



# BBC UPDATE



Dr. Thomas M. Strouse

## ORDINATION COUNCIL AND SERVICE FOR PASTOR DARRELL NELSON

On April 24 and 25, 2021, BBC had the distinct privilege of examining and ordaining Brother Darrell Nelson to the Pastoral Ministry. On Saturday, April 24, 2021, several men of Bible Baptist Church and guest Dr. Joel Grassi examined the testimonies of Brother Nelson's salvation, call to the pastorate, and biblical statement of his spiritual gift. After these testimonies, Brother Nelson expounded on the doctrines of bibliography, theological proper, soteriology, ecclesiology, and eschatology and demonstrated his thorough knowledge of the Bible and doctrine. After some serious questioning by the council about the above subjects, the council confirmed unanimously the soundness of Brother Nelson's testimonies and doctrine, and gave recommendation that Bible Baptist Church proceed with the ordination service. The Lord blessed on Sunday with some of Brother Nelson's relatives attending the services for the day as well as other visitors. Dr. Joel Grassi also attended from NYC, one of Dr. Strouse's seminary graduates and also friend to Bible Baptist Church and especially to Brother Nelson.

After the messages of Pastor Strouse concerning "*the office of bishop*," including the Man, the Measurement, the Ministry, the Mission, the Mastery, the Myths, and the Means, the council members and men of Bible Baptist Church laid hands upon Brother Nelson, recognizing publicly what the Lord Jesus Christ had already done in Brother Nelson's heart. The Scripture gave the pattern of the practice of "the laying on of hands" (Num. 8:10; Dt. 34:9; Heb. 6:2; Acts 13:2-3; and I Tim. 4:14). Paul warned the Lord's assembly, saying, "*Lay hands suddenly on no man, neither be partaker of other men's sins: keep thyself pure*" (I Tim. 5:22). Bible Baptist Church recognized that she was not violating Paul's injunction, and proceeded as instructed by the Apostle, who said to Timothy, "*Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands*" (II Tim. 1:6).

This was a great blessing to Bible Baptist Church, to Brother Nelson and his children Daniel, Serena, and Allayah, to the visiting relatives and friends, and to the Pastor of Bible Baptist Church. Pastor Darrell Nelson's immediate plans are to continue to serve the Lord faithfully at Bible Baptist Church and begin a Bible study in the area under the aegis of Bible Baptist Church.



# ORDINATION COUNCIL

PHOTOS



Above: Darrell listens carefully to Dr. Strouse's questions as the council considers his answers.

Left: The council members unanimously confirmed Brother Nelson to the pastorate.

Below: Darrell and daughter Allayah

Bottom: Council members sign the Certificate of Ordination

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ORDINATION COUNCIL

# ORDINATION SERVICE



*Above: Pastor taught about the ordination procedure. First cousin and BBC church member, Tommy Thompson introduced Darrell to the congregation.*



*Right: The laying on of hands by the BBC men and ordination council.*

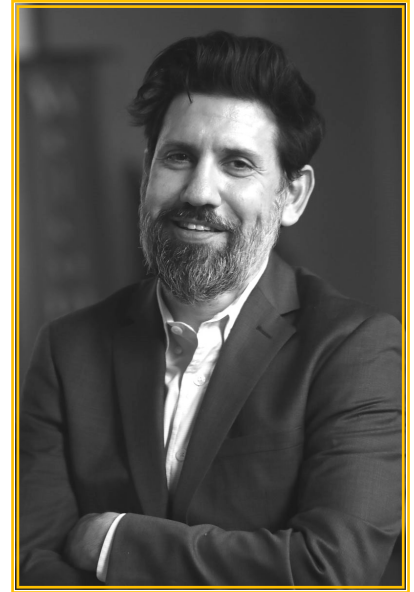
*Left: Pastors Strouse, Nelson and Grassi*

*Below: The Ordination Council with newly ordained Pastor Nelson.*



## JOHN THE BAPTIST BOOK COMING!

Dr. Joel Grassi wrote his 600 page Doctor of Theology dissertation on the person, life, and ministry of John the Baptist. Dr. Grassi is presently working on the final touches of his dissertation to put in book form. Prayerfully, the book will be available by the middle of this summer, 2021 published by Bible Baptist Theological Press.



*“Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist: notwithstanding he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”*  
Matthew 11:11

## BBTS GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENT

On Saturday, May 15, 2021 Bible Baptist Church will host the doctoral dissertation defense of Prof. Jeff Skorupski from 10AM to Noon, and then a delicious meal honoring the graduates at the banquet room of the Café Luna (5 PM – 9 PM), about a half mile from the church.



*M. Ryan Strouse*

On Sunday, May 16, 2021 the church will honor the graduates, Mr. M. Ryan Strouse (M.Div) and Prof. Jeff Skorupski (D.Min) with their respective earned degrees from Bible Baptist Theological Seminary.



*Jeff Skorupski*

## CBC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

*On Friday, April 16th Jeff Skorupski and Darrell Nelson traveled to Community Baptist Church in Coopersburg, PA to attend the annual Men's Fellowship. There they were able to reunite with men from other churches and fellowship around the truth of God's Word. CBC is pastored by Pastor David Smith.*



*Left: Pastor Dave Smith, Jr., Pastor Scott Blair, Mike Main, Jeff Skorupski and Pastor Jon Stockton  
Right: Darrell Nelson, Mike Main, Jeff Skorupski and Pastor Dave Smith, Jr.*



## BBC/BBTS 2021 SCHEDULE

**May 15**  
Dissertation Defense

**May 16**  
BBTS Commencement

**June 7-11**  
Community Baptist Church  
Coopersburg, PA  
*Ezra & Nehemiah*

**Jul 26-30**  
Calvary Independent Baptist Church  
Plymouth, NH  
*The Gospel of Luke & Medical Terms*

**August 23-27**  
Fairhaven Baptist College  
*TBA*

**October 24-27**  
**Timeless Truth Bible Conference**  
Willow Creek Baptist Church  
Waynesburg, PA  
*TBA*

**November 5**  
**BBTS Fall Lecture Series**  
Galilean Baptist Church  
*TBA*



Pastor Cas Reeves

## PRESCRIPTION FOR SPIRITUAL HEALTH

**Colossians 2:1-10** <sup>1</sup>*For I would that ye knew what great conflict I have for you, and for them at Laodicea, and for as many as have not seen my face in the flesh;*

<sup>2</sup>*That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ;*

<sup>3</sup>*In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.*

<sup>4</sup>*And this I say, lest any man should beguile you with enticing words.*

<sup>5</sup>*For though I be absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit, joying and beholding your order, and the stedfastness of your faith in Christ..*

<sup>6</sup>*As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the LORD, so walk ye in him:*

<sup>7</sup>*Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.*

<sup>8</sup>*Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.*

<sup>9</sup>*For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.*

<sup>10</sup>*And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:*

**I**t demands a **proper discerning**. The believer is not to be beguiled by enticing words (v.4). In other words, the believer needs to know the Bible. David said, *“Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word. With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments. Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee”* (Psa.119:9-11).

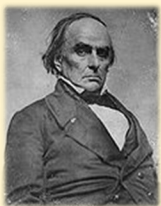
**I**t demands a **proper discipline**. The believer needs to be walking in Christ (v.6). He needs to be rooted and built up in Him. This exercise should be in truth because it is what sanctifies the believer. Jesus prayed, *“Sanctify them through thy*

*truth: thy word is truth”* (Jn.17:17). Sanctification purifies the believer and sets him apart for the Master’s use, helping him to walk in Christ.

**I**t demands a **proper diet**. A diet that gives the believer a way of not being spoiled for Christ by being drawn away through a love for human wisdom and empty lies.

**T**hese lies come from the traditions of men, the rudiments of the world, and things not found in Christ (v.8).

**A** healthy spiritual life requires a proper discernment, a proper discipline and a proper diet in Jesus Christ. How is the health of your spiritual life? -CAR



## QUOTES FROM THE PAST

**Daniel Webster**

1782-1885

American Political Leader

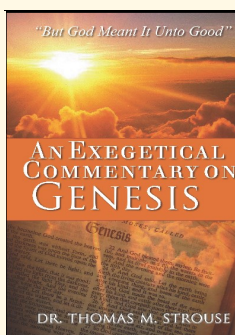
*“The contest for ages has been to rescue liberty from the grasp of executive power.”*

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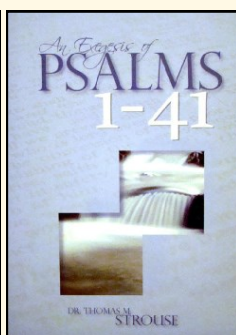
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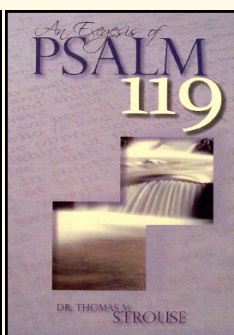
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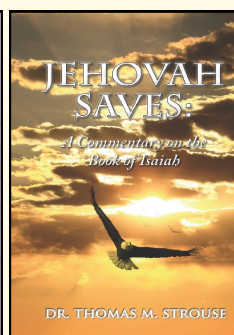
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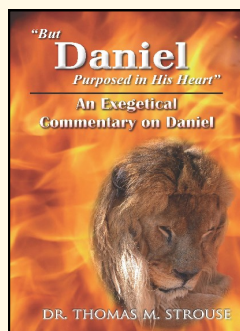
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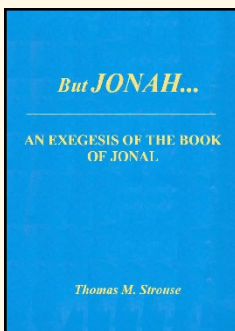
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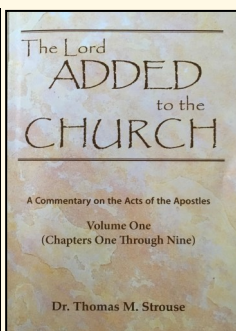
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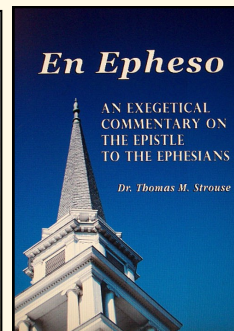
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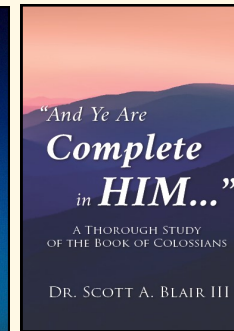
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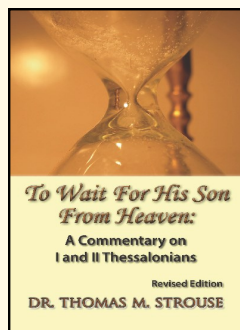
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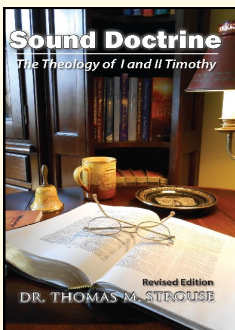
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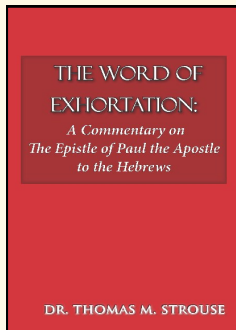
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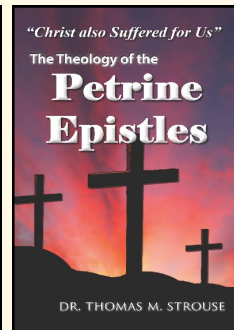
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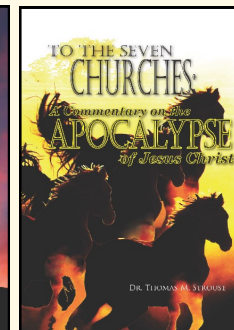
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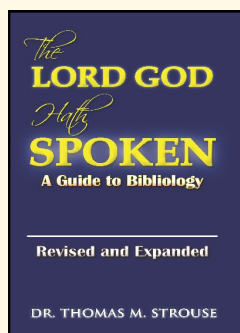
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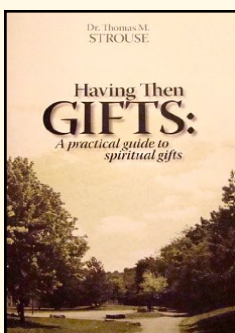
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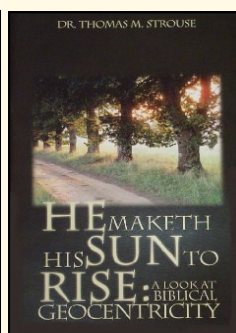
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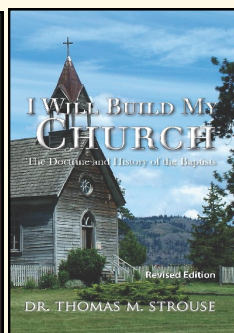
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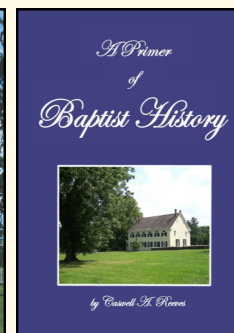
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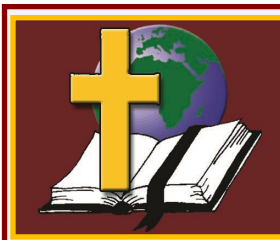
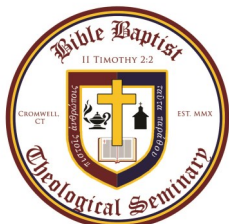


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