

“Bring the Books”

Recommended Reading for Grace Church International

“When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments.” (2 Timothy 3:14)

As we seek to encourage the spiritual growth of our church family, we are pleased to recommend the following books, confident that you will benefit from them as you read. Of course, our recommendation isn't a blanket endorsement of the book or its author. Only the Bible is perfect, and you should read the Bible more than anything else. But these books will help you understand the Best Book. Grace to you!

The Pastors of GCI, March of 2020

Christian Classics

- [Pilgrim's Progress by John Bunyan](#)
- [Holiness by J. C. Ryle](#)
- *The Holiness of God* by R. C. Sproul
- *The Pursuit of God* by A. W. Tozer
- *Knowing God* by J. I. Packer
- *Mere Christianity* by C. S. Lewis
- [The Mystery of Providence by John Flavel](#)

Family, Marriage, and Finances

- [Sex and the Supremacy of Christ](#) edited by John Piper and Justin Taylor
- *The Treasure Principle* by Randy Alcorn
- *The Meaning of Marriage* by Timothy Keller
- *Parenting* by Paul Tripp
- *The Tech-Wise Family* by Andy Crouch
- *Risen Motherhood* by Emily Jensen & Laura Wifler

Trials and Suffering

- *Trusting God* by Jerry Bridges
- *The Difference Jesus Makes: Trusting Him in Every Situation* by H.B. Charles
- *Suffering: Gospel Hope When Life Doesn't Make Sense* by Paul David Tripp
- [Suffering and the Sovereignty of God](#) by John Piper and Justin Taylor

Biographies and Church History

- *5 Minutes in Church History* by Stephen J. Nichols
- [Through Gates of Splendor](#) by Elisabeth Elliot

- *Devotedly: The Personal Letters and Love Story of Jim and Elisabeth Elliot* by Valerie Shepherd
- *Amazing Grace: William Wilberforce and the Heroic Campaign to End Slavery* by Eric Metaxas
- [*To the Golden Shore: The Life of Adoniram Judson* by Courtney Anderson](#)
- *Spurgeon: A Biography* by Arnold Dallimore
- *The Forgotten Spurgeon* by Iain Murray
- *The Spiritual Secret of Hudson Taylor – Dr. & Mrs. Howard Taylor*
- *George Whitefield: The Evangelist* by John Pollock
- *Seven Leaders* by Iain H. Murray
- *The Autobiography of George Muller*
- *Amy Carmichael: Beauty for Ashes* by Iain Murray

The Christian Life

- [*Don't Waste Your Life* by John Piper](#)
- *The Prodigal God* by Tim Keller
- *Delighting in the Trinity* by Michael Reeves
- *Set Apart* by R. Kent Hughes
- *Respectable Sins* by Jerry Bridges
- *Spiritual Leadership* by J. Oswald Sanders
- *Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life* by Donald Whitney

Sexuality and Gender

- *7 Myths About Singleness* by Sam Allberry
- *A War of Loves: The Unexpected Story of a Gay Activist Discovering Jesus* – David Bennett
- *What Does the Bible Really Teach About Homosexuality?* By Kevin Deyoung
- *Same-Sex Attraction and the Church* by Ed Shaw
- *Feminine Appeal* by Carolyn Mahaney
- [*50 Crucial Questions: An Overview of Central Concerns about Manhood and Womanhood* by John Piper and Wayne Grudem](#)

The Gospel

- [*God is the Gospel* by John Piper](#)
- *The Gospel for Real Life* by Jerry Bridges
- *The Cross of Christ* by John Stott
- *What is the Gospel* by Greg Gilbert
- *More Than a Carpenter* by Josh McDowell
- *Living the Cross-Centred Life* by C. J. Mahaney

Missions

- [*Let the Nations Be Glad* by John Piper](#)
- *A Vision for Missions* by Tom Wells
- *For the Sake of His Name* by David Doran
- *Something Needs to Change* by David Platt
- *From Jerusalem to Irian Jaya* by Ruth Tucker

The Gospel Coalition has a recommended list of free/discounted books to read during quarantine (though many of them are not Christian, just good classics). This list includes several for children and teens:

<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/free-discounted-books-quarantine/>

[Desiring God has kindly placed many of their books](#) by authors John Piper and Justin Taylor free in PDF format.

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