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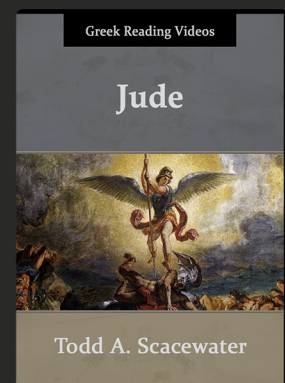
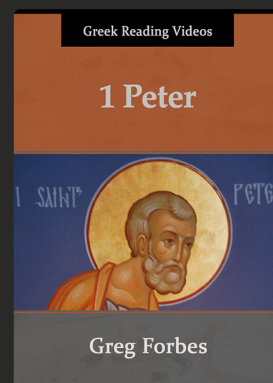
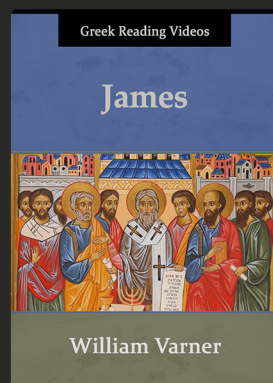
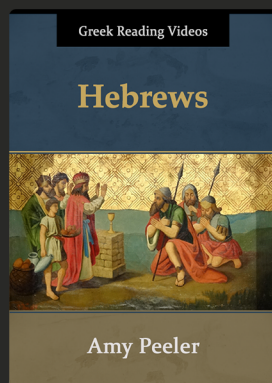
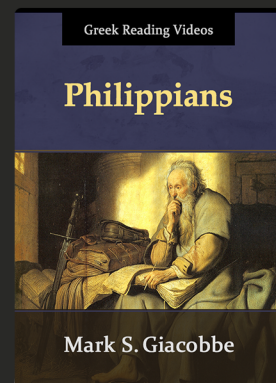
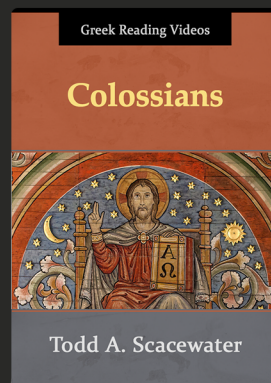
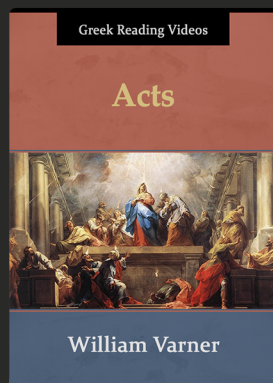
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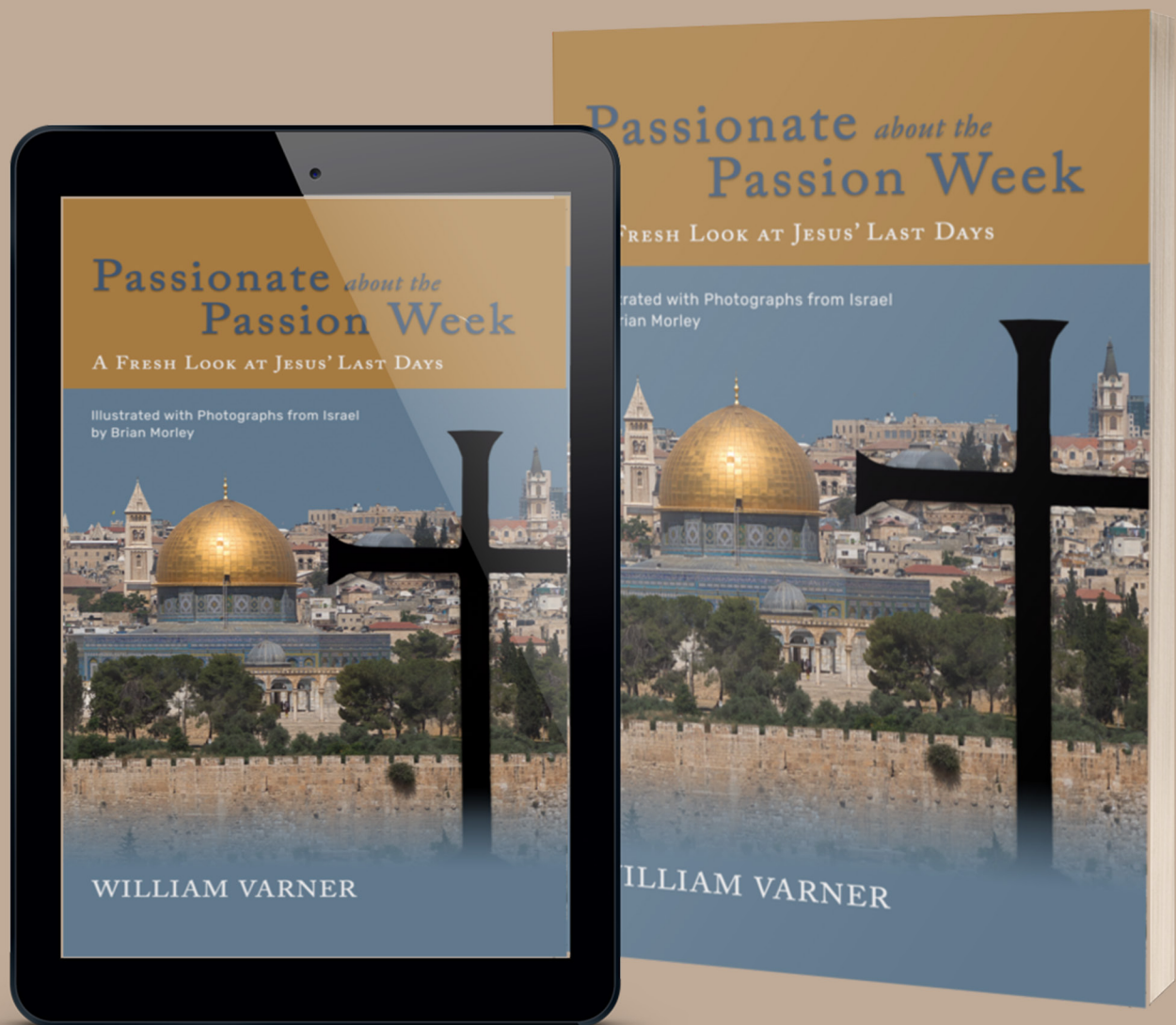
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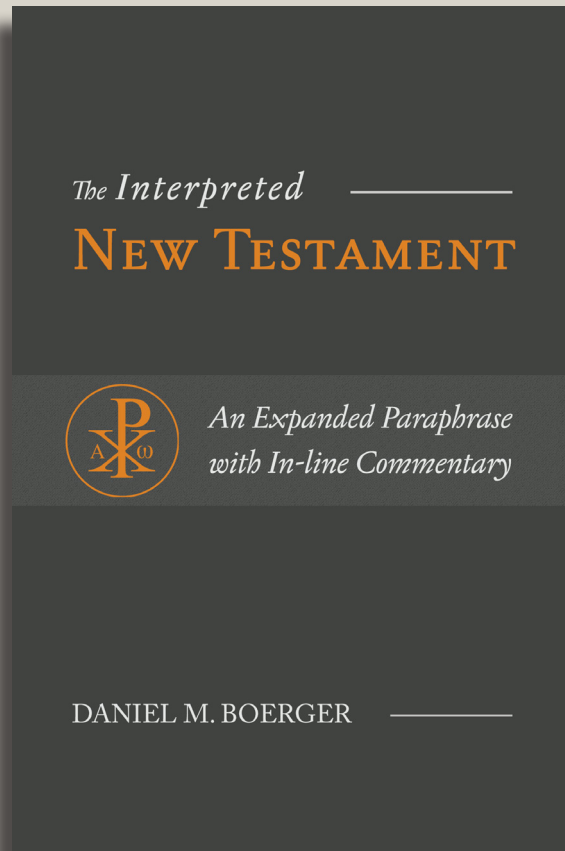
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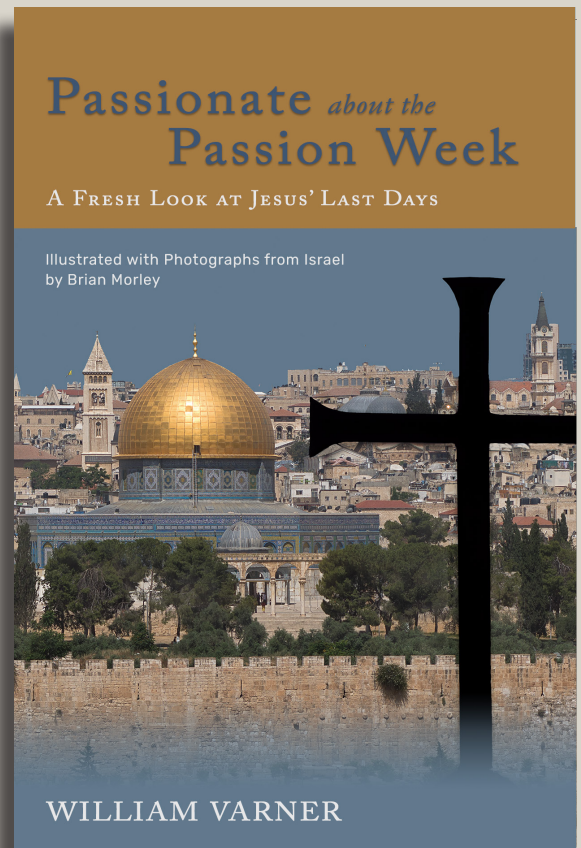
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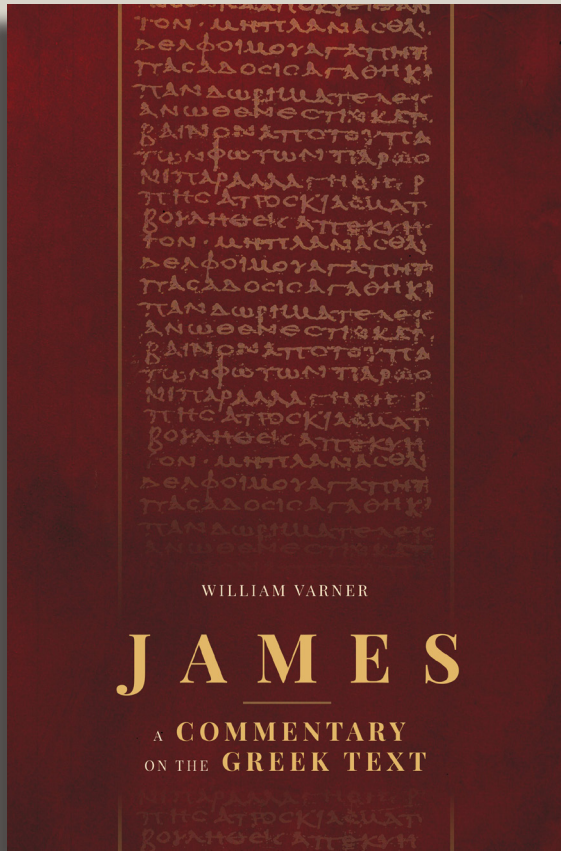
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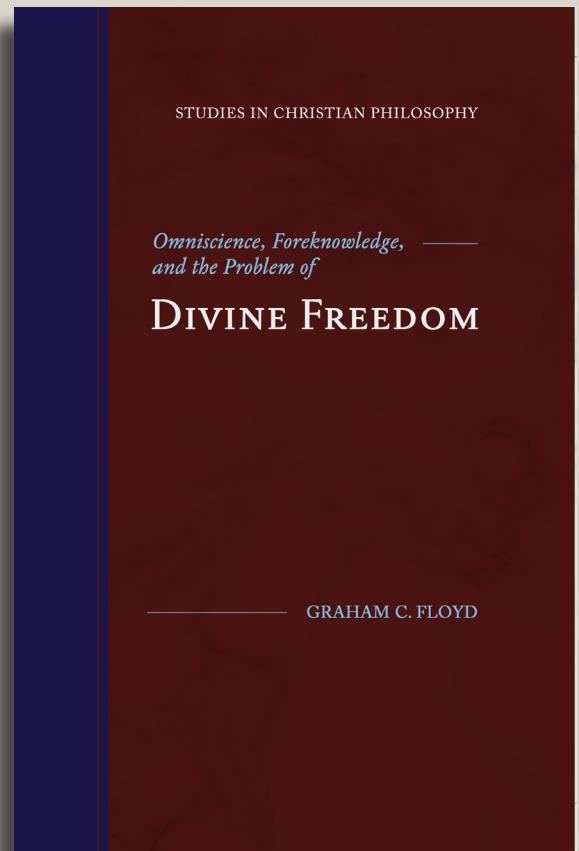
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The problem of God's foreknowledge of the future and its compatibility with human freedom and responsibility is one of the greatest issues in philosophy of religion. There is, however, another side to this issue. If God foreknows the future, then he also foreknows his own future actions. How then is God a free and responsible agent? After extrapolating the problem, Floyd applies to the divine problem the four major responses to the human problem: the Open Solution, the Molinist Solution, the Ockhamist Solution, and the Atemporal Solution. He concludes that a version of the Atemporal Solution resolves the problem of foreknowledge and divine freedom.

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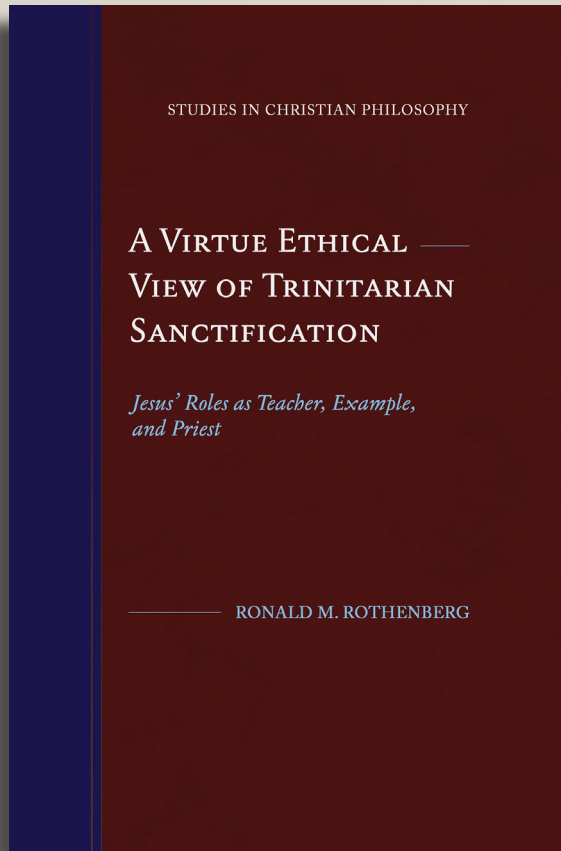
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*Jesus' Roles as Teacher, Example, and Priest*

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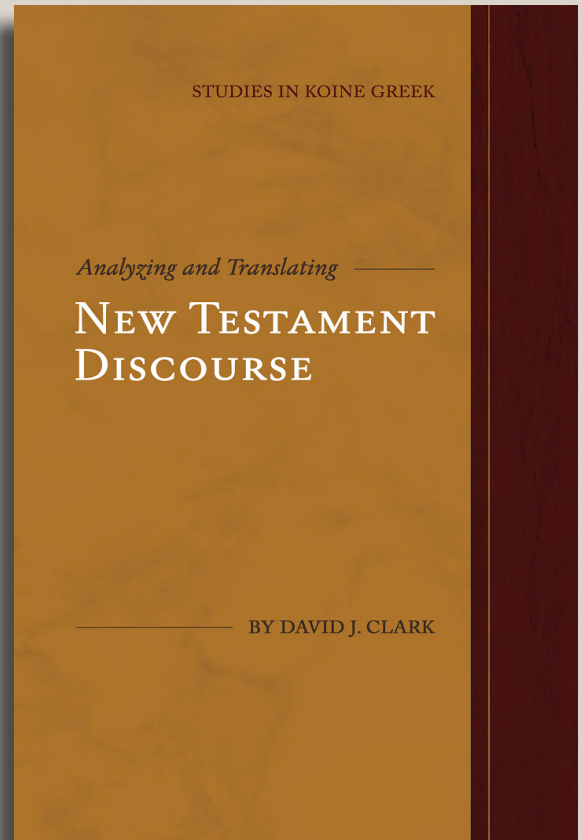
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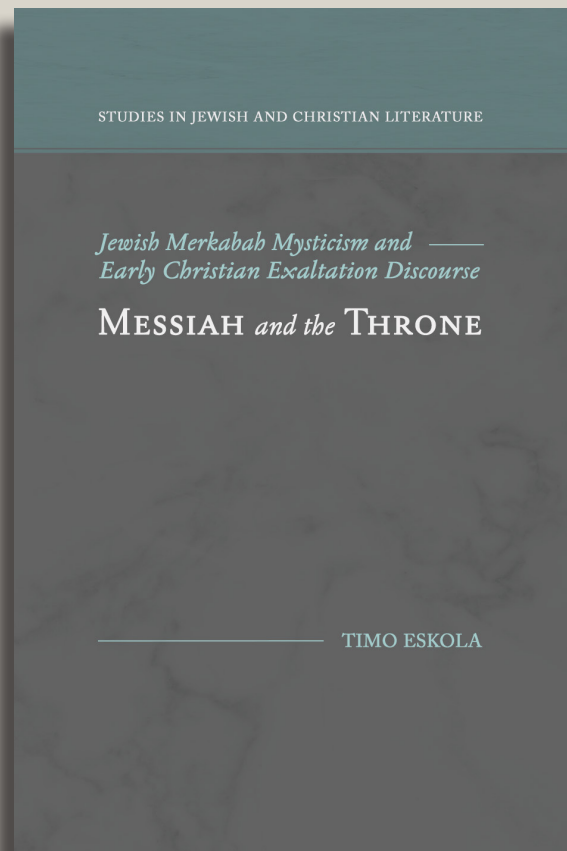
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## Messiah and the Throne

### *Jewish Merkabah Mysticism And Early Christian Exaltation Discourse*

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Did Jewish throne mysticism, the so-called “merkabah mysticism,” influence the emergence and formation of the earliest exaltation Christology? The author presents resurrection Christology as a part of Jewish Christian merkabah tradition.

Christ’s exaltation was described as a heavenly journey that culminated in his enthronement on the divine throne of glory. Christian writers did exploit the symbolic world, the images and metaphors of Second Temple Judaism. The exaltation discourse that they present, however, is completely new. A simple typological explanation is unable to explain the nature of early Christology. Christ was not depicted as a heavenly angelic figure or an exalted patriarch. He was described as the enthroned Son of God whose reign is eternal.

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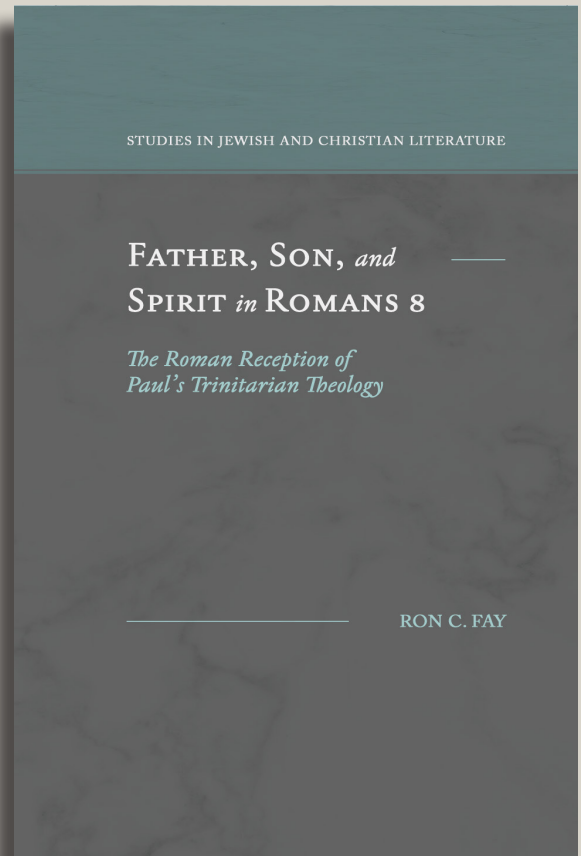
Father, Son, and Spirit in Romans 8  
*The Roman Reception of Paul's Trinitarian Theology*  
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Whether Paul teaches or assumes a Trinitarian theology has become a lively question among New Testament researchers in the past few decades. Ron Fay contributes to this debate by viewing Paul's letter to the Roman church within their own social and religious context. What role do mystery cults, the Capitoline Triad, and the Roman imperial cult play in Paul's theology proper?

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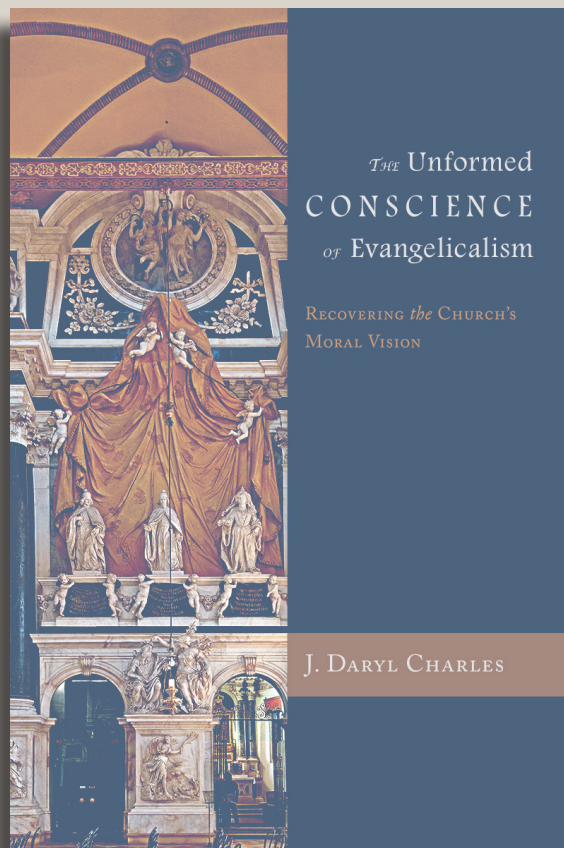
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*Recovering the Church's Moral Vision*

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Ours is a time of moral crisis. Are evangelical Christians up to the task of contributing to the present ethical debates? All too often the evangelical church, when it has not abandoned the public sphere, has relied on protest over persuasion, laments author J. Daryl Charles. The results of its public witness within American society have not been encouraging. What is lacking, argues Charles, is a biblically based and theologically informed vision that can ground the moral education that should take place in the church and its institutions of higher education.

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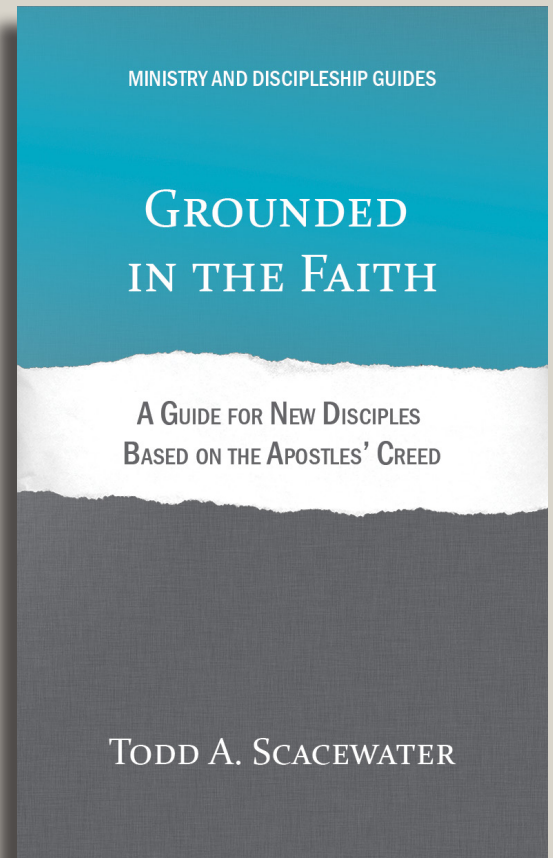
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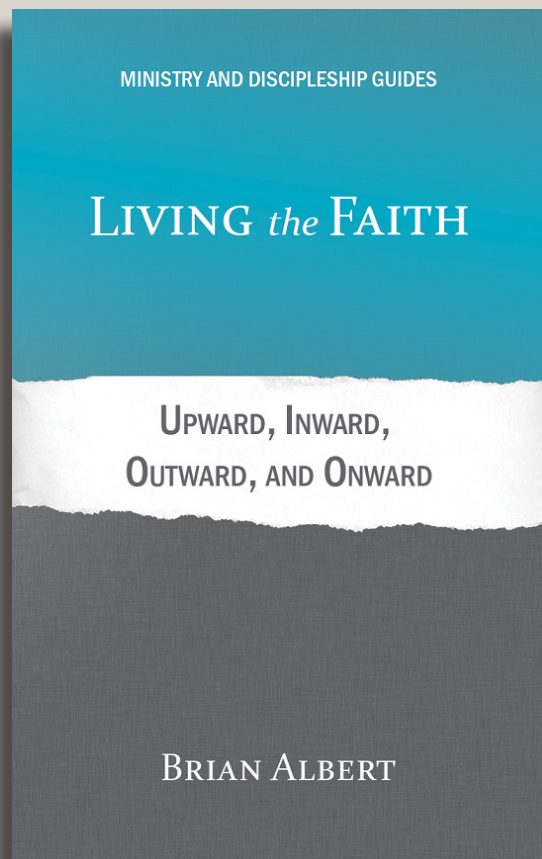
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## Grounded in the Faith

*Upward, Inward, Outward, and Onward*

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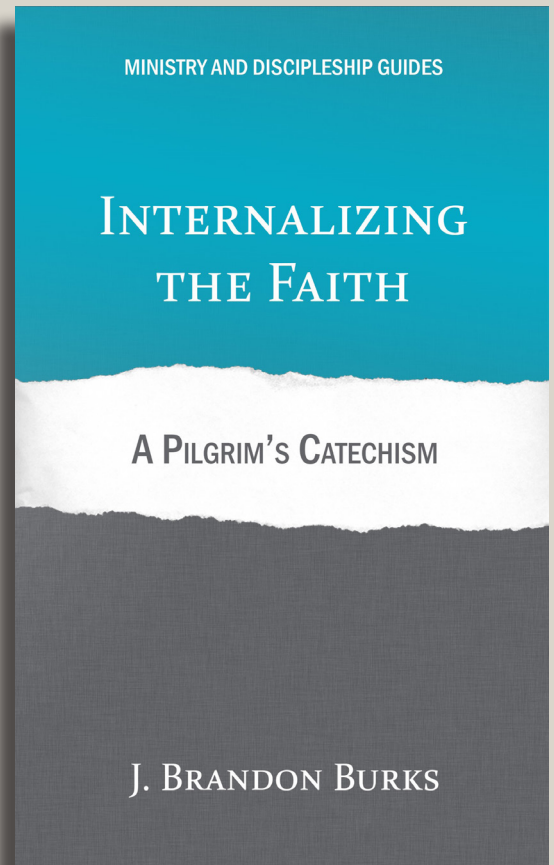
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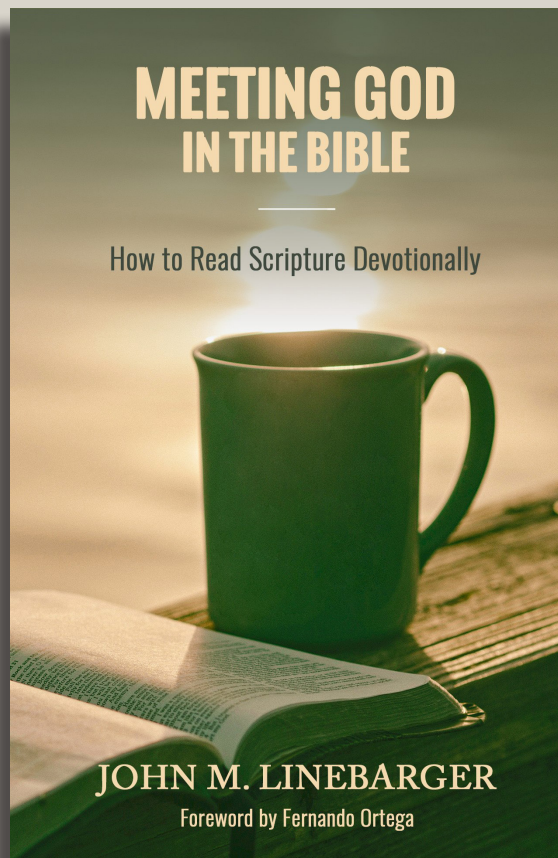
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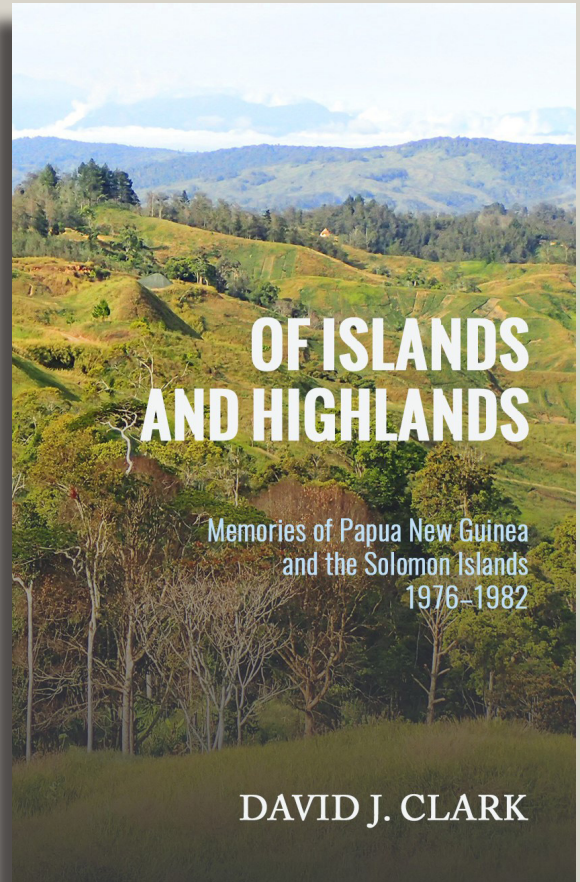
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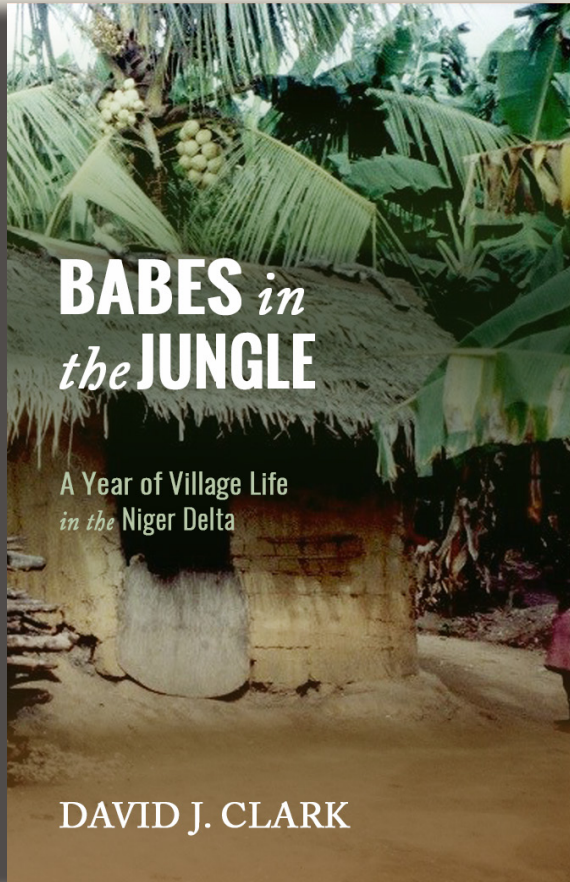
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