtfulness, balance, and biblical integrity will help you appreciate more fully the strengths of the Pentecostal stance. Laying the groundwork for an accurate understanding of Luke's writings in particular, the authors help you grasp the foundations of Pentecostal theology from the standpoints of history, hermeneutics, and exegesis. Then, in Part Two, they give you an in-depth look at specific Pentecostal concerns: the baptism of the Holy Spirit as a blessing

subsequent to salvation, evidential tongues, signs and wonders, healing in the atonement, and more. You'll deepen your understanding of the basis for Pentecostal beliefs. And you'll gain a feel for the mutually beneficial dialogue that continues between Pentecostals and Evangelicals today.

The past several decades have seen a renaissance in Christian philosophy, led by the work of Alvin Plantinga, Nicholas Wolterstorff, William Alston, Eleonore Stump, and others. In the spirit of Plantinga's famous manifesto, *Advice to Christian Philosophers*, James K. A. Smith here offers not only advice to Pentecostal philosophers but also some Pentecostal advice to Christian philosophers. In this inaugural *Pentecostal Manifestos* volume Smith begins from the conviction that implicit in Pentecostal and charismatic spirituality is a tacit worldview or social imaginary. *Thinking in Tongues* unpacks and articulates the key elements of this Pentecostal worldview and then explores their implications for philosophical reflection on ontology, epistemology, aesthetics, language, science, and philosophy of religion. In each case, Smith demonstrates how the implicit wisdom of Pentecostal spirituality makes unique contributions to current conversations in Christian

philosophy.

In 2006, the contemporary American Pentecostal movement celebrated its 100th birthday. Over that time, its African American sector has been markedly influential, not only vis-à-vis other branches of Pentecostalism but also throughout the Christian church. Black Christians have been integrally involved in every aspect of the Pentecostal movement since its inception and have made significant contributions to its founding as well as the evolution of Pentecostal/charismatic styles of worship, preaching, music, engagement of social issues, and theology. Yet despite its being one of the fastest growing segments of the Black Church, Afro-Pentecostalism has not received the kind of critical attention it deserves. Afro-Pentecostalism brings together fourteen interdisciplinary scholars to examine different facets of the movement, including its early history, issues of gender, relations with other black denominations, intersections with popular culture, and missionary activities, as well as the movement's distinctive theology. Bolstered by editorial introductions to each section, the chapters reflect on the state of the movement, chart its trajectories, discuss pertinent issues, and

anticipate future developments. Contributors: Estrelida Y. Alexander, Valerie C. Cooper, David D. Daniels III, Louis B. Gallien, Jr., Clarence E. Hardy III, Dale T. Irvin, Ogbu U. Kalu, Leonard Lovett, Cecil M. Robeck, Jr., Cheryl J. Sanders, Craig Scandrett-Leatherman, William C. Turner, Jr., Frederick L. Ware, and Amos Yong

Today's church finds itself in a new world, one in which climate change and ecological degradation are front-page news. In the eyes of many, the evangelical community has been slow to take up a call to creation care. How do Christians address this issue in a faithful way? This evangelically centered but ecumenically informed introduction to ecological theology (ecotheology) explores the global dimensions of creation care, calling Christians to meet contemporary ecological challenges with courage and hope. The book provides a biblical, theological, ecological, and historical rationale for earthcare as well as specific practices to engage both individuals and churches. Drawing from a variety of Christian traditions, the book promotes a spirit of hospitality, civility, honesty, and partnership. It includes a foreword by Bill McKibben and an afterword by Matthew Sleeth.

Concerning Spiritual Gifts

The Charismatic Theology of St. Luke
The Spirit-Baptized Church
Method, System, Spirit
Foundations of Pentecostal Theology - French
Renewal Theology

A Critique of Zambian Pentecostal Theopolitical Imaginations

A unique comprehensive textbook of the distinctives of the Pentecostal movement. In the first critical study of the major theologians of pentecostalism, one of the fastest growing most influential religious traditions in the world, Christopher A. Stephenson establishes four original categories to classify pentecostal theologians' methodologies in systematic/constructive theology. The four categories are based respectively on: the arrangement of biblical texts; the relationship between theology and Christian spirituality; doctrine concerning the kingdom of God; and pneumatology as a basis for philosophical and fundamental theology. Stephenson analyzes each methodological type and suggests a pentecostal theological method that builds on the strengths of each. He then offers his own, original contribution, arguing for a reciprocal relationship between pentecostal spirituality and doctrine that follows the pattern of *lex orandi, lex credendi*, and develops a doctrine of the Lord's supper as a demonstration of this reciprocal relationship. *Types of Pentecostal Theology* provides critical insight into such fundamental issues as the relationship between theology and philosophy, the dynamic between scripture and tradition, and the similarities and differences between recent pentecostal theology and other currents in contemporary theology.

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What is the meaning of the Holy Spirit's activity in Luke-Acts, and what are its implications for today? Roger Stronstad offers a cogent and thought-provoking study of Luke as a charismatic theologian whose understanding of the Spirit was shaped wholly by his understanding of Jesus and the nature of the early church. Stronstad locates Luke's pneumatology in the historical background of Judaism and views Luke as an independent theologian who makes a unique contribution to the pneumatology of the New Testament. This work challenges traditional Protestants to reexamine the impact of Pentecost and explores the Spirit's role in equipping people for the unfinished task of mission. The second edition has been revised and updated throughout and includes a new foreword by Mark Allan Powell.

In this book, African Christian theology is introduced as a Kpelelogical reflection about life in the context of Africa, which exists in the context of the cosmos. Kpelelogy is the ontological mode being grasped by the agape of God in Christ by grace through faith in the power of the Holy Spirit. By this mode, African theology is introduced by way of a definition, a principle of paradox and a description, as well as a critical view of the works of African theologians. It examines the issues of method, criteria, and sources of doing theology in Africa and introduces the method of Kpelelogy as an African theological method. This is explored further as a holistic theological method that is conscious of its being in existence, and its life in history, that is driven by faith in the triune God in a pneumatic experience that has been termed in this book as the Kpelelogical ontological mode. The book is ecumenical in view of its engagement with Christian tradition. It presents a Kpelelogical theology that is concretely African and universally Christian in the Okpelejen Wulormor—the cosmic Jesus Christ who is and was, but beyond the munus triplex (Priest, King and Prophet, threefold office of Jesus Christ) that is to come. Hence it is a theo-

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which embraces elements of Reformed, Lutheran, Methodist, Pentecostal, Charismatic, Roman Catholic, and Eastern Orthodox theological insights in the African context.

Theological Foundations

The Spirit Poured Out on All Flesh

Systematic Theology

In Chinese

Passion for the Spirit

Introducing Evangelical Ecotheology

Jesus and the Church

Discover doctrinal principles from a Pentecostal perspective. Featuring sound doctrine in easy-to-understand terms, this book covers topics key to the Trinity and the Christ-follower's spiritual life: Spirit-filled theology, sin and salvation, divine healing, ecclesiology and more. Written by Guy Duffield and Nathaniel M. Van Cleave.

Donald G. Bloesch's wide-ranging and in-depth reflection on the presence, reality and ministry of the Holy Spirit serves as a landmark to those seeking a faithful theological understanding of the Holy Spirit. A history of the Church of the Foursquare Gospel—tracing its growth, doctrine, organization, mission in the world, and even its difficulties.

Offers a fascinating look at Pentecostalism's place in global theology and shows how Christians from other traditions can benefit from recent developments in Pentecostal theology.

An Introduction to Pentecostalism

Pentecostalism as a Christian Mystical Tradition

Pentecostal Theology and Ecumenical Theology

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Concepts and Methods for Understanding Christian Faith

The Church as Worshiping Community

Knowing What You Believe

Foundations of Pentecostal Theology (Revised & Updated)

Pentecostals are often portrayed as emotional people who are driven largely by experience. In *Christ-Centered*, Menzies argues that this caricature misses the fact that Pentecostals are fundamentally "people of the book." Although Pentecostals encourage spiritual experience, they do so with a constant eye to Scripture. The Bible, and particularly the book of Acts, fosters and shapes pentecostal experience. Additionally, Pentecostals are defined by their emphasis on a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. At its heart, the pentecostal movement is not Spirit-centered, but rather Christ-centered. The work of the Spirit, as Pentecostals understand it, centers on exalting and bearing witness to the Lordship of Christ. Menzies develops these themes by examining the origins, biblical foundations, and missional orientation of the modern pentecostal movement. He concludes that, in spite of contradictory messages from some in fundamentalist pews and the pentecostal academy, Pentecostals are and have always been solidly evangelical. This volume provides an important resource for those wishing to gain an overview of significant issues in contemporary missiology whilst understanding how they are applied in particular contexts. Contributors from across the globe and from different Christian traditions explore foundations for mission. The chapters examine in what ways experience, the Bible, and theology are foundational for mission and how they together inform the missional thought of different

traditions. The book also raises questions about the continued use of foundations as a helpful metaphor mission reflection and impetus. Graduate students and scholars surveying the field will find this a useful and accessible way to understand changing trends within mission studies. Informed reassessment of Pentecostalism as a mystical tradition of the church universal Pentecostalism, says Daniel Castelo, is commonly framed as "evangelicalism with tongues" or dismissed as simply a revivalist movement. In this book Castelo argues that Pentecostalism is actually best understood as a Christian mystical tradition. Taking a theological approach to Pentecostalism, Castelo looks particularly at the movement's methodology and epistemology as he carefully distinguishes it from American evangelicalism. Castelo displays the continuity between Pentecostalism and ancient church tradition, creating a unified narrative of Pentecostalism and the mystical tradition of Christianity throughout history and today. Finally, he uses a test case to press the question of what the interactions between mystical theology and dogmatics could look like.

Here, a team of award-winning teaching scholars has come together to create an introductory text that offers a truly unique and innovative contribution to the discipline of theological studies. This "first book" provides students of any religious tradition with the foundational skills, vocabulary, conceptual understanding, and research abilities that they need to succeed in theology and religious studies. Theological Foundations provides the following: Ten chapters that introduce the major sub-disciplines of theology creating a well-rounded source for understanding the discipline as a whole Contributions that are clear, accessible, and steeped in content A strong basis for

vigorous intellectual and personal exploration of life and our relation to God Flexibility that allows the instructor to assign readings in any order that fits his or her syllabus A one-of-a-kind, integrated library research component, "From the Reference Librarian," which teaches students the foundational skills needed for successful study in theology and in any academic discipline

Foundation for Pentecostal Apostolic Faith

Works Gifts

Pentecostalism and the Possibility of Global Theology

The Theology of Amos Yong and the New Face of Pentecostal Scholarship

Global Charismatic Christianity

Six Principles of the Doctrine of Christ

The Holy Spirit

Written to ground people in the doctrines of the Bible, this book can be used for personal study by both new and mature believers. It can also be used by pastors church leaders as an effective teaching aid. God's truths are expressed in a clear concise manner with many of the relevant verses included in the text for the reader's convenience. The following areas of doctrine are covered: God (Theology) Jesus Christ (Christology) The Holy Spirit (Pneumatology) Human Beings (Anthropology) Salvation (Soteriology) Grace vs Law The Church (Ecclesiology) The Baptism in the Holy Spirit Healing Angels and Heavenly Beings (Angelology) The Enemy

(Demonology) Prayer Worship Death (Thanatology) The Second Coming of Jesus Christ (Eschatology) Dr. Stuart Pattico is the Senior Pastor of Joy Community Church and the author of several Christian books. Visit www.stuartpattico.com for more information.

Frank D. Macchia argues that the Son of God baptized (and continues to baptize) humanity in the Spirit by pouring forth the Spirit on the Day of Pentecost. All four Gospels and the book of Acts describe how the Son is sent of the Father and empowered by the Spirit to fulfil this mission; Macchia in turn claims that Christ succeeds by incorporating others into himself and into the love of the Father. The Spirit-Baptized Church proposes a richly pneumatological ecclesiology that is dominated by a Pentecostal confessional concern, while also open to a larger ecumenical conversation. The volume focuses not only on the dogmatic (Trinitarian) foundations and election processes of the Spirit-baptized church, but also on its and witnessing practices. As an exceptionally detailed study of the Spirit-baptism metaphor, this volume is a valuable resource for scholars of ecclesiology, Pentecostalism, and systematic theology.

In *The Theology of Amos Yong and the New Face of Pentecostal Scholarship* a team of experts offer an introduction to the writings, motivations, arguments, and methods of one of the most influential voices of current Pentecostal scholarship.

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This is not just "another" book of systematic theology. It is unique! In this volume, you will find thorough explanations of the fundamental doctrines of the Christian church presented not as a theory, but as teaching to be believed and practiced. Those doctrines that are considered to be "distinctives" of the Pentecostal movement (Divine Healing, the Baptism with the Holy Spirit, and spiritual gifts) are given more extensive treatment. Co-authored by seasoned and trustworthy men who devoted their lives to the scholarly study of the Word, systematic teaching, and expository preaching, this book provides an unmatched resource for all who seek to know sound doctrines that can be incorporated into life and ministry. To our knowledge, there is not another textbook on Pentecostal theology as comprehensive as this.

Types of Pentecostal Theology

Firm Foundations

Black Pentecostal and Charismatic Christianity in History and Culture

An Introduction to Theology in Africa and the Kpelelogical Foundations of Christian

Theology

Revised Edition

Interpretations and Intersections

Afro-Pentecostalism

The Foundations will walk you through every significant

theological topic found in Scripture. The major sections include: the theology of God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, the Church, Salvation, Demons and Angels, Sin, Man, and more. This monumental work in Charismatic and Pentecostal studies will be a standard for generations to come. It gives the distinctives of the Pentecostal and charismatic faith without being exclusive. This is the perfect edition in the SFL brand and gives the line instant credibility among pastors, scholars and students. FEATURES: Foreword by Jack Hayford Easy-to-read user-friendly language Well-balanced doctrinal stand with clear, overall Pentecostal theology Very organized, with easy-to-find information on specific topics For every Christian interested in the Pentecostal tradition whether they are Charismatic or not Fairly presents all the fundamental doctrines of the Christian church Special emphasis on the "distinctives" of the Pentecostal movement Includes a glossary and bibliography When you think of the Six Principles of the Doctrine of Christ, think of foundation, building blocks, knowledge,

understanding, wisdom. Think of revelatory truth. The success of this book since its first publication underscored a genuine appetite for deep and revelatory knowledge about the right division of the Word concerning the gospel of Jesus Christ. With numerous voices around the belief in baptism and infilling of the Holy Spirit, it is needful to have scriptural understanding of these subjects.

Christ-Centered

The Problem with Evangelical Theology

Foundations of Pentecostal Theology

Pentecostal Contributions to Christian Philosophy

Living the Full Gospel