

CFC Recommended Reading List

Here are some books that can get you growing. The books marked as *green* are better for those starting out in the Christian faith. The books marked *orange* are more mid-tier, suitable for those with a good foundation but wanting to go deeper. Finally *red* marks the entries that a student might read at an early seminary level studying to be a pastor. But these are not hard and fast distinctions. If you see something you're interested in, don't back off because of the color!

Gospel

- Greg Gilbert. *What Is the Gospel?*
- Milton Vincent. *A Gospel Primer for Christians*

Theology

- Michael Reeves. *Delighting in the Trinity: An Introduction to the Christian Faith*
- R.C. Sproul. *What Is Reformed Theology?*

- Louis Berkhof. *Systematic Theology*
- Wayne Grudem. *Systematic Theology: An Introduction to Biblical Doctrine*
- James R. White. *The Forgotten Trinity*

- D.A. Carson and John Woodbridge. *Scripture and Truth*
- John Feinberg. *No One Like Him*

Bible

- Howard and William Hendricks. *Living By the Book: The Art and Science of Reading the Bible*
- Jen Wilkin. *Women of the Word: How to Study the Bible with Both Our Hearts and Our Minds*

- D.A. Carson and Douglas Moo. *An Introduction to the New Testament*
- Andrew Hill and John Walton. *A Survey of the Old Testament*
- William Klein, Craig Blomberg and Robert Hubbard, Jr. *Introduction to Biblical Interpretation*

Spiritual Life

- Timothy Keller. *Prayer: Experiencing Awe and Intimacy with God*
- J.I. Packer. *Knowing God*
- John Piper. *Desiring God*
- _____. *A Hunger for God*

- Jonathan Edwards. *Religious Affections*

Church

- Mark Dever. *9 Marks of a Healthy Church*
- Jonathan Leeman. *Reverberation: How God's Word Brings Light, Freedom, and Action to His People*

Church History

- Timothy Paul Jones. *Christian History Made Easy*
- Ted Dorman. *A Faith for All Seasons*
- Tim Dowley. *Introduction to the History of Christianity*

Congregational Worship

- D.A. Carson, ed. *Worship By the Book*
- Mike Cosper. *Rhythms of Grace*

Evangelism

- Mark Dever. *The Gospel and Personal Evangelism*
- J.I. Packer. *Evangelism and the Sovereignty of God*
- Mack Stiles. *How the Whole Church Speaks of Jesus*

Apologetics

- Timothy Keller. *The Reason for God*
- C. Stephen Evans. *Why Believe? Reason and Mystery as Pointers to God*
- Jason Lisle. *Ultimate Proof of Creation*
- Greg Bahnsen. *Always Ready: Directions for Defending the Faith*
- Mike Robinson. *God Does Exist!*
- Jonathan Sarfati. *Refuting Evolution*

Social Issues

- John and Paul Feinberg. *Ethics for a Brave New World*
- R. Albert Mohler, Jr. *We Cannot Be Silent: Speaking Truth to a Culture Redefining Sex, Marriage, and the Very Meaning of Right and Wrong*
- Russell Moore. *Onward: Engaging the Culture Without Losing the Gospel*
- Tony Reinke. *12 Ways Your Phone is Changing You*

Parenting

On Being Parents:

- Tedd Tripp. *Shepherding a Child's Heart*
- Betsy Corning. *Entrusted with a Child's Heart*
- Russell Moore and Andrew Walker. *The Gospel & Parenting*

To Read with Children:

Susan and Richie Hunt. *Big Truths for Little Kids: Teaching Your Children to Live for God*
R.C. Sproul. *The Lightlings*

Kevin DeYoung. *The Biggest Story: How the Snake Crusher Brings Us Back to the Garden*

Carl Laferton. *The Garden, the Curtain and the Cross*

Champ Thornton. *The Radical Book for Kids: Exploring the Roots and Shoots of Faith*

Kathy Keller. *The New City Catechism: 52 Questions and Answers for Our Hearts and Minds*

Difficult Topics

- Sam Allberry. *Is God Anti-Gay? And Other Questions About Homosexuality, the Bible and Same-Sex Attraction*
- Kevin DeYoung. *Freedom and Boundaries: A Pastoral Primer on the Role of Women in the Church*
- _____ . *What Does the Bible Really Teach About Homosexuality?*
- Andreas Köstenberger and Thomas Schreiner. *Women in the Church: An Interpretation and Application of 1 Timothy 2:9-15*