

Recommended Books Listed Topically

"The man who never reads will never be read; he who never quotes will never be quoted. He who will not use the thoughts of other men's brains, proves that he has no brains of his own. What is true of ministers is true of all people. You need to read." Charles Spurgeon

The PURITANS

"When we take down a volume of Puritanical theology we find in a solitary page more thinking and more learning, more Scripture, more real teaching, than in whole folios of the effusions of modern thought. The modern man would be rich if they possessed even the crumbs that fall from the table of the Puritans."
Charles Spurgeon

1. *The Quest for Godliness*, J. I. Packer
Packer gives an overview of the Puritans. This book will make you want to read the Puritans!
2. *The Valley of Vision*, Arthur Bennett
A collection of Puritan prayers.
3. *Worthy Is the Lamb*, Maureen Bradley
A topical devotional book of Puritan poetry.
4. *The Parable of the Ten Virgins*, Thomas Shepard
5. *The Mystery of Providence*, John Flavel
6. *The Pilgrim's Progress*, John Bunyan
7. *The Letters of Samuel Rutherford*, Samuel Rutherford
8. *Human Nature in Its Fourfold State*, Thomas Boston
9. *A Lifting Up for the Downcast*, William Bridge
10. *The Bruised Reed and Smoking Flax*, Richard Sibbes
11. *Precious Remedies Against Satan's Devices*, Thomas Brooks
12. *Keeping the Heart*, John Flavel
13. *The Saint's Everlasting Rest*, Richard Baxter
14. *The Plain Man's Pathway to Heaven*, Arthur Denton
15. *Mortification of Sin*, John Owen
16. *The Attributes of God*, Stephen Charnock
17. *Alarm to the Unconverted*, Joseph Alleine
18. *The Rare Jewel of Christian Contentment*, Jeremiah Burroughs
19. *The Crook in the Lot*, Thomas Boston
20. *The Fear of God*, John Bunyan
21. *All Things for the Good*, Thomas Watson

UNDERSTANDING TODAY'S CULTURE

"Most Christians would rather die than think, in fact they do." Bertram Russell

1. *Fit Bodies, Fat Minds*, Os Guinness
2. *Amusing Ourselves to Death*, Neil Postman
3. *The Disappearance of Childhood*, Neil Postman
4. *Technopoly*, Neil Postman
5. *Anti-Intellectualism in American Life*, Richard Hofstadter
6. *All God's Children and Blue Suede Shoes*, Kenneth Myers
7. *Postmodernism*, Gene Veith

SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY

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'Take away theology and give us some nice religion' has been a popular slogan for so long that we are apt to accept it, without inquiring whether religion without theology has any meaning. And however unpopular I may make myself, I shall and will affirm that the reason why the churches are discredited today is not that they are too bigoted about theology, but that they have run away from theology."

Dorothy Sayers

1. *Redemption: Accomplished and Applied*, John Murray
2. *Systematic Theology*, Louis Berkhof or Robert Reymond
3. *The Fabric of Theology*, Richard Lints
4. *The Plan of Salvation*, B. B. Warfield
5. *Calvinism Pure and Mixed*, W. G. T. Shedd
6. *Know the Truth*, Bruce Milne
7. *The Christian Life*, Sinclair Ferguson

THE CHURCH

1. *The Church*, Edmond Clowney
2. *Christianity and Liberalism*, G. Machen
3. *No Place for Truth*, David Wells
4. *God in the Wasteland*, David Wells
5. *Losing Our Virtue*, David Wells
6. *The Grave Digger Files*, Os Guinness
7. *Dining With the Devil*, Os Guinness
8. *No God But God*, Guinness & Seal
9. *The Glorious Body of Christ*, R. B. Kuiper

SANCTIFICATION

1. *Religious Affections*, Jonathan Edwards
2. *Christ, the Way and the Truth, and the Life*, John Brown
3. *Spiritual Depression: Its Causes and Cure*, Lloyd-Jones
4. *Holiness*, J. C. Ryle
5. *The Christian's Great Interest*, William Guthrie
6. *The Almost Christian Discovered*, Matthew Mead
7. *The Discipline of Grace*, Jerry Bridges

ESCHATOLOGY

1. *The Bible and the Future*, Anthony Hoekema
Hoekema is Amillennial, however, he gives an excellent summary of all four millennial views.
2. *The Millennium*, Boettner
Boettner is a Postmillennial.
3. *The Meaning of the Millennium*, Close
Close's book gives all four millennial views with interaction by the leading proponents of each view.
4. *The Puritan Hope*, Iain Murray
Murray shows the predominant millennial view of the Puritans was postmillennialism.

OVERVIEW OF CHRISTIANITY

1. *Knowing God*, J. I. Packer
2. *Institutes of Christian Religion*, John Calvin
3. *Basic Christianity*, John Stott

BIBLICAL THEOLOGY

1. *Biblical Theology*, G. Vos
2. *Christ of the Covenants*, O. Palmer Robertson

BIOGRAPHIES

1. *The Forgotten Spurgeon*, Iain Murray

2. *George Whitefield* (2 vols.), Dallimore
3. *Memoirs of Thomas Boston*, Thomas Boston
4. *D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones* (2 vols.), Iain Murray
5. *Grace Abounding to the Chief of Sinners*, John Bunyan
6. *The Life of Henry Martyn*, John Sargent
7. *A Chance to Die*, Elizabeth Elliot
8. *Jonathan Edwards: A New Biography*, Iain Murray

EVANGELISM

1. *Tell the Truth*, Will Metzger
2. *Today's Gospel: Authentic or Synthetic*, Walter Chantry
3. *The Heart of Evangelism*, Jerram Barrs
4. *Evangelism and the Sovereignty of God*, J. I. Packer
5. *Why I Believe in God*, Cornelius Van Till
6. *The Reason for God*, Tim Keller

FAMILY

1. *Shepherding a Child's Heart*, Tedd Trip
2. *Age of Opportunity*, David Tripp
3. *Each for the Other*, Bryan Chapell

WORLDVIEWS

1. *The Universe Next Door*, William Sire
2. *Lifeworlds*, R. C. Sproul
3. *Genesis in Time and Space*, Francis Schaeffer
4. *A Christian View of Men and Things*, Gordon Clark
5. *The Christian Mind*, Blamires
6. *The Post-Christian Mind*, Blamires

GREAT SERMONS

"True preaching is Artesian; it wells up from the great depths of the soul."
Charles Spurgeon

1. *On Knowing Christ*, Jonathan Edwards
2. *The New Park Street Pulpit*, Charles Spurgeon

3. *The Works of Jonathan Edwards*, Jonathan Edwards
4. *God Transcendent*, Machen

VARIOUS TOPICS

1. *Chosen by God*, R. C. Sproul (Predestination)
2. *Holiness of God*, R. C. Sproul (Attributes of God)
3. *The Thought of God*, Maurice Roberts
4. *The Sovereignty of God*, A. W. Pink
5. *Discovering God's Will*, Sinclair Ferguson
6. *The Bondage of the Will*, Martin Luther