



BBC UPDATE

II TIMOTHY MODULE



Dr. Thomas M. Strouse

Bible Baptist Church will host the Bible Baptist Theological Seminary module during the week of Monday, Feb. 28 to Friday, March 4, 2022 on II Timothy, dealing with Greek text and commentary. This is a must course for all pastors and serious students of the Bible. Knowledge of biblical Greek is not required.

Supper will be provided for all attendees. The class hours will be 5-9 PM, Monday through Friday. Wednesday night Prayer Service will be from 7-8 PM. If you intend to attend for audit or credit please RSVP for meal planning 2-16-22.

Dr. Thomas Strouse, Dean
Bible Baptist Theological Seminary

"I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine." II Timothy 4:1-2

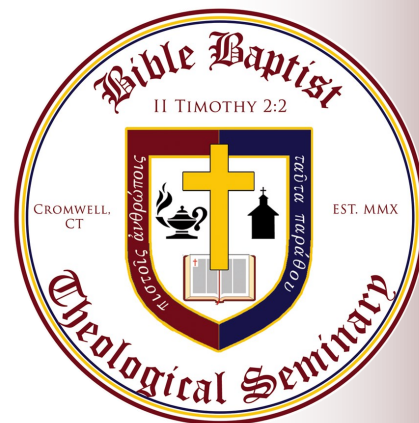
BBTS 2022 SPRING SEMESTER

Bible Baptist Theological Seminary
classes have started!

TUESDAY: GREEK IV

THURSDAY: II CORINTHIANS

Classes are taught by Dr. Thomas M. Strouse from 6-9PM.



13TH ANNUAL SPRING LECTURE SERIES

The Bible Baptist Theological Seminary Thirteenth Annual Lecture Series will be held on April 15, 2022 at Galilean Baptist Church in Stafford Springs, CT, hosted by Pastor and Mrs. Stephen Hinebaugh. The sessions will begin at 9 AM with a noon luncheon and concluding by 3 PM. A book table will be available with many recent volumes and reprints. The lecture with syllabi will deal with **“The Ephesian Baptist Church: Her History, Doctrine, and Longevity.”** Please RSVP by 4-1-22.

The Ephesian Baptist Church was a significant biblical assembly in the first century, having been started by the Apostle Paul, and having received the canonical books of Ephesians, I and II Timothy, and Revelation, and probably the Johannine canonical literature (John, I John, II John, and III John) as well. Luke dealt with the Ephesian church in Acts 19, 20, and 21. The assembly had a history of existence for at least forty years. The Ephesian Baptist Assembly became the model for all biblical churches. Thus, the immense value of studying this significant Asian church helps modern churches have a pattern for doctrine and practice. Timothy received instruction from Paul, who demanded, saying, *“Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus”* (II Tim. 1:13). The word for *“form”* (*hupotuposin*) means a “sketch” or “outline” concerning *“sound”* (*hugiainonton*) or healthy words. The words of Scripture need to be preached because they have heavenly authority. Too often American churches, whether emerging, fundamentalist, or even independent, have succumbed to the non-authoritative, western opinions and standards with associated entrenched guilt and shame, and forced man’s “form” on those who would rather seek the biblical form of sound words. What was the position of the Ephesian Baptist Church on preaching, assembling, accountability, pastoral oversight, politics, government congeniality, church agility, size, money, or pastoral or personal hubris? Paul’s words to Timothy and the Ephesian assembly are the outline for the biblical church. How may the Lord’s assemblies stay within the lines of Paul’s outline?





Above: BBC church member, Bernadette Jacobson celebrated her 89th birthday this month with a dozen roses from Pastor and Mrs. Strouse.

Top Right: Dave gives the children a geography lesson using the map mural on the wall in the church.

Left: BBC youth enjoy a snowy Sunday afternoon after services.

BBC/BBTS 2022 SCHEDULE

January 24, 2022

13th BBTS Spring Semester Begins

February 28-March 4

Module
Bible Baptist Church, Cromwell
Greek Text of II Timothy 1-4

April 15, 2022

13th Annual BBTS Spring Lecture Series
Galilean Baptist Church

May 15, 2022

13th Annual BBTS Commencement Service

August 22-26

Module
Fairhaven Baptist College
Acts, Vol. 1 (Chapters 1-9)

TRUE HOPE



Pastor Cas Reeves

“Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the commandment of God our Saviour, and Lord Jesus Christ, which is our hope”.
(1 Timothy 1:1)

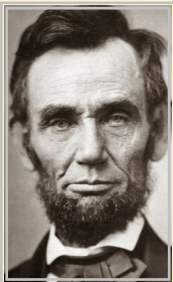
We have a hope, beloved, and that hope is living and alive, and it is Jesus Christ our Savior and our God. The word “hope” from the Greek word *‘elpo’* means to anticipate, usually with pleasure. The idea is that of expectation or confidence. Think of the added dimension it brings to our understanding of Jesus Christ, who is not only our Savior, but is our hope and our anticipation, our pleasure, our expectation and our confidence.

For the most part, the word, “hope” is used in the Bible for the thought of anticipation or expectation of something good. *“In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began”* (Titus 1:2). Hope plays a very important part in everyone’s life. For those who are lost and do not know Christ as their personal Savior, it is hope, hope of a different nature, that is the force which helps many to survive catastrophic events in their life. This hope is not a true hope, but a mental hope in something that they have fixated on. At best, it can be said, it is a guessing hope or a hope of chance. It is unlike real hope which is by its nature a confident hope. Only the genuine Christian has a true hope and that hope is Christ Jesus. John records that Jesus said, *“I am...the truth”* (John 14:6). We, who are saved, and who have received Jesus Christ into our hearts have this hope, the True Hope, *“which is Christ in you, the hope of glory”* (Colossians 1:27).

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For the Christian, the book of Romans gives us interesting insights into “hope.” First, it tells us that we are saved by hope: *“For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?”* (Romans 8:24). Here the word “hope” is used to reveal a ‘confident faith’ in what can not be seen. Then, *“if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it”* (Romans 8:25). We are told it is by this ‘confident, anticipating hope’, that we wait patiently for *“the redemption of our body.”* (Romans 8:23). And finally, we learn, that the God of hope would have us to abound in hope through His blessings and His Spirit. *“Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost”* (Romans 15:13). To “abound” means to be overflowing, to have an excess of, in this case an “abounding hope.” Beloved, in order to do this, we must personally know God and the power of his dear Son; in both our salvation and in our walk, if we are to experience in this life the meaning of an abounding true hope. It is this real and true hope that gets us through our moments of difficulties and discouragement’s, and enables us to keep on keeping on for the Lord Jesus Christ with the right attitude. -CAR

QUOTES FROM THE PAST



“Character is like a tree and reputation like a shadow. The shadow is what we think of it; the tree is the real thing.”

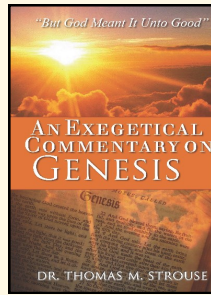
Abraham Lincoln

1809-1865

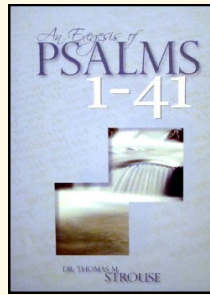
16th President of the United States

THE BOOK CORNER

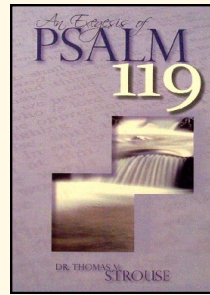
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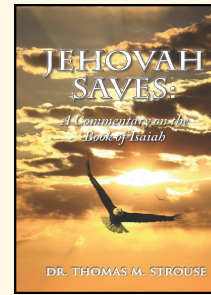
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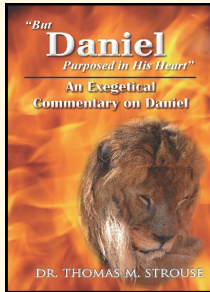
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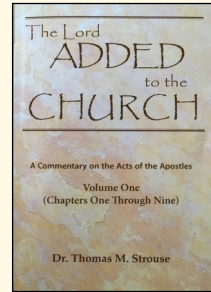
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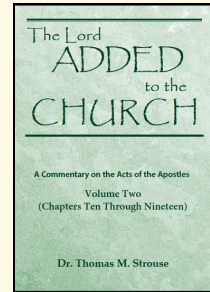
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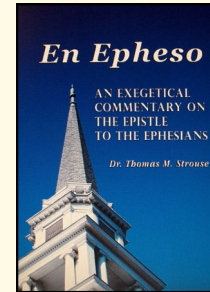
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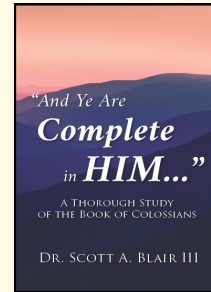
Acts 1-9 \$30.00



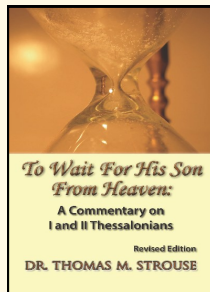
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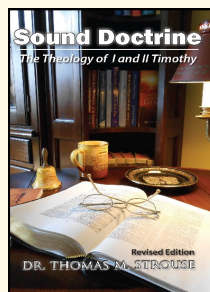
Ephesians \$20.00



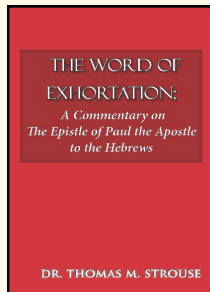
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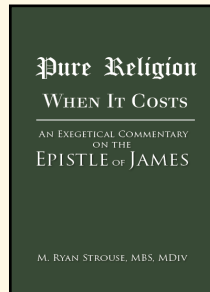
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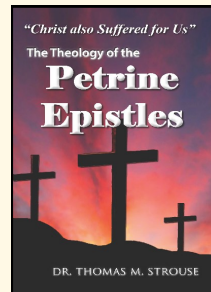
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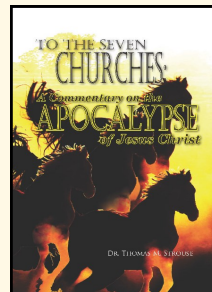
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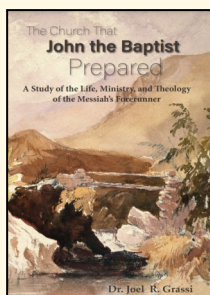
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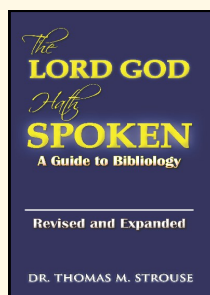
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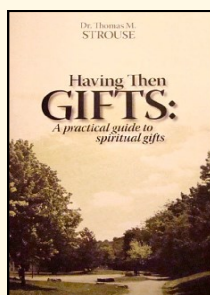
Revelation \$30.00



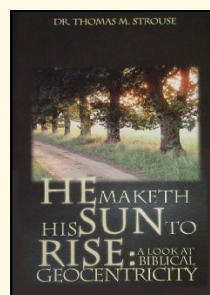
John the Baptist \$35.00



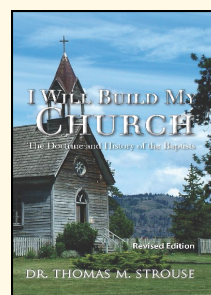
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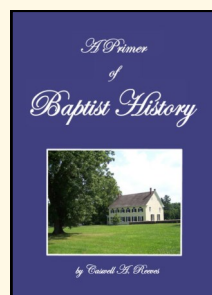
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Geocentricity \$10.00



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