



BBC UPDATE

ANNIVERSARY SERVICE



Dr. Thomas M. Strouse

Bible Baptist Church held her fifteenth anniversary service on December 15, 2024 with the assembly rejoicing in the blessings of the precious Lord Jesus Christ Who established the church on Thursday, December 3, 2009. Some 27 believers signed the church charter as Bible Baptist Church immediately organized as one the Lord's candlesticks. The Baptist assembly met in several homes until a building became available in Cromwell, CT. We are thankful to the Lord Jesus Christ for

His many blessings through the years as members grew spiritually in the faithful preaching and teaching of the Word of God.

After the church service, the members enjoyed a wonderful banquet and exciting time of fellowship by exchanging gifts with one another.



15th Anniversary



2024 ANNIVERSARY POEM

Mrs. Kirsten Gagnon

Come and listen and you will hear
How the Lord blessed our 15th year.
He always makes His direction clear,
If to His commandments we adhere.

As we move through Job methodically,
We're now in year number three.
But through Job ourselves we should see
That self-righteous we all tend to be.

We gladly sent out our Star
To teach modules near and far.
Ireland twice and the Philippines via Qatar.
In his place, the mighty men were exemplar.

The commencement was at the Marriott again,
Where our Seminary graduated six faithful men.
Our special speaker was Dr. Raquantan.
To his Biblical challenge we all said "Amen!"

Aiko began to court lovely Naomi.
With a ring he asked, "Will you marry me?"
Now for her visa they're waiting patiently,
So husband and wife they soon can be.

Allayah and Marquis quickly tied the knot.
In their marriage they must be learning a lot.
For now they're going to give parenting a shot.
He also filled the Jr. Sunday School teacher slot.

And not that anyone is keeping score,
But to the Strouse house was added one more.
Ryan heard the call and walked through the door.
Can't wait to see what's next in store.

Several men wrote a book on Gnosticism.
Covering topics like textual criticism,
Martial arts, psychiatry, and Epicureanism.
And Darrell introduced to us Hip-Hop-ism.

Of course we have the Lord to thank
For our new baptismal tank.
The water was chilly, to be quite frank,
But Collin, Landon and Marquis all sank!

We also cannot forget
Into our assembly the Whites were set.
And they didn't even have to get wet
Because their profession we gladly accept.

Something else we must declare,
How God, for his saints, doth care:
Don's kidney was in disrepair,
So a new one was an answer to prayer.

For the truth the Caresos will not be deprived,
So we're thankful on Sunday when they arrive
From their long 2-hour trip alive.
Pastor and Jan also have a new car to drive.

Kirsten was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.
We're praying the Lord will completely heal her.
But no matter how He decides to answer,
We know we will see her in the forever after.

Someday we all will see that "one event,"
So make sure now that you repent.
Jesus onto this earth was sent
So you won't spend eternity in torment.

The gospel we need every day to share
To make the world fully aware.
To Heaven, we learned, nothing can compare.
We should all look forward to going there.

So, if the Lord doesn't come back today,
(His return is something for which we should pray)
Don't be Christian as a role to play,
But rather, want His Word to obey.



MORE PHOTOS FROM THE ANNIVERSARY BANQUET



*Cecilia shows off her
verse of the day
calendar*



*Collin was happy some-
one took his donut socks*



*Kirsten enjoys
holding Claire*



*Preston wants Mr. Bill's
McDonald's gift card.*



*Is Pastor doing the
Trump dance?*



Candy for Sandy



*Ryan gets Claire to sleep
through all the fun*



*Celine has a fun
Christmas sweater*



*Andrew can't decide if
he wants this gift or not*



*What is Aiko going to
get?*



*Bryce gets advice from
Mr. Bill*



*Karen went for the
pretty gift bag...*

THE NON-PRESERVATION OF THE INSPIRED AND PERFECT WORDS OF THE LORD!

We staunch defenders of the received texts of the Hebrew and Greek texts behind the venerable King James Bible have to admit that not all of the inspired and perfect words of the Lord Jesus Christ have been preserved. Therefore, it falls upon us to ask several questions with regard to these words which came from the Lord Jesus but that we do not have. Should we try to restore what God has providentially determined not to preserve? Should we use the best techniques available to come close to restoring these perfect words? What would be the authority to pursue this worthy effort? Did the Lord ever declare or hint at the responsibility that man must restore what the Lord God determined not to preserve? Finally, who in our company of defenders has the intelligence, skill, knowledge, methodology, and esteem to take on such a daunting task?

For instance, there is a passage in Scripture in which the Lord wrote inspired and perfect words which have not been preserved. The account occurs in the *Gospel of John* when the Lord wrote with His finger certain words. The Scripture states, “*But Jesus stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground...again he stooped down, and wrote on the ground*” (Jn. 8:6, 8).¹ What were the words that came from the Son of God, and therefore were inspired and consequently perfect with no misspellings, or grammatical, or historical errors, that the perfect Saviour wrote? These words have not been preserved! Should we attempt to restore the perfect words of God that He purposefully determined not to preserve?

The editor of the *NET*, Dr. Daniel Wallace, international scholar and expert of restoring the original Greek text that Jehovah purposefully did not preserve, states about the text, saying, “it can also be interpreted as implying that what Jesus wrote was a counteraccusation against the accusers (although there is no clue as to the actual content of what he wrote, some scribes added ‘the sins of each one of them’ either here or at the end of v. 8).” Others posit that the Lord may have written “*thou shalt not commit adultery*” (Ex. 20:14). Maybe the Lord wrote down the names of the adulterers in the group; whose names should we suggest? Is there no way to tell what the Lord wrote? Of course some state that there is no issue here because the so-called *pericope adulterae* is not in the earliest and best Greek manuscripts (*sic*). The note in *The Ryrie Study Bible* on Jn. 7:53-8:11 asserts that “this story, though probably authentic, is omitted in many manuscripts and may not have been originally a part of this Gospel.” It is obvious that the best of the best of the best of textual scholars cannot with any certainty restore the inspired words of God which He purposefully did not preserve!

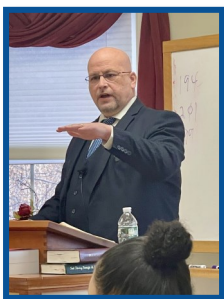
For we who believe that the Lord Jesus Christ did promise to preserve His perfectly inspired words (Ps. 12:6-7; 119:152; 160; Mt. 24:35; *et al*), for which we are accountable (Jn. 12:48), and in fact did fulfill His promise to preserve His perfect words, can find solace in that we do not know what He wrote in the ground and that we are not responsible or accountable for *these words*, by which we are to live but cannot (Mt. 4:4)! We have the promises of Scripture about perfect words preservation; the critics have no promises and can only deny the promises that we have! Let us focus on the inspired and perfect words that the Lord has given us, and live thereby.

¹ Jeremiah the prophet may have given a hint, saying, “*O LORD, the hope of Israel, all that forsake thee shall be ashamed, and they that depart from me shall be written in the earth, because they have forsaken the LORD, the fountain of living waters*” (Jer. 17:13).

"A BRIDE'S REFLECTION"

Jeff Skorupski

Fifteen years ago I fell in love all over again with my Lord and Savior. I awoke and these lyrics made their way from my heart to the page. I praise the Lord that a non-musician like myself was able to use current technologies to create the music and voice for this song of praise.



You counted not the cost
From the manger to the cross;
You bled and died on Calvary
All for love to set me free;
Lord God for me you once had died
But Death lost its hold as life revived;
Oh how your love it thrills my soul
And causes yearning to be whole;
I scarce can wait my beloved to see
Come quickly now and call for me;
With raptured soul by your side I'll be
Never parted through eternity.

Music: <https://tinyurl.com/3wy3eerx>

REPRINT

The reprint of *The Word of Exhortation: A Commentary on The Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the Hebrews* by Dr. Thomas M. Strouse is now available at \$30.00.

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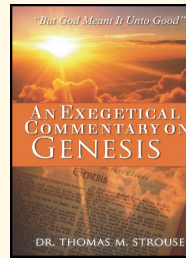
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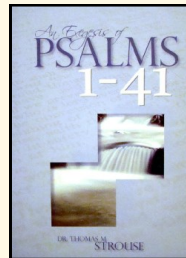
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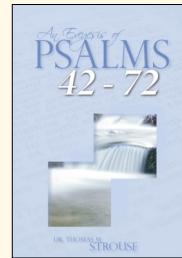
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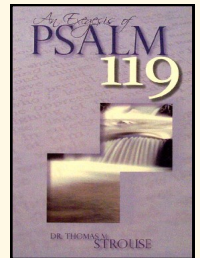
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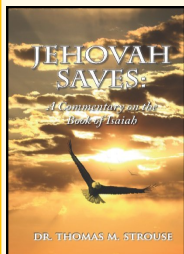
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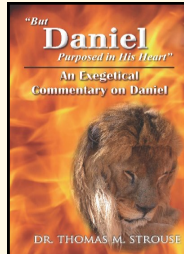
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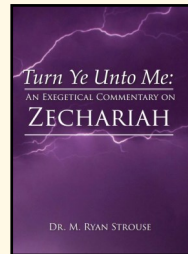
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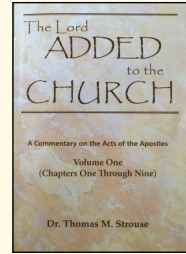
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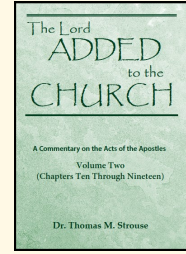
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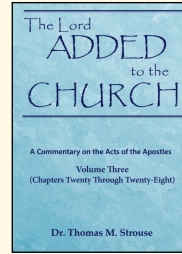
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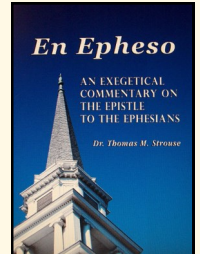
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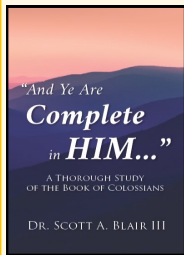
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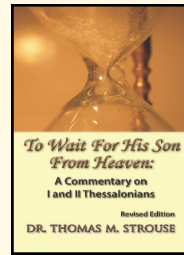
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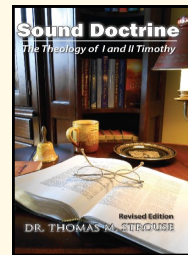
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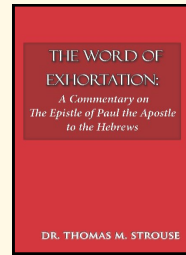
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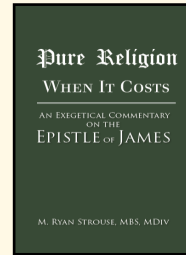
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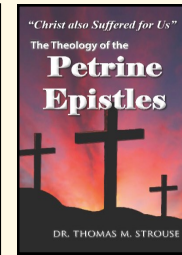
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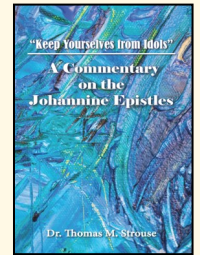
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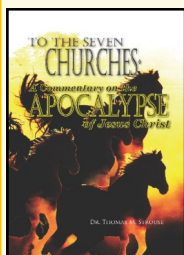
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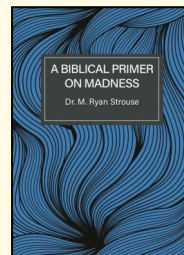
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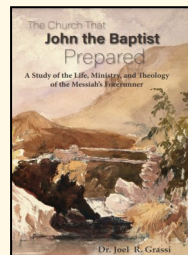
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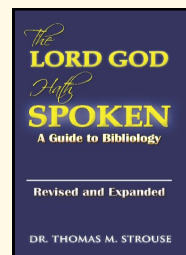
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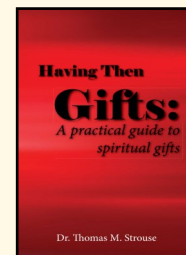
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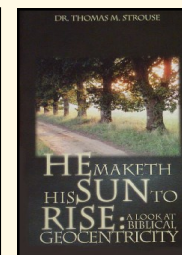
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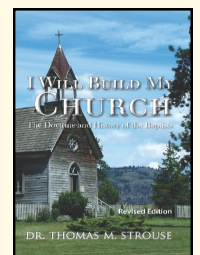
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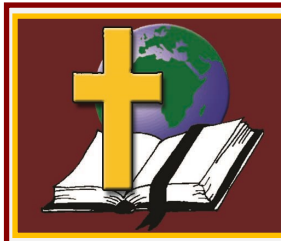
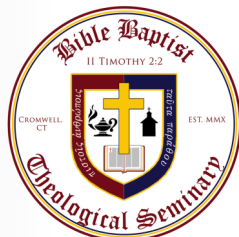


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