



# BBC UPDATE

## BBTS MODULE ON THE JOHANNINE EPISTLES



Dr. Thomas M. Strouse

The BBTS Module on I, II, and III John was a blessing with twelve enrolled for the week of March 1-5, 2021. Many were challenged to look at the depth of Scripture in these books by examining the Greek text behind the KJV translation. Here are the outlines for the three Epistles.

### 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)

### 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

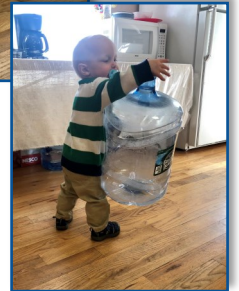
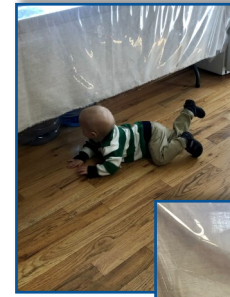
- I. The Introduction (v. 1)
- II. The Impact of Gaius (v. 2-8)
- III. The Inveiglement of Diotrephes (vv. 9-11)
- IV. The Installment of Demetrius (v. 12)
- V. The Inking of John (vv. 13-14)

## NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

On March 14th Ryan Strouse began a four week series on the Book of James during the Adult Sunday School hour. Additionally, August Gagnon began teaching the Children's Sunday School class with a four week series on Diligence.



Above left: Ryan teaching  
Above: August teaching  
Left: August & Ryan  
Right: August and his class



Preston decided to help with the water ministry.

*Yet I will rejoice in the LORD,  
I will joy in the God of my salvation.  
Habakkuk 3:18*

## BIBLE BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY SPRING LECTURE SERIES

After being thwarted twice by Covid-19 in 2020 by having to cancel both the Bible Baptist Theological Seminary Spring and Fall Lecture Series, Bible Baptist Church is pleased to announce that the Bible Baptist Theological Seminary 2021 Spring Lecture Series will be housed at Galilean Baptist Church in Stafford Springs, CT, on Friday, April 9, 2021. By the grace of God, Covid-19 will have to take a back seat (on back row) this year, as Pastor Stephen Hinebaugh has graciously offered his church building facility to house the Bible Baptist Theological Seminary 2021 Spring Lecture Series. The format will be the same, starting at 9 AM and concluding at 3 PM with a delicious luncheon planned from 11:30 AM to 1 PM. Dr. Thomas Strouse will present "Biblical Soteriology: *"I Will Joy in the God of my Salvation"* (Hab. 3:18).

Please RSVP by April 1, 2021.

## DR. AND MRS. ROBERT ZEMESKI

Our dear friends and faithful missionaries to Ireland were blessed to know that the church they planted in Tallaght, Ireland celebrated her fortieth anniversary. The American missionaries planted Lifegate Bible Baptist Church in 1981 and then turned it over to an Irish national, which is now pastored by David O’Gorman. It is a rarity for missionaries to go to foreign countries, plant a church, turn it over to a national, and then see her going strong in the Lord after forty years. Furthermore, this has occurred in hardened Roman Catholic Ireland! This should be an encouragement to all church planters as we recognize the goodness of the Lord. Dr. Zemeski hosts the BBTS modules in his current church plant, Riverview Baptist Church, Leixlip, Ireland.

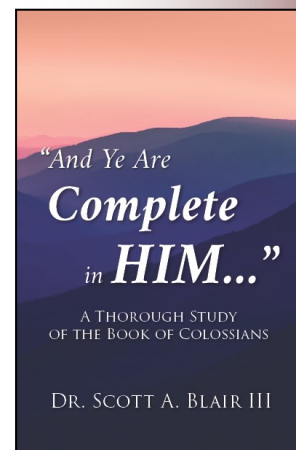


## AND YE ARE COMPLETE IN HIM...

Dr. Scott A. Blair, III, the Doctor of Ministry graduate from BBTS in 2020 wrote his 200 page dissertation on the Book of Colossians. He sensed the burden to put his academic work in a book not only for academicians, but also for pastors and church members. His book is entitled “And Ye are Complete in Him...” A Thorough Study of the Book of Colossians, published by Willow Grove Baptist Theological Press. In the 292 pages, the book gives a detailed outline of Colossians and a running commentary on each verse, a section on the theology of Colossians, and four Appendices including a color map of Paul’s 3rd Missionary Journey.

Dr. Blair has been the pastor of Willow Grove Baptist Church in Waynesburg, PA since 2007. Pastor Blair has been married to his wife Kelly for 26 years and together they have five children: Brittany, Haley, Grace, Scott IV, and Joseph. He graduated from West Virginia University (BS) in 1992. In 2003, Dr. Blair and his family relocated to Connecticut where he completed his MBS from Emmanuel Baptist Theological Seminary in Newington, CT. Since returning to Pennsylvania, Dr. Blair has subsequently completed his M.Div (2018) and his DMin (2020) from Bible Baptist Theological Seminary in Cromwell, CT. The book will be a blessed help to serious students of the Scripture and may be purchased from the following:

Willow Grove Baptist Theological Press  
756 Hargus Creek Rd.  
Waynesburg, PA 15370





Pastor Cas Reeves

It should be the desire of every born again child of God to want to please the One who has done so much for them. Truly of all the people in the world the saved person is able to recognize and appreciate the great sacrifice of God in sending His only begotten Son on our behalf and for our blessing (John 3:16). In return God asks of His children to obey Him, “*If ye love me, keep my commandments*” (John 14:15).

We are told in our text that we must have “faith” in order to please God. If we think about it, our Christian life begins with faith in Christ Jesus (John 6:47), and it continues through faith in God’s words (Psalm 119:105). So certainly the key to faith is the Word of God. And so we are told, “*So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God*” (Romans 10:17).

Living by faith relies upon believing what God teaches us from His Scripture. It does not depend upon our rational thinking. For example, we cannot prove there is a God to the unbeliever who is rationally trying to find or reject Him. It is a faith matter that one chooses to believe there is a God. God simply says, “*I AM That I AM*” (Exodus 3:14). For the believer, his trust or faith or confidence is in God and what He says, and what He says is found recorded in the Scriptures.

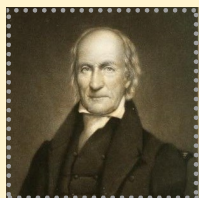
## LIVING BY FAITH

*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. Heb. 11:6*

We note that living in faith toward God many times defies our rationalism, relying solely upon what the Lord says. Take the Apostle Peter for an example. On the authority of one word from the Lord Jesus, “come” Peter defies the logic of all mankind and did the impossible, “*And he (Jesus) said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus*” (Matthew 14:29). Abraham is another example of living by faith. At God’s direction Abraham left all that was secure to him, including family to look for a new place, which he knew not, “*By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.*” (Hebrews 11:8-10).

And so it is, the Scripture is replete with example after example that the truly faithful begin their life by faith and live their life by faith. Biblical faith is not logical as men count logic; rather it simply trusts God and what He says. The believer recognizes this as Biblical logic. He finds that it is both good for the soul and for life; as well, it pleases God. Are you living by faith? -CAR

## QUOTES FROM THE PAST



**John Leland**

1754-1841

*Early American Baptist Preacher*

*“Government has no more to do with the religious opinions of men than it has with the principles of mathematics.”*

## BBC/BBTS 2021 SCHEDULE

**April 9**

BBTS Spring Lecture Series  
Stafford Springs, CT  
*Biblical Soteriology*

**April 24-25**

BBC Ordination Council  
and Service

**May 16**

BBTS Commencement

**June 7-11**

Coopersburg, PA  
*Ezra & Nehemiah*

**August 23-27**

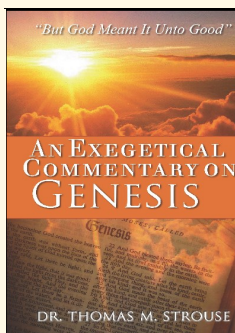
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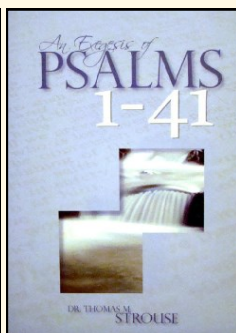
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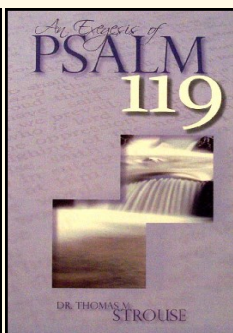
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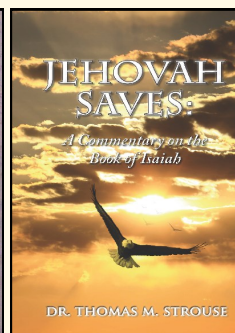
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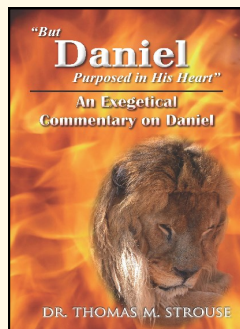
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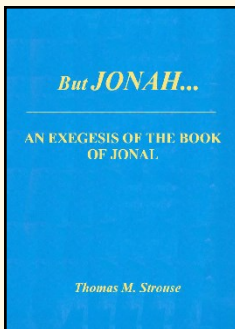
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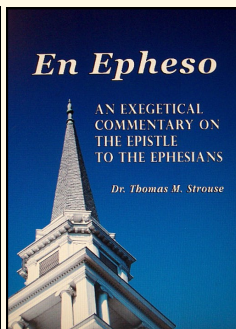
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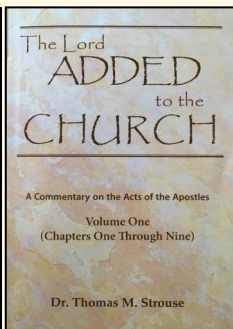
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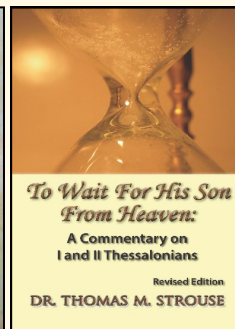
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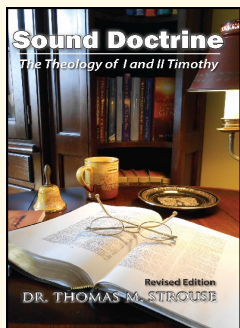
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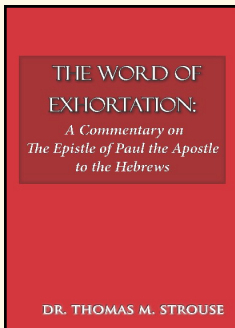
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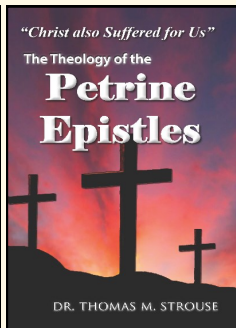
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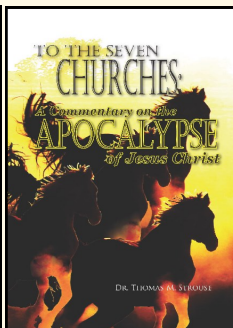
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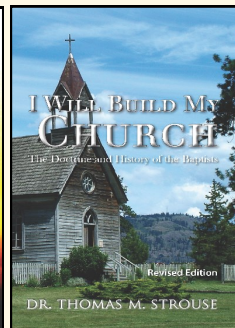
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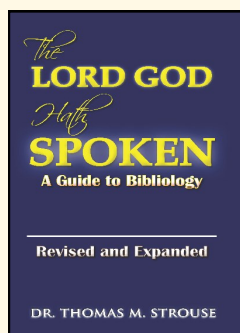
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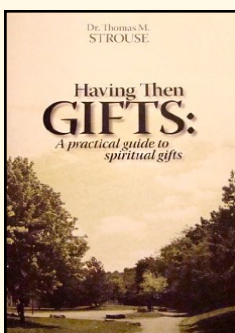
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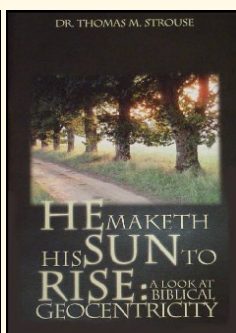
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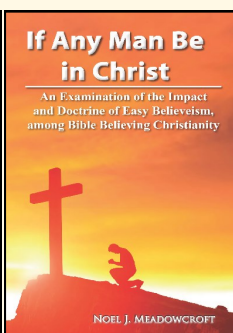
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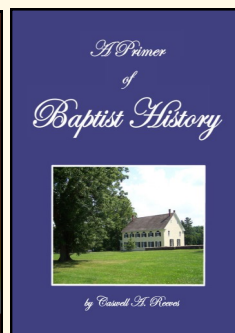
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