

## New Biblical and Theological Resources

### *Top Picks:*

**What's Theology got to do with it?: Convictions, Vitality, and the Church.**

Robinson, Anthony B. Alban Institute, 2006.  
230.044 Rob

Theology is no mere abstract exercise - it matters and must remain central to pastoral and congregational ministry.

**The Power of a Focused Heart: 8 life lessons from the Beatitudes.**

Redding, Mary Lou. Upper Room Books, 2006. 241.53 Red

Designed for small group or individual use, this study features short chapters, weekly exercises and many helps for decision making on how to serve and use spiritual gifts.

**Covenant of Peace: The Missing Peace in New Testament Theology and Ethics.**

Swartley, Willard M. Wm. B. Eerdmans, 2006.  
261.873 Swa

A comprehensive yet accessible book on the New Testament themes of peace, reconciliation and ethical living.

**The Sermon on the Mount: inspiring the moral imagination.**

Allison, Dale C. Herder and Herder, 1999.  
226.906 All

A richly illustrated, provocative companion and commentary.

**Remember the Future: the pastoral theology of Paul the Apostle.**

Elias, Jacob. Herald Press, 2006. 227.06 Eli

A careful and creative reconstruction of Paul's own stories and the stories of each church he planted around the Mediterranean world.

**Bad Boys of the Bible: Exploring Men of Questionable Virtue.**

Essex, Barbara J. The Pilgrim Press, 2002.  
221.922 Ess

A presentation of biblical men in the contexts of their cultures, leadership styles and basic human characteristics as they attempt to serve God and God's people. Eight chapters with suggestions for teaching, preaching and discussion questions.

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**Bad Girls of the Bible: Exploring Women of Questionable Virtue.**

Essex, Barbara J. The Pilgrim Press, 1999.  
220.92 Ess

A 12-week study that looks beyond the notoriety to show us biblical women of boldness, courage, determination and independence. Includes suggestions for teaching, preaching and discussion questions.

**A Contemporary Anabaptist Theology: biblical, historical, constructive.**

Finger, Thomas. Inter-Varsity Press, 2004.  
230.43

A comprehensive exposition of Anabaptist beliefs.

**Flawed Families of the Bible: How God's grace works through imperfect relationships.**

Garland, David E. and Diana R. Brazos, 2007.  
220.92 Gar

And you thought your family was messed up! Through this study of biblical families we catch a glimpse of how large God's grace is and how God loves everyone one.

**A Precarious Peace: Yoderian Explorations on Theology, Knowledge, and Identity.**

Huebner, Chris K. Herald Press, 2006.  
262.8 Hue

Presents an interpretation of Christian pacifism that interrupts and questions many of our most deeply held convictions, including much of what is offered in the name of peace.

**The Beatitudes for Today.**

Howell, James C. Westminster John Knox, 2006.  
241.53 How

A perfect companion for studying or preaching about the Beatitudes. Includes discussion questions for each chapter.

**Consider Jesus: Daily reflections on the book of Hebrews.**

Jacobs, Donald R. Herald, 2006. 242.2 Jac

Reflections on how Jesus speaks in and through the author's life. Ways to peace, power, hope, and healing of Jesus in 365 daily meditations on the enigmatic book of Hebrews.

**John Howard Yoder: Mennonite patience, evangelical witness, Catholic convictions.**

Nation, Mark Thiessen. Eerdmans, 2006.  
230.97092 Nat

Nation presents a fresh exposure of Yoder's ideas, as Mennonite theologian who succeeded in bringing the discourse of peace theology into theological mainstream.

**The Map: making the Bible meaningful, accessible, practical.**

Page, Nick. Zondervan, 2002. 220.61

A user-friendly guidebook full of facts, maps, graphics, honesty and humor. A wonderful companion to any bible study group, a great gift for a graduate.

**Living the Sermon on the Mount.**

Stassen, Glen H. Jossey-Bass, 2006. 241.53 Sta

A practical, biblical, helpful analysis of the Sermon on the Mount that does not paralyze readers with idealism nor does it back off from the initiative we all need to take.