

### The Priesthood Of All Believers Biblicalstudies

Leading theologian Terry Cross articulates the doctrine of the church’s ministry from a Pentecostal perspective, demonstrating how Pentecostals can contribute to and learn from the church catholic. This companion volume to Cross’s previous book, The People of God’s Presence, proposes a radical revision of the structural framework of the local church within the often-overlooked corporate priesthood of all believers. Cross explores principles for leadership and ministry from the New Testament and the early church, helping all believers to do the work of ministry.

"The priesthood of all believers' is a biblical doctrine. Sadly, Satan has laid his meddling fingers on this glorious gospel principle and twisted it to the ruin of many. How? For a start, the overwhelming majority of believers, for all practical purposes, believe in the priesthood of NO believers. Oh, I know we frequently parrot the phrase 'the priesthood of all believers', and, of course, it features in most of our Confessions of Faith: 'We believe in the priesthood of all believers'. Oh, yes. But too often it has become a mere slogan, a mantra. A form of words without real content or implication, it makes no practical difference to most of us whatsoever. The result is tragic. 'The priesthood of all believers' is a neglected, poor relation of the Christian religion, rarely discussed, let alone thought about, least of all acted upon. Alas, 'the priesthood of no believers' is the reality for many. It gets worse. Worse? Yes, indeed. Millions really believe in the priesthood of SOME believers. The truth is, where this is so, in each church it has become the priesthood of ONE believer! Really? Yes, for millions - adherents of the Church of Rome and the Church of England, chief among them. But not only they! No, indeed! Most evangelicals (not excluding the Reformed) hold to the priesthood of some believers. Oh, yes they do! And all the time, the New Testament teaches the priesthood of ALL believers. David Gay has written this small work to help believers avoid a trap they often seem to fall into. What 'trap' is that? Gay wants us (he includes himself!) to stop intoning the phrase 'the priesthood of all believers', and then, having touched our cap at it, carrying on as though it meant nothing at all. In short, he wants us to use the phrase, understand what it means, and then live it out in daily experience. A free download of the author reading the book is available on sermonaudio.com

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A Study Guide and a Teacher ’ s Manual Gospel Principles was written both as a personal study guide and as a teacher ’ s manual. As you study it, seeking the Spirit of the Lord, you can grow in your understanding and testimony of God the Father, Jesus Christand His Atonement, and the Restoration of the gospel. You can find answers to life ’ s questions, gain an assurance of your purpose and self-worth, and face personal and family challenges with faith.

A Vision for the Priesthood of All Believers

The Priesthood of the Faithful

Key to a Living Church

Serving the People of God's Presence

The Doctrine of the Priesthood of All Believers

An Investigation of the Doctrine from Biblical Times to the Reformation

Jesus and the Old Testament Roots of the Priesthood

*This book is a "must have" in preparation for celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation! "Martin Luther's PRIESTHOOD OF ALL BELIEVERS - In an Age of Modern Myth" challenges today's popular myth that Martin Luther was a happy ecumenist, a Roman Catholic at heart who having disrupted church unity for reasons of good faith, was nevertheless eagerly seeking a path home to Rome. Frustrated with the slow pace of visible church unity, some Lutheran ecclesiasts have busied themselves in recent years with creating a more ecumenically friendly Luther - by literally rewriting history! The result is a portrait of a reformer who in truth never lived and a Reformation that never occurred. With the aid of original sixteenth century documents-some never before translated into English - Baudler makes the powerful case that the picture of Martin Luther and his role in the Reformation being taught in American schools, churches, and seminaries today is largely fictional, bearing almost no resemblance to the actual man of history. By removing layers of mythology applied to Luther in recent decades to make him more episcopally palatable, the author reveals a powerful portrait of a reformer who boldly emphasized the simple faith of the laity over the professional clericalism of his day in often shocking, humorous, and irreverent ways.*

*This book challenges historians and theologians of all denominations, both professional and armchair, to reassess what Luther's Reformation means for the church in our time.*

*Examines the doctrine that each Christian has direct access to God without any other intermediary, and discusses its implications for the individual and the church*

*"In God's dispensation and economy, the leading ministry is the priesthood. In this universe God has an administration, a divine economy. His economy is the way He arranges or dispenses. Therefore, it is a kind of dispensation. According to the Bible there are three main ministries in God's divine dispensation: the priesthood, the kingship, and the prophethood. The priesthood is the leading ministry of the three and brings the kingship and prophethood into function. In other words, both the kingship and the prophethood depend upon the leading ministry of the priesthood."*

*"Explores the doctrine of the priesthood of the baptized and examines its significance for the spiritual growth of the faithful and the revitalization of the church"--Provided by publisher.*

An Address to All Believers in Christ

Retrieving the Solas in the Spirit of Mere Protestant Christianity

Three Treatises

Equipping All the Saints for Ministry

Representing Christ

Our Life as God's Royal Priests

The Freedom of a Christian

**The present quickening of lay activity in the life of the church is regarded as one of the most significant developments in recent years. What is the theology behind this development? Is it new? Is it true? Is it biblical? Is it supported by the early church fathers? Is it a living issue today, and is the church awakening to the real and practical significance of a doctrine which has been part of her faith from the beginning? Such pertinent and far-reaching questions are discussed in the book. The author deals with the development of the doctrine of the royal priesthood of the faithful, showing that it is based on the Bible, is strongly supported by the church fathers, and is prominent in the writings of theologians of the Middle Ages. While the neglect of the doctrine has adversely affected the life of the church, the emphasis upon it in many centuries has prompted movements which have resulted in spiritual quickening, intellectual renewal, and new ventures in Christian service. The Royal Priesthood of the Faithful is a dynamic formula of reform. The true church is revealed as a consecrated, interceding, witnessing, and serving priesthood of faithful people. The rediscovery of this doctrine, to which Luther gave a new name, brought fresh life and new insights to the church in the sixteenth century. It may be that in present circumstances, in a different though no less needy world, its message, believed and applied, may yet do the same again. This book is a companion volume to Dr. Eastwood's The Priesthood of All Believers, which examines the doctrine from the Reformation to January of 1962. The two volumes together present a complete work on the meaning and history of the doctrine. The author examines the Christian literature of the first three centuries for evidence of the development both of the special priesthood of the ordained and the general priesthood of all believers. He demonstrates that the development of the special priesthood was closely linked to the emerging division between the clergy and the laity, and that these developments harmed the expression of the general priesthood. 'The Priesthood of Some Believers' is the only detailed and comprehensive study of the way the development of the special priesthood harmed that of the general priesthood.**

**New York Times—bestselling author Garry Wills provides a provocative analysis of the theological and historical basis for the priesthood In a riveting and provocative tour de force from the author of What Jesus Meant, Pulitzer Prize winner Garry Wills poses the challenging question: Why did the priesthood develop in a religion that began without it and, indeed, was opposed to it? Why Priests? argues brilliantly and persuasively for a radical re-envisioning of the role of the church as the Body of Christ and for a new and better understanding of the very basis of Christian belief. As Wills emphasizes, the stakes for the writer and the church are high, for without the priesthood there would be no belief in an apostolic succession, the real presence in the Eucharist, the sacrificial interpretation of the Mass, and the ransom theory of redemption. This superb study of the origins of the priesthood stands as Wills’s towering achievement and will be of interest to all inquiring minds, believers and non-believers alike.**

**The apostle Paul declares in 1 Peter 2:9-10 (NIV)... But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. While completing her doctoral study, Tammy Jacko confirms that reading Scripture increases intimacy with God, the church, and the community, and discovers the spiritual purpose and ministry relevancy of believers today. My Inheritance demonstrates how biblical research stipulates and affirms that every believer is the recipient of an eternal inheritance and has a distinctive role personally and publicly as a priest in the world. The legacy of the priesthood reflects a spiritual seed that expands the Kingdom of God, a spiritual position of honor and power in God, and the spiritual mediating responsibility of all believers who work with God.**

The Priesthood of the Believer

Cross and Freedom

Reconnecting Our Labor and Liturgy

A Study in Luke's Charismatic Theology

Priestly Spirituality in a Changing Church

Friends of the Bridegroom

An Examination of the Doctrine from the Reformation to the Present Day

*Robert Muthiah believes a deepened theology of the priesthood of all believers is essential for answering the crucial questions of what shape the church should take in the twenty-first century, and how this theological query relates to the lived experiences of congregations. Emerging churches, which tend to develop vibrant practices of the priesthood of all believers, need to develop more fully their ecclesiological underpinnings, while historic churches, with a well-developed theology of the priesthood of all believers, need a renewed vigor to allow this theology to shape their congregational lives. With recourse to relevant New Testament texts and theological conversations, The Priesthood of All Believers in the Twenty-First Cenutry argues for a fresh understanding and embodiment of the priesthood of all believers by setting ecclesiology, postmodern culture, and congregational practices in dialogue. Elements of the discussion include ecumenical and Free church perspectives, Trinitarian correspondence, postmodern social structures, the relevance of Alasdair McIntyre's social practices for congregations, and forms of congregational leadership.*

*Martin Luther's historical significance can hardly be overstated. Known as the father of the Protestant Reformation, no single figure has had a greater impact on Western Christianity except perhaps Augustine. In Luther on the Christian Life, historian Carl Trueman introduces readers to the lively Reformer, taking them on a tour of his historical context, theological system, and approach to the Christian life. Whether exploring Luther's theology of protest, ever-present sense of humor, or misunderstood view of sanctification, this addition to Crossway's Theologians on the Christian Life series highlights the ways in which Luther's eventful life shaped his understanding of what it means to be a Christian. Ultimately, this book will help modern readers go deeper in their spiritual walk by learning from one of the great teachers of the faith. Part of the Theologians on the Christian Life series.*

*Traditionally associated with Protestantism, the doctrine of the priesthood of all believers is a genuinely Christian doctrine with important implications for the global church. In Representing Christ, Uche Anizor and Hank Voss explore the doctrine in its biblical, historical, theological and practical dimensions.*

*In this provocative book, Stevens writes the clergy-laity division has no basis in the New Testament and challenges all Christians to rediscover what it means to live daily as God's people. Exploring the theological, structural and cultural reasons for treating laypeople as the objects of ministry, Stevens argues against the idea of clericalism and in favor of equipping people for ministry in their homes, workplaces and neighborhoods.*

The Monastic Foundation of Christian Spirituality

The Catholic Priesthood: Biblical Foundations

Pia Desideria

Gospel Principles

The Priesthood of All Believers in the Twenty-First Century

My Inheritance

God's Mediators

*How the Five Solas Can Renew Biblical Interpretation In recent years, notable scholars have argued that the Protestant Reformation unleashed interpretive anarchy on the church. Is it time to consider the Reformation to be a 500-year experiment gone wrong? World-renowned evangelical theologian Kevin Vanhoozer thinks not. While he sees recent critiques as legitimate, he argues that retrieving the Reformation's core principles offers an answer to critics of Protestant biblical interpretation. Vanhoozer explores how a proper reappropriation of the five solas—sola gratia (grace alone), sola fide (faith alone), sola scriptura (Scripture alone), solus Christus (in Christ alone), and sola Deo gloria (for the glory of God alone)—offers the tools to constrain biblical interpretation and establish interpretive authority. He offers a positive assessment of the Reformation, showing how a retrieval of "mere Protestant Christianity" has the potential to reform contemporary Christian belief and practice. This provocative response and statement from a top theologian is accessibly written for pastors and church leaders.*

*There are many investigations of the Old Testament priests and the New Testament's appropriation of such imagery for Jesus Christ. There are also studies of Israel's corporate priesthood and what this means for the priesthood of God's new covenant people. In this NSBT volume, Andrew S. Malone traces these two distinct threads and their intersection through Scripture with an eye to the contemporary Christian relevance.*

*Tells how a renowned preacher left her ministry to rediscover the authentic heart of her faith. A moving reflection on keeping faith amidst the relentless demands of modern life.*

*The modern chasm between "secular" work and "sacred" worship has had a devastating impact on Western Christianity. Drawing on years of research, ministry, and leadership experience, Kaemingk and Willson explain why Sunday morning worship and Monday morning work desperately need to inform and impact one another. Together they engage in a rich biblical, theological, and historical exploration of the deep and life-giving connections between labor and liturgy. In so doing, Kaemingk and Willson offer new ways in which Christian communities can live seamless lives of work and worship.*

The Prophethood of All Believers

A Plea for the Restoration of the Priesthood of All Believers in the Churches of God

Vocation, Work, and Ministry in Biblical Perspective

A Failed Tradition

Stewards of God's Mysteries

Why Priests?

The doctrine of the Priesthood of all Believers underlies all the great and far-reaching religious movements of the last five hundred years. Apart from that doctrine it is impossible either to understand or appreciate the cause of the Reformation, the impetus of the Puritan Movement, or the widespread influence of the Evangelical Revival. Yet nowhere can the student find a thorough examination of its meaning, for no such systematic statement exists. Here is an attempt to fill this gap. An examination of Reformation Theology shows that this doctrine is the basis of three dominant concepts which Luther stressed--Faith, Word, and Congregation--and that Luther's seven marks of the true Church arise from it. A study of Calvin leads to the conclusion that the doctrine of vocation is the necessary counterpart of the Priesthood of all Believers, that election is always related to consecration, service, and mission; it is an election to priesthood. An investigation of Wesley shows that he took this doctrine seriously and provided opportunities for the People of God to exercise their priestly privileges in the service of the Word, of the Church, and of the World. From all this comes the inescapable conclusion that in Reformation Theology the spiritual priesthood of justified believers consists in their proclamation of God's justifying love to the world. This book is an attempt to present a clear and constructive statement of a doctrine which lies at the very heart of Protestantism and is closely connected with three important issues in current theological discussion--the union of the Churches, the doctrine of vocation, and the liturgical revival.

Provides a picture of the Church's theological image as expressed in the historical forms it has taken through the centuries from the present day back to its origins. The book uncovers, for both Protestant and Roman Catholic, some lessons about the community to which he or she belongs. Although the institution of monasticism has existed in the Christian church since the first century, it is often misunderstood. Greg Peters, an expert in monastic studies, reintroduces historic monasticism to the Protestant church, articulating a monastic spirituality for all believers. As Peters explains, what we have known as monasticism for the past 1,500 years is actually a modified version of the earliest monastic life, which was not necessarily characterized by poverty, chastity, and obedience but rather by one's single-minded focus on God--a single-mindedness rooted in one's baptismal vows and the priesthood of all believers. Peters argues that all monks are Christians, but all Christians are also monks. To be a monk, one must first and foremost be singled-minded toward God. This book presents a theology of monasticism for the whole church, offering a vision

of Christian spirituality that brings together important elements of history and practice. The author connects monasticism to movements in contemporary spiritual formation, helping readers understand how monastic practices can be a resource for exploring a robust spiritual life. The priesthood of all believers is a pillar undergirding Protestant ecclesiology. Yet the doctrine has often been used to serve diverse agendas. This book examines the doctrine's canonical, catholic, and contextual dimensions. It first identifies the priesthood of all believers as a canonical doctrine based upon the royal priesthood of Christ and closely related to the believer's eschatological temple-service and offering of spiritual sacrifices (chapters 1-3). It secondly describes its catholic development by examining three paradigmatic shifts, shifts especially associated with Christendom (chapters 4-6) and a suppression of the doctrine's missional component. Finally, the book argues that a Christian doctrine of the priesthood of all believers should be developed with a Christocentric-Trinitarian understanding of the missio Dei. This suggests there are especially appropriate ways for the royal priesthood to relate to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. A canonically and catholically informed priesthood of all believers leads contextually to particular ecclesial practices. These seven practices are 1) Baptism as public ordination to the royal priesthood; 2) Prayer; 3) Lectio Divina; 4) Ministry; 5) Church Discipline; 6) Proclamation; and 7) the Lord's Supper as the renewal of the royal priesthood.

The Reformation and the Bible

The Priesthood of All Believers

The Priesthood of Some Believers

Living Faithfully as the Whole People of God in a Postmodern Context

Work and Worship

Leaving Church

The Monkhood of All Believers

Fifteen sermons that aid both laity and clergy in a better understanding of the doctrine of the priesthood of all believers, the most basic of Baptist principles.

This classic work, first published in 1675, inaugurated the movement in Germany called Pietism. In it a young pastor, born and raised during the devastating Thirty Years War, voiced a plea for reform of the church which made the author and his proposals famous. A lifelong friend of the philosopher Leibnitz, Spener was an important influence in the life of the next leader of German Pietism, August Herman Francke. He was also a sponsor at the baptism of Nicholas Zinzendorf, founder of the Moravian Church, whose members played a crucial role in the life of John Wesley.

For centuries Christians have had the concept of the priesthood of all believers firmly engrained in their minds. The prophethood of all believers, on the other hand, is, so Stronstad believes, the main focus of Spirit-baptism in Luke-Acts. A landmark study in Lukan pneumatology, this book is aimed at a mixed readership ranging from the scholar to the informed layperson. The role of the Spirit in Luke is clearly portrayed in terms of vocational empowerment. Traditionally, Lukan pneumatology has been viewed through Pauline or Johannine spectacles, but by interpreting Luke independently of the other Gospels and the epistles, Stronstad has cogently argued for the historical and contemporary relevance of Spirit-baptism. He challenges the reader to develop a new appreciation of Luke's theology of the Holy Spirit, and, in fact, to consider the role of the prophethood of all believers for today's world.

This study of priestly spirituality at the start of a new millennium considers how priests participate in the dying and rising of the Lord through challenges and joys that are rooted in our changing culture, in the growing diversity of our Catholic world, and in the demands of their own ministry. Designed as a study text, these pages contain reflection questions for both individuals and study groups of bishops, superiors and priests.

The Royal Priesthood

Developments from the General to the Special Priesthood in the Christian Literature of the First Three Centuries

Biblical Authority after Babel

A Canonical, Catholic, and Contextual Perspective

Created to Draw Near

A Theology of Ministry

Liberating the Laity

You are a royal priest. That Reality Will Change Your Life Human beings are wired for connection. We long for deep relationships and real intimacy—both of which reflect our fundamental desire to be close to God. But all too often, whether because of our sin or our failures, we imagine that God prefers to keep his distance. In this book, Edward T. Welch shows us the purpose for which we were created: to be brought near to God as a kingdom of priests. He traces the priestly identity throughout the entire Bible, showing us how holiness leads to closeness to God. Through the blood of Jesus, God extends his invitation for all to draw near with open arms. And in his presence, we discover what it means to be truly human: known, unashamed, and wise, full of meaning, purpose, and abundant life.

Is there anything in the New Testament about the need for priests in the Church? Many Protestants would argue no. And if you point out that there is a priesthood in the Old Testament, they are likely to say it was a feature of the Old Covenant that was undone by Christ. How should a Catholic respond? In Jesus and the Old Testament Roots of the Priesthood, biblical scholar John Bergsma convinces readers that Jesus did, in fact, intend for a ministerial priesthood to be a key feature of the New Covenant. Bergsma shows how the priesthood is a major thread holding together the biblical story line—beginning with Adam's loss of the gift of priesthood in the Fall and the long process of restoring his descendants to a priestly status over the centuries, culminating with Christ. With chapter summaries and discussion questions included, Jesus and the Old Testament Roots of the Priesthood can readily be adapted into a four-part study for personal or small group use.

With the mind of a theologian and the heart of a pastor, Marc Cardinal Ouellet releases this timely book to help Catholics arrive at a deeper understanding of the Church's traditional teaching on the priesthood and the discipline of celibacy. As the Church rises to the duty of evangelization amid the challenges of secularism, Cardinal Ouellet sounds a clarion call to discover enduring solutions rooted in the basics of holiness. Cardinal Ouellet deftly draws the tradition into the present, adding fresh insights that challenge us to think anew about the beauty and power of the priesthood. He shows the deep connection between the ministerial priesthood of the clergy and the royal priesthood of all believers—how they are united in Christ's priesthood, and how they work together to build up the Kingdom of God on earth. Friends of the Bridegroom is a book not just about the priesthood but for priests, and should therefore find a welcome home in rectories and seminaries everywhere. It promises to confirm them confidently in their vocation, their hope in Christ, and remind them of their dignity and duties in relation to the challenges of the modern world. As the Church prepares for the Synod of Bishops for the Pan-Amazon region, Cardinal Ouellet charts a path forward that is both sensitive to the missionary duties of the Church and steeped in Her incomparable and irreplaceable tradition. As the President of the Pontifical Commission for Latin America, Cardinal Ouellet knows and loves this land and its people; his prescription for the priesthood is full of evangelical zeal and pastoral warmth. This is an essential document for understanding not just the priesthood, but this pivotal moment in Church history.

The Bible played a vital role in the lives, theology, and practice of the Protestant Reformers. These essays from the 2016 Wheaton Theology Conference bring together the reflections of church historians and theologians on the nature of the Bible as "the people's book," considering themes such as access to Scripture, the Bible's role in worship, and theological interpretation.

The Biblical Study of the Priesthood of Believers

Slogan Or Substance?

A Biblical Theology of Priesthood

In an Age of Modern Myth

Church

The Priesthood of All Believers and the Missio Dei

You are Chosen

Martin Luther posted his Ninety-five Theses on the church door at Wittenberg in 1517. In the three years that followed, Luther clarified and defended his position in numerous writings. Chief among these are the three treatises written in 1520. In these writings Luther tried to frame his ideas in terms that would be comprehensible not only to the clergy but to people of a wide range of backgrounds. To the Christian Nobility of the German Nation is an attack on the corruption of the church and the abuses of its authority, bringing to light many of the underlying reasons for the Reformation. The second treatise, The Babylonian Captivity of the Church, contains Luther's sharp criticism of the sacramental system of the Catholic church. Freedom of a Christian gives a concise presentation of Luther's position on the doctrine of justification by faith. The translations of these treatises are all taken from the American edition of Luther's Works. This new edition of Three Treatises will continue to be a popular resource for individual study, church school classes, and college and seminary courses.

Every church has far more work than any one person can do. Even a team of professionals is not enough. The New Testament solution was for every member to be a minister. Though the priesthood of all believers was a key idea in the Reformation, it is little practised today. Following secular models, churches usually organize around the clergy, who are paid by the laity to do the ministry. Paul Stevens argues that, according to Scripture, the primary task of a Christian leader is not to do the work but to equip the saints to do it. Exploring new options for pastors, tentmakers and laypeople, this book provides structures and strategies to best equip all the saints for ministry.

The People's Book

The Royal Priesthood of the Faithful

A Memoir of Faith

Completing the Reformation

Luther on the Christian Life

For a Renewed Vision of Priestly Celibacy

The Priesthood