

BBC UPDATE



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COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH MODULE

During the week of June 6-10, 2022, Dr. Thomas Strouse taught the *Johannine Epistles* for the seminary module at Community Baptist Church in Cooperstown, PA. Dr. David Smith is the pastor of the church and encouraged his people to attend, of whom about thirty enrolled in class or watched on “live stream.” The students learned that the backdrop of the New Testament world was engulfed in Gnosticism which penetrated many churches through various false teachers with damnable heresies. First John dealt with the problem of Gnostic *church members*, Second John dealt with the problem of Gnostic *church missionaries*, and Third John dealt with the problem of Gnostic *church ministers*.



The Outline of First John

I. The Purpose > Joy because of Fellowship (1:1-4)

II. The Parameters for Fellowship (1:5-2:27)

- A. The Parameter of Fellowship with Saviour (1:5-2:2)
- B. The Parameter of Fellowship with Saviour and Saints (2:3-27)
 - 1. The Parameter of the Moral Test (2:3-6)
 - 2. The Parameter of the Social Test (2:7-17)
 - 3. The Parameter of the Doctrinal Test (2:18-27)

III. The Practice of Tests

- A. The Practice of the Moral Test (2:28-3:10)
- B. The Practice of the Social Test (3:11-24)
- C. The Practice of the Doctrinal Test (4:1-6)

IV. The Profit of the Tests

- A. The Profit of the Social Test (4:7-12)
- B. The Profit of the Doctrinal and Social Tests (4:13-21)
- C. The Profit of the Doctrinal, Social, and Moral Tests (5:1-21)

JOHANNINE EPISTLES OUTLINES

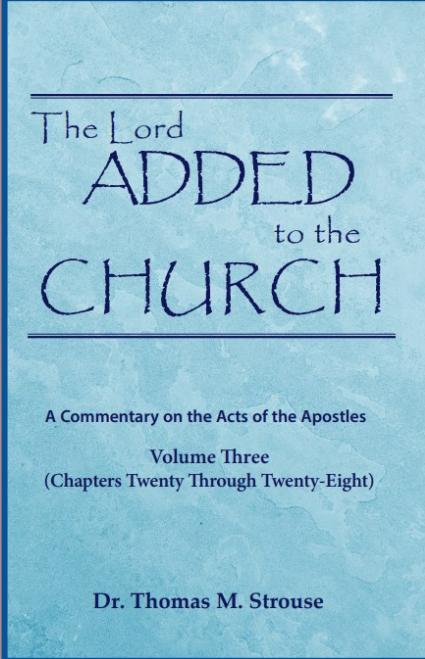
The Outline of Second John

- I. The Audience (vv. 1-3)**
- II. The Approval (v. 4)**
- III. The Admonition (vv. 5-6)**
- IV. The Adversaries (vv. 7-11)**
- V. The Aspiration (vv. 12-13)**

The Outline of Third John

- I. The Introduction (v. 1)**
- II. The Impact of Gaius (v. 2-8)**
- III. The Inveiglement of Diotrephes (vv. 9-11)**
- IV. The Installment of Demetrius (v. 12)**
- V. The Inking of John (vv. 13-14)**

THE LORD ADDED TO THE CHURCH—VOL. 3 COMPLETED



Dr. Thomas Strouse is pleased to announce that the Third Volume of his three volume commentary on *The Lord Added to the Church. A Commentary on the Acts of the Apostles* (Chapters Twenty through Twenty-Eight) is finished and ready for printing. This last volume contains 609 pages with four appendices. The three volume set has a total of 1948 pages and 6718 footnotes, giving a commentary on the English and Greek texts of the *King James Version*. This commentary is the product of about three and a half years of daily study of and writing about the second work addressed to Theophilus from the physician Luke, the *Book of Acts*.

The commentary is an effort to help pastors and church members have a better understanding of the *Book of Acts*, including difficult passages and interpretative issues. This commentary refutes Protestant eisegesis and para-church assumptions with biblical ecclesiology. The First Volume covered Chapters One through Nine, and the Second Volume dealt with Chapters Ten through Nineteen. The Bibliography contains over two hundred and fifty

entries of relevant works, old and new, on the *Book of Acts*. *The Lord Added to the Church. A Commentary on the Acts of the Apostles* (Chapters Twenty through Twenty-Eight) should be available by mid-summer, 2022.

HOMESCHOOL GRADUATION



On June 12, 2022, Bible Baptist Church honored Miss Sophia Grace Gagnon with a graduation service since she recently graduated from home school high school. She is a member of Bible Baptist Church along with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Gagnon, who oversaw her home schooling. Her mother, Mrs. Kirsten Gagnon (B.S. in Elementary Education), was her teacher, and wrote the following:

Sophia has attended Gagnon Academy since K4. She is our first child that was completely home schooled. I worried about teaching her how to read, however, she excelled in reading early on, and continues to be an avid reader. Our main academic curriculum was Abeka Books with additional curriculums such as Horizons Math, Saxon Math, and Apologia Science. Sophia will be attending Central Connecticut State University in the fall where she has received a Director's Scholarship. Sophia enjoys science and although undeclared/exploratory is her current Major, she is probably seeking a degree in the science/medical field. As her spiritual gift is exhortation, she desires use of her gift to interact and help others. Her life verses are the following: "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind" (II Tim. 1:7) and "And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong" (II Cor. 12:9-10).



Sophia and her family.



Dr. Strouse presents Sophia with her diploma.



Sophia celebrates with cake.

BBC/BBTS 2022 SCHEDULE

July 25-29

Calvary Ind. Baptist
Church
Plymouth, NH
"Biblical Geography"

August 22-26

Fairhaven Baptist
College
Chesterton, IN
Acts, Vol. 1 (Chapt. 1-9)

October 2-5

Willow Grove Baptist
Church
Waynesburg, PA
Bible Conference



Pastor Cas Reeves

ENCOURAGEMENT IN FAITH

"But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." Hebrews 11:6

The Bible is very clear; in order to please God one must have a Bible faith. Bible faith is a faith that comes from the words of God. The Apostle Paul reveals, "*So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God*" (Romans 10:17). It is simply a faith that takes God at His word. A faithful person is one who receives God's word by believing and observes God's word by believing.

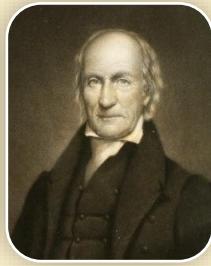
The measure of one's faith is usually the measure of how well or acceptable he observes what he believes regarding that which God has revealed to him from the Scriptures. There are many Christians who have been discouraged because of their personal evaluation regarding the weakness of their faith. As a result many beat themselves for it and tend to live their Christian life in a weak state not allowing themselves the help of God to strengthen them because they seem so unworthy.

The Christian needs only to read the book of Judges to find Godly people who were weak in their personal faith as God unfolds their accounts. Yet one notes how God used men like Barak, Gideon, and Samson. These were men that all had faith issues in their lives: Barak, who needed the strength of Deborah's faith to accomplish his task; Gideon, who needed sign after sign in order to believe God was really with him in his task; and Samson, who was more worldly than faithful, whose eye was always wondering, but who at the end of his life called upon God by faith to gloriously glorified God in the finishing victoriously his task.

As one evaluates the commonalties of each of these men: first, they each had their own personal problems in faith, which causes one to surmise they were weak in their faith. Secondly, regardless of the measure of their faith, they attempted by faith to do what God had asked them to do. Thirdly, even though these men struggled internally with their particular faith issues, they accomplished what God asked them to do; they were willing to let God use them. And fourthly, all three of these men are mentioned in God's Hall of Faith: "*And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gideon, and of Barak, and of Samson....*" (Hebrews 11:32).

Beloved, the most important evaluation of the Believer's faith is God's evaluation. Let each of us be encouraged that even though we may judge ourselves to be weak in faith, God can use us, if we will let Him. -CAR

QUOTES FROM THE PAST



"Let every man speak freely without fear--maintain the principles that he believes--worship according to his own faith, either one God, three Gods, no God, or twenty Gods; and let government protect him."

John Leland
1754-1841
Early American Baptist Preacher

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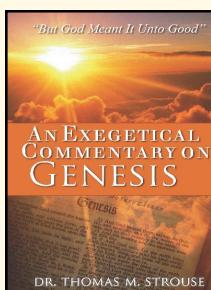
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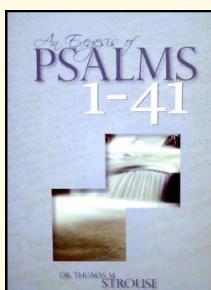
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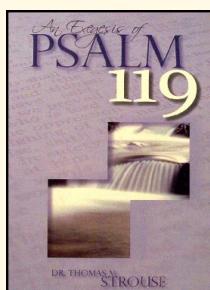
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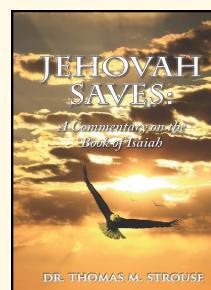
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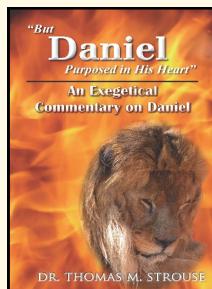
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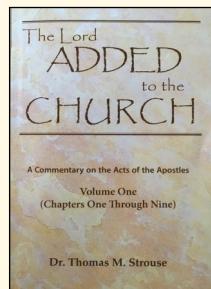
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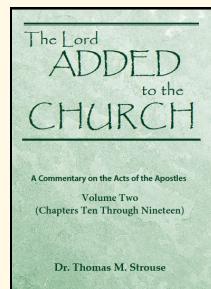
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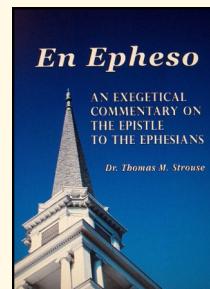
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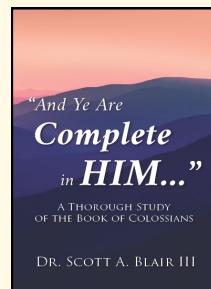
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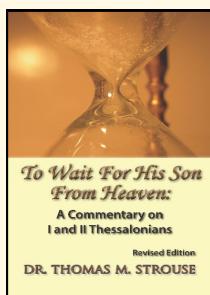
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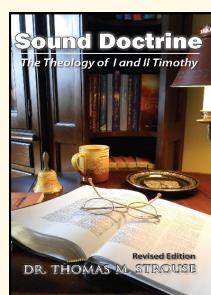
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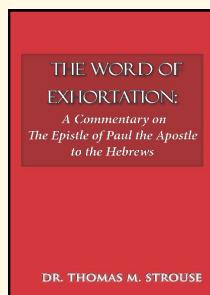
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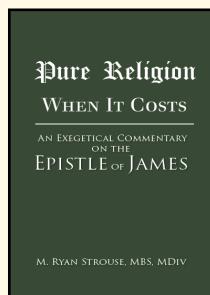
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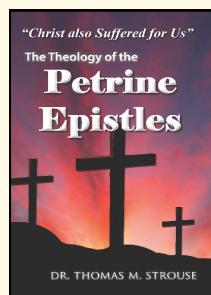
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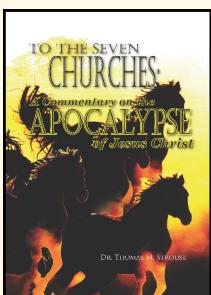
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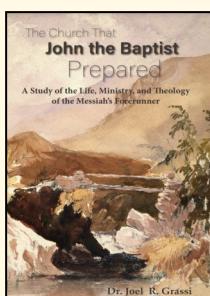
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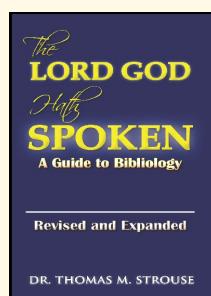
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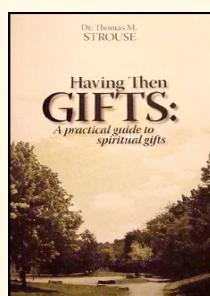
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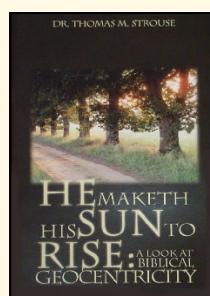
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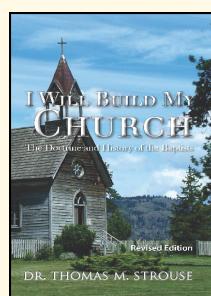
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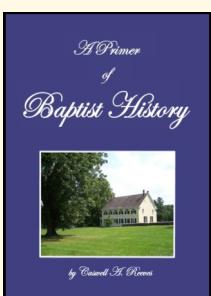
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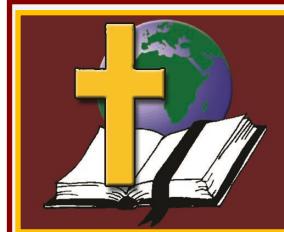
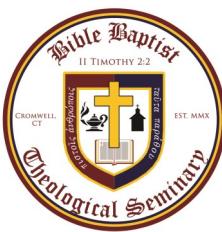


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