



Christianity Basics

1. *The MacArthur Bible Commentary*, John MacArthur

God

1. *Stealing from God*, Frank Turek (2)
2. *Mere Christianity*, C.S. Lewis (31-32)
3. *Knowing God*, J.I. Packer (151)
4. *Is God a Moral Monster?*, Paul Copan (39-40)
5. *Christian Theology*, Millard J. Erickson (259)
6. *The Holiness of God*, R.C. Sproul (46)
7. *Systematic Theology*, Wayne Grudem (200)
8. *The Problem of Pain*, C.S. Lewis (18)
9. *The Knowledge of the Holy*, A.W. Tozer (55)
10. *Biblical Doctrine*, John MacArthur (179)
11. *Desiring God*, John Piper (42)
12. *Systematic Theology*, Wayne Grudem (195)
13. *Evangelical Dictionary of Theology*, Walter A. Elwell (455)
14. *The Knowledge of the Holy*, A.W. Tozer (49)
15. *The Moody Handbook of Theology*, Paul Enns (193,195)
16. *Systematic Theology*, Wayne Grudem (231)
17. *No God But One*, Nabeel Qureshi (56)

The Bible

1. *I Don't Have Enough Faith to be an Atheist*, Norman Geisler, Frank Turek (226)

Creation and Fall of Man

1. <https://www.desiringgod.org/messages/god-is-most-glorified-in-us-when-we-are-most-satisfied-in-him>

Jesus

1. *The Complete Book of Discipleship*, Bill Hull (24)
2. *Systematic Theology*, Wayne Grudem (355)

Passion Week

1. *Letters to the Church*, Francis Chan (61)
2. *The Murder of Jesus*, John MacArthur (104-105, 113)
3. *The Moody Bible Commentary*, Michael G. Vanlaningham, Michael Rydelnik (1545)
4. *The Case for Christ*, Lee Strobel (195-196)
5. *The Life of Christ*, Fulton J. Sheen (440)
6. *I Don't Have Enough Faith to be an Atheist*, Norman Geisler, Frank Turek (292)



The Church

1. *Worship on Earth as it is in Heaven*, Rory Noland (32)
2. *The Disciple Making Church*, Bill Hull (44)
3. *Nine Marks of a Healthy Church*, Mark Dever (139)

The Future

1. *Heaven*, Randy Alcorn (85)

Responding to the Gospel

1. *Systematic Theology*, Wayne Grudem (713)

Developing a Relationship With God

1. *The Pursuit of God*, AW Tozer (9)
2. *Heaven*, Randy Alcorn (171)

Prayer

1. *Building Dynamic Faith*, Jerry Falwell (66)
2. “We do not glorify God by providing His needs, but by praying that He would provide ours – and trusting Him to answer.” *Desiring God*, John Piper (163)
3. On top of the importance of thanking God for all He has done for us, we need to be mindful of what we are thanking God for. What we are thankful for, shows where our hearts are. “The unvarnished truth is that what we most frequently give thanks for betrays what we most highly value. If a large percentage of our thanksgiving is for material prosperity, it is because we value material prosperity.” *Praying with Paul*, D.A. Carson (23)
4. “The prayers of the immature Christian usually revolves around self.” *Spiritual Discipleship*, J Oswald Sanders (107)
5. *Pastoral Leadership Is...*, Dave Earley (9)

Fasting

1. *Celebration of Discipline*, Richard Foster (48-49)
2. *Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life*, Donald S. Whitney (161-162)

Worship

1. *Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life*, Donald S. Whitney (87)
2. *Worship on Earth as it is in Heaven*, Rory Noland (30)
3. *Ibid* (27-30)

Studying the Bible

1. William Klein, Craig Blomberg, and Robert Hubbard summarize Roy Zuck’s main points from his article “The Role of the Holy Spirit in Hermeneutics” in this way:
 - “1. The Holy Spirit does not give new revelation on a par with Scripture.
 2. He does not guarantee that our interpretations are infallible.



3. He does not give one person new insights that no one else has.
4. Many non-Christians can apply sound hermeneutics [interpreting and explaining the Bible] to understand the meaning of Scripture; without the Spirit, however, they refuse to apply it adequately to their lives.
5. Understanding is not the exclusive domain of biblical scholars.
6. Spiritual devotion on the part of the interpreter is crucial.
7. Lack of spiritual preparation can hinder correct interpretation.
8. There is no substitute for diligent study.
9. The Spirit does not rule out study helps.
10. He does not override common sense and logic.
11. He does not normally give sudden intuitive flashes.
12. The Spirit's role in hermeneutics is part of the process of illumination.
13. He does not make the Bible equally clear.
14. He does not ensure comprehensive understanding."

Introduction to Biblical Interpretation, William Klein, Craig Blomberg, and Robert Hubbard (426)

2. *Grasping God's Word*, F Scott Duvall and F Daniel Hays (198)

3. Ibid (197-198)

Studying the Old Testament

1. These figures set good examples at times, however they also had flaws. We need to discern which actions to replicate and which to avoid.
2. *How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth*, Gordon Fee and Douglas Stuart (103)
3. *From Exegesis to Exposition*, Robert B Chisholm (Grand Rapids: Baker, 1998) (225)
4. *Grasping God's Word*, F Scott Duvall and F Daniel Hays (383)
5. Psalms 25, 34, 111, 112, and 145 are all acrostic but we would not know that without reading the original Hebrew writing. An admittedly lame example of an English acrostic would be:

Acrostics are forms of literature in the Psalms,

But we have a hard time

Comprehending them in our language.

Do you see that this is acrostic because

Each line begins with the next letter in the alphabet?

6. *A Survey of the Old Testament*, Andrew E. Hill and John H. Walton (509)

7. *Survey of the Old Testament*, Paul N. Benware (237)

8. *A Popular Survey of the Old Testament*, Norman Geisler (295)

Studying the New Testament

1. *The New Testament: Its Background and Message*, Thomas D. Lea (286)

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2. F.F. Bruce wrote, "With astonishing suddenness, the persecutor of the church became an apostle of Jesus Christ." *Paul Apostle of the Heart Set Free* (74)

3. Information gathered from John MacArthur's book *Because the Time is Near* (12-14)

4. The futurist view falls short in 1 aspect: its interpretation of Revelation 1-3. Some proponents of this view believe that the 7 churches described in those chapters are not local churches but instead symbolize various Church ages throughout history. This interpretation does not seem logical since each church is described in a way that could apply to any time of Church history. The futurist view appears to be correct for the remainder of the book of Revelation.

Fellowship

1. For example, my sister started going into strip clubs and sharing the gospel with strippers because of her connection with a former stripper who had become a Christian. This is a perfect example of us not looking down on someone because of their past or choosing not to share the gospel with someone because of their current sins. Everyone needs to hear and respond to the gospel and when we use our diversity as believers to our advantage we find that we can spread the gospel anywhere.

2. *Unchristian*, David Kinnaman (183)

Apologetics

1. *Baker Encyclopedia of Christian Apologetics*, Norman Geisler (37)

2. We might disagree with other Christians on doctrines, but we will never disagree with another Christian on dogmas.

3. *Thinking About Christian Apologetics*, James K. Beilby (17)

4. Information gathered from: *When Skeptic Ask*, Norman L. Geisler and Ronald M. Brooks (267-268)

5. "The Buddhist path leads us to discover a state of lasting happiness for both ourselves and others by freeing ourselves from cyclic existence, the cycle of constantly recurring problems that we experience at present." *Buddhism for Beginners*, Thubten Chodron (15)

6. "Nirvana: the cessation of unsatisfactory conditions and their causes." *Buddhism for Beginners*, Thubten Chodron (153)

7. Information taken from: *World Religions and Cults Vol. 2*, Bodie Hodge and Roger Patterson (59-89)

8. *The Baker Pocket Guide to World Religions*, Gerald R. McDermott (31)

9. According to the Qur'an, Jesus is the Messiah (Surah 3.45), was sinless (Surah 19.19), and was a great prophet (Surah 19.30)... but not God (Surah 4.171, 5.17)

10. Most Muslims are terrified of death because their eternal destination is completely uncertain. Nobody knows if they are good enough to go to heaven and the only guarantee that one will go to



heaven is if they die as a martyr in the name of Allah (Surah 9.111).

11. Information taken from: *World Religions and Cults Vol. 1*, Bodie Hodge and Roger Patterson (213-232)

12. Information taken from: *Answering Islam*, Norman Geisler and Abdul Saleeb (154-156)

13. Information taken from: *Answering Islam*, Norman Geisler and Abdul Saleeb (169-176)

14. Muhammad ordered the murder of numerous people (including women), led attacks against people of different religions, ordered the assassination of people mocking him, enslaved women and children, broke promises, and disobeyed commands in the Qur'an itself (*Answering Islam*, Norman Geisler and Abdul Saleeb (173-176))

15. Muslims are quick to quote the Bible for their purposes but quick to object when the Bible teaches something that they disagree with.

16. That word could also be translated as "heathen" or "Gentile" rather than "unlettered"

17. the Qur'an has been kept from textual alternations... only after all manuscripts were collected and destroyed, due to various versions being circulated, leaving one version of the Qur'an shortly after Muhammad's death (*No God but One*, Nabeel Qureshi (119))

18. An instance where "God" had to "update" his commands was when there was a new revelation which allowed Muhammad to marry more wives than God permitted earlier (4.3, 33.37, 33.51)

19. They actually provide 17 mistakes that people make when interpreting the Bible which leads to the incorrect conclusion that the Bible contains contradictions. They then go on to explain every single alleged contradiction in the Bible. (*The Big Book of Bible Difficulties*, Norman L. Geisler and Thomas Howe (15-26))

20. For more information about archaeological evidence in the Bible, read Norman Geisler and Joseph M. Holden's book: *The Popular Handbook of Archaeology and the Bible*.

21. When someone asks a questions that you are unable to answer, be willing to say "I am not sure, let me look into that and get back to you." It is better to be honest and humble than to give an incorrect response to someone's question.

Theological Knowledge

1. *A Little Book For New Theologians*, Kelly M. Kapic (16)

2. *Systematic Theology*, Wayne Grudem (151)

Accountability

1. Some people are accountable to someone that is accountable to someone else. This is of course acceptable, but not the type of accountability partnership that will be discussed in this chapter.

2. We also do not recommend being accountability partners with your spouse.



Daily Surrender to God

1. The following three points were taken from: *Not a Fan* (159-163) Kyle Idleman
2. *Humility and Absolute Surrender*, Andrew Murray (8)

Stewardship

1. "We need a heart to feel for the spiritual needs of men and women. Compassion is much more than pity. That kind of emotion by no means always leads to loving action. The word compassion means "to suffer together with". It is the Latin form of the Greek word that gives us sympathy, and it implies identification with its object." *Spiritual Discipleship*, J Oswald Sanders (103).
2. https://joshuaproject.net/people_groups/statistics
3. https://joshuaproject.net/people_groups/statistics
4. https://joshuaproject.net/resources/articles/10_40_window
5. "The reason the use of your money provides a good foundation for eternal life is not that generosity earns eternal life, but that it shows where your heart is. Generosity confirms that our hope is in God, and not in ourselves or our money." *Desiring God*, John Piper (196).
6. "They will object: Does not the Old Testament promise that God will prosper His people? Indeed! God increases our yield so that by giving we can prove that our yield is not our god." *Desiring God*, John Piper (198-199).

Evangelism

1. *Evangelism*, J. Mack Stiles (27)

How to Evangelize

1. *The Art of Personal Evangelism*, Will McRaney Jr. (65)
2. <https://www.barna.com/research/experts-sacred-dialogue/>
3. *Conversational Evangelism*, Norman Geisler and David Geisler (35)
4. *Evangelism Is...*, Dave Early and David Wheeler (81)
5. Ibid (79)
6. *Share Jesus Without Fear*, William Fay (11)

The Local Church's Role in Evangelism

1. *Disciple Making Is...*, Dave Earley and Rod Dempsey (5)

Discipling

1. *Discipling*, Mark Dever (13)
2. *Real-Life Discipleship*, Jim Putman (52-53)
3. *The Big Book on Small Groups*, Jeffrey Arnold (25)
4. *Growing Up*, Robby Gallaty (xxv)
5. *Discipleshift*, Jim Putman and Bobby Harrington (20)
6. John Piper compiled 50 commands of Jesus in his book *What Jesus Demands From the World*.



All verses and commands referenced here are found throughout his book.

7. *Disciples Making Is...*, Dave Earley and Rod Dempsey (52)

8. Ibid (163)

Jesus' Model of Discipleship

1. *The Master Plan of Evangelism*, Robert Coleman (21-22)

2. Ibid (37)

3. Ibid (49)

4. Ibid (61)

5. Ibid (71)

6. Ibid (79)

7. Ibid (91)

8. Ibid (99)

9. *Jesus Christ Disciplemaker*, Bill Hull (27)

10. *The Disciple-Making Church*, Bill Hull (28)

11. *Jesus Christ Disciplemaker*, Bill Hull (77)

12. *The Disciple-Making Church*, Bill Hull (28)

13. *Jesus Christ Disciplemaker*, Bill Hull (143)

14. *The Disciple-Making Church*, Bill Hull (28)

15. *Jesus Christ Disciplemaker*, Bill Hull (195)

16. *The Disciple-Making Church*, Bill Hull (29)

Spiritual Leadership

1. *Spiritual Leadership*, Henry Blackaby and Richard Blackaby (36)

2. *Strategic Vision*, Frank Damazio (39)

3. *Spiritual Leadership*, J Oswald Sanders (62)

Evidence For Jesus' Resurrection

1. *The Case for the Resurrection of Jesus*, Michael Licona, Gary Habermas (36-40)

2. *The Historical Jesus*, Gary Habermas (158)

3. *No God but One*, Nabeel Qureshi (167)

4. *What Really Happened to Jesus*, Gerd Lüdemann (17)

5. *The Reason for God*, Timothy Keller (214)

6. *Foxe's Book of Martyrs*, John Foxe (14-18)

7. *The New Evidence that Demands a Verdict*, Josh McDowell (253)

8. *The Case for the Resurrection of Jesus*, Michael Licona, Gary Habermas (52-53)

Evidence For and Against Islam

1. *Islam in Focus*, Hammudah Abdalati (8) (**pg 343 Answering Islam**)

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2. *Answering Islam*, Norman Geisler and Abdul Saleeb (176)
3. Ibid (178-181)
4. *The Life of Muhammad*, Muhammad Husayn Haykal (134)
5. “The proof of the Qur’an is in its own beauty and nature, and the circumstances in which it was promulgated. The world is challenged to produce a Book like it and has not produced one. It is the only revealed Book whose text stands pure and uncorrupted today.” *The Meaning of The Holy Qur’an*, Abdullah Yusuf Ali (699)
6. *What Everyone Should Know About Islam and Muslims*, Suzanne Haneef (21)
7. “The unity of the Qur’an is admittedly greater than that of any other sacred book. And yet how can we account for it except through the unity of Allah’s purpose and design? From a mere human point of view, we should have expected much discrepancy, because (1) the Messenger who promulgated it was not a learned man or philosopher, (2) it was promulgated at various times and in various circumstances, and (3) it is addressed to all grades of mankind. Yet, when properly understood, its various pieces fit together better than a jig-saw puzzle even when arranged without any regard to chronological order.” *The Meaning of The Holy Qur’an*, Abdullah Yusuf Ali (210)
8. Even if the Qur’an is the most beautiful book in Arabic, what about the most beautiful books in Spanish, English, Hebrew, and so on. Are all of those books divinely inspired or just the Qur’an?
9. *The Historical Jesus*, Gary Habermas (158)