



BBC UPDATE

TIMELESS TRUTH BIBLE CONFERENCE



Dr. Thomas M. Strouse

The Lord blessed the Timeless Truth Bible Conference housed Willow Grove Baptist Church during the days of October 24 to 27, 2021. Dr. Scott Blair is the pastor of Willow Grove Baptist Church in Waynesburg, PA, and he, along with his gracious wife Kelly were the hospitable hosts. The church members were faithful to the meetings. Moreover, several special guests attended, including the previous pastor of Willow Grove Baptist Church, Pastor Michael David, Professor Jeff Skorupski, church planters Rev. and Mrs. James Lawrence, Pastor Stephen Hinebaugh, and Missionary Bill Hardecker from Manila, Philippines.



L to R: Dr & Mrs. Blair, Dr. & Mrs. Strouse, and Rev. & Mrs. Lawrence



Missionary to Manila & BBTS student Bill Hardecker.



Dr. & Mrs. Scott Blair III



Hat Club: Scott Blair II and grandson

CHIASM OF THE BOOK OF JOEL

Dr. Strouse exegeted the Book of Joel following this chiastic structure, focusing on “the pouring out of the Spirit” for the great blessing for Israel (cf. Acts 2:17-34).

PREMISE: Moses the prophet predicted judgment on rebellious Israel (Dt. 4:24-31; 28:38-49; 30:15) and prayed for the blessing of Spirit on Israel (Num. 11:29), all of which would be fulfilled in the Day of the LORD.

A. The Land Cursed (vv. 1:1-14)

1. The Prelude to Judgment (vv. 1-12)
2. The Preparation for Judgment (vv. 13-14)

B. The Day of the LORD (vv. 1:15-2:11)

1. The Description of the Day of the LORD (vv. 15-20)
2. The Devastation of the Day of the LORD (vv. 2:1-11)

C. The Response of Jews (vv. 2:12-17)

1. The Rended Heart (vv. 2:12-13)
2. The Repentant Heart (vv. 2:14-17)

D. The Coming of the Spirit (vv. 2:18-32)

1. The Blessing on the Land (vv. 2:18-27)
2. The Blessing on the People (vv. 2:28-32)

C.’ The Response to Gentiles (vv. 3:1-8)

1. The Reason for Judgment (vv. 3:1-2)
2. The Reciprocation of Judgment (vv. 3:3-8)

B.’ The Day of the LORD (vv. 3:9-17)

1. The Decision to Battle (vv. 3:9-15)
2. The Deliverance from Battle (vv. 3:16-17)

A.’ The Land Blessed (vv. 3:18-21)

1. The Prelude to Blessing (vv. 3:18-19)
2. The Perpetuation of Blessings (vv. 3:20-21)

CONCLUSION: The LORD will accomplish His purpose to bring judgment and blessing on His repentant people with the Day of the LORD (Ex. 19:5-6; Isa. 52:1).

12TH ANNUAL BBTS FALL LECTURE SERIES

The Lord gave a beautiful day for the 12th Annual Bible Baptist Theological Seminary Fall Lecture Series on Friday, November, 5, 2021. Pastor and Mrs. Hinebaugh were the gracious hosts for the Lecture Series housed at Galilean Baptist Church in Stafford Springs, CT. At least ninety-six pastors and members from fifteen different churches attended, coming from CT, MA, ME, NH, NY, PA, and VT. We thank the Lord for the fellowship around biblical truth among these brethren.

Dr. Strouse presented “The Ministry of John the Baptist as Recorded in Acts,” focusing on John as the Practitioner of Water Baptism and the Theologian of Spirit Baptism. John revealed that the Lord Jesus was the One Who baptized believers in the Spirit, authenticating the Baptist assembly (Mt. 3:11; Acts 1:4-5; and 2:1-4). Spirit Baptism was public and temporary occurring in four phases in Acts 2, 8, 10-11, and 19 and then ceased (along with tongues). There is no Spirit Baptism today but only Water Baptism (cf. Eph. 4:5). Since there is no Spirit Baptism by Jesus today, and since believers are not baptized into the Mystical Body of Christ (which does not exist) by the Spirit (Who never baptized), there is no Mystical Invisible Church.

Since there is no Mystical Church there is no ecclesiology for Fundamentalism. Since there is no ecclesiology for Fundamentalism there is no legitimate authority for Para-church ministries! Since there is no Mystical Church and no divine authority for Para-church ministries, why do some Baptist pastors and churches continue to identify with Fundamentalism and support Para-church ministries and personnel? The Lord Jesus Christ never promised to perpetuate Fundamentalism or Para-church ministries since neither existed in the First Century. He promised to preserve and did indeed perpetuate His immersionist assemblies (Mt. 28:19-20)!



Dr. Joel Grassi dealt with the bibliology of John the Baptist, revealing that John believed in the inspired and preserved words of God to which he had access. Dr. Grassi also showed how flawed are the arguments for Text Criticism which teaches that man must restore what God purposed not to preserve! In summary, the two presentations argued from Scripture for “*the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth*” (I Tim. 3:15). Brother Bill Gotwals live-streamed the Lecture

Series and will provide a link in the near future which may be downloaded for the two presentations. We are thankful for all who helped and participated in the wonderful day!

FALL LECTURE SERIES PHOTOS

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Pastors who attended the Lecture



Everyone was attentive to Dr. Grassi's presentation.



*Below:
Pastor Reeves gave a brief testimony of what the lecture series have meant to him.
Ryan Strouse gave a short synopsis of his book on the Epistle of James*

Fantastic fellowship with Dr. Grassi and fabulous food to feed the group.



Sophia had a hard time keeping up with all the book purchases!



LECTURE SERIES



THE GRACE OF GOD



Pastor Cas Reeves

“For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men.” Titus 2:11

What a beautiful little verse in which we are told that it is the grace of God that brings salvation. It is not a certain kind of religion, or a certain kind of church, or a certain kind of ritual, or a certain kind of holy person, but the Scripture declares, it is the grace of God that brings salvation and that it has appeared to all men. What is this grace and what does it mean?

The Greek word for “grace” is *charis*, which means, pleasing, favored, grace. In Acts 7:10, this same word *charis*: is translated favour. Speaking of Joseph, we are told that God gave him a pleasing favor or grace in the sight of Pharaoh. So, we learn that grace or favour comes from God. We are told in Romans 3:12 that there is none that doeth good when referring to man; thus, we can conclude that man does not merit God’s favour upon him. In Ephesians 2:8,9, we learn that salvation comes by God’s grace and that it is a gift; therefore, we deduce that God’s grace upon men to save them comes from an unmerited favour toward them on the part of God. What is the grace of God? It is God’s unmerited favor upon men. It is His pleasing to save an unworthy person and

give them the gift of eternal life in Jesus Christ His only begotten Son.

What about this grace of God and what does it mean to us, who are saved? We are told that it has appeared to all men. In other words, all men have opportunity to receive God’s Christ, His gracious gift who will save men from their God separating sin. In verses 12 - 14, we learn that this grace teaches men that they are to be *“denying ungodliness and worldly lusts,”* and that *“we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world.”* And that we are to be *“looking for that blessed hope and glorious appearing of the great God and Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.”*

Have you been a partaker of God’s grace? Have you received Jesus Christ as your Savior? If not, you should today! Christian can you see the grace of God teaching you and cause you to look for Christ’s coming? If not, make sure you get thing right between you and God now!
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QUOTES FROM THE PAST



“In prayer it is better to have a heart without words than words with out a heart.”

John Bunyan
1628-1688
Baptist Preacher & Author

BBC/BBTS 2021-22 SCHEDULE

November 5

BBTS Fall Lecture Series
Galilean Baptist Church
Stafford Springs, CT
John the Baptist

December 5

Anniversary Sunday

February 28-March 4

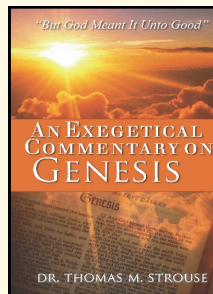
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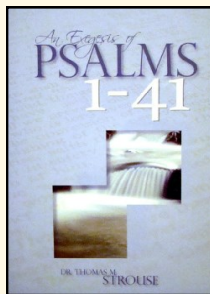
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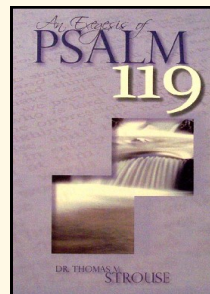
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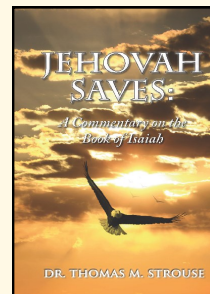
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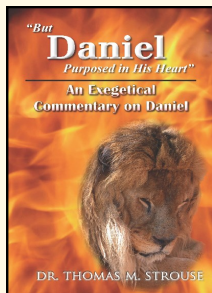
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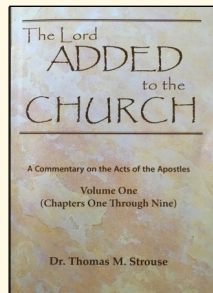
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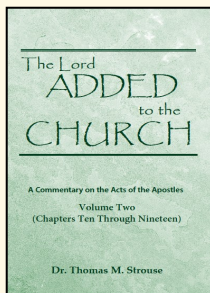
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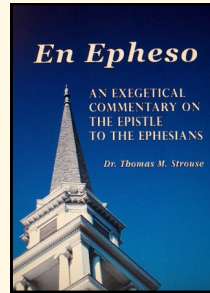
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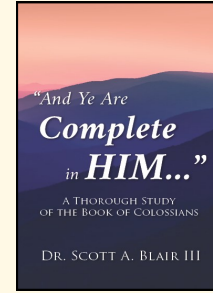
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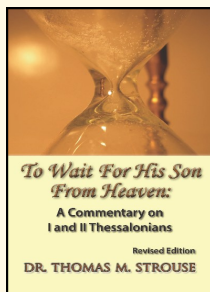
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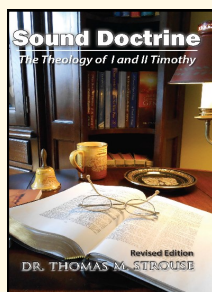
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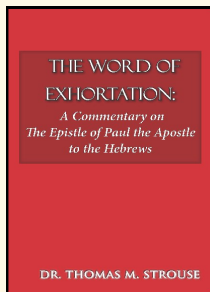
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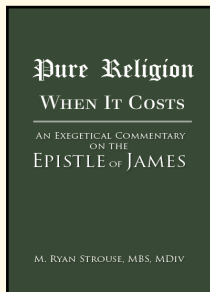
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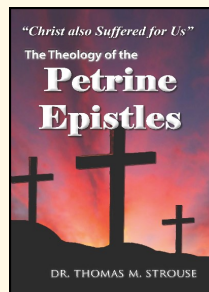
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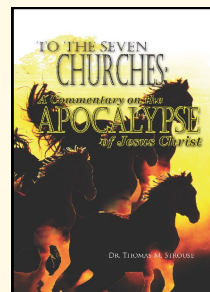
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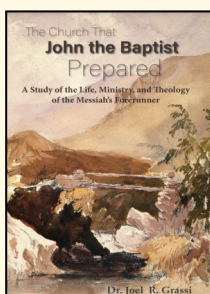
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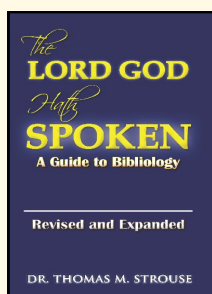
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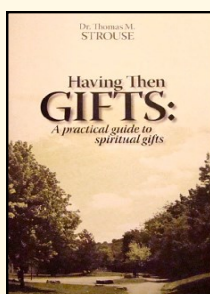
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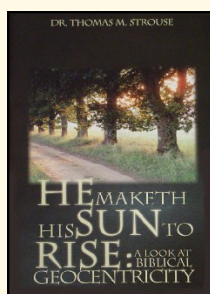
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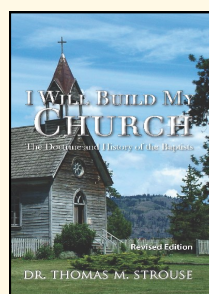
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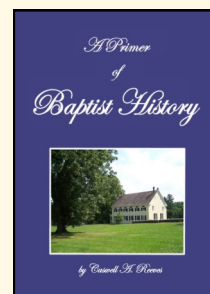
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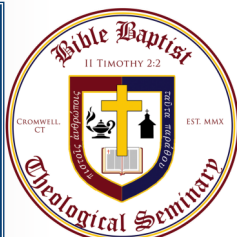


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