

Hope Chapel's
Recommended Reading List*

Series 1: Preparation / Introduction (the "easy reads")

<i>Basic Christianity</i> by John Stott	Theology
<i>Humility - True Greatness</i> by C.J. Mahaney	Discipleship
<i>Living the Cross Centered Life</i> by C.J. Mahaney	Discipleship
<i>Stop Dating the Church</i> by Joshua Harris	Discipleship
<i>The Treasure Principle</i> by Randy Alcorn	Discipleship
<i>What is a Healthy Church?</i> by Mark Dever	Discipleship
<i>What is a True Calvinist?</i> by Philip Graham Ryken	Discipleship

Series 2: Foundation

<i>Knowing God</i> by J.I. Packer	Theology
<i>The Enemy Within</i> by Kris Lundgaard	Discipleship
<i>Sex, Romance & the Glory of God</i> by C.J. Mahaney	Marriage & Family
<i>Seeing and Savoring Jesus Christ</i> by John Piper	Discipleship
<i>The Peacemaker</i> by Ken Sande	Counseling
<i>Sovereign Grace and the Glorious Mystery of Election</i> by C.J. Mahaney	Theology
<i>The Deliberate Church</i> by Mark Dever	Ministry

Series 3: Solidification

<i>Discipline of Grace</i> by Jerry Bridges	Discipleship
<i>What's the Difference?</i> by D.A. Carson	Discipleship
<i>Doctrines of Grace</i> by Boice & Ryken	Theology
<i>Don't Waste Your Life</i> by John Piper	Missions / Evangelism
<i>Instruments in a Redeemer's Hands</i> by Paul David Tripp	Counseling
<i>Pilgrim's Progress</i> by John Bunyan	Discipleship
<i>The Legacy of Sovereign Joy</i> by John Piper	Biography
<i>This Little Church Stayed Home</i> by Gary Gilley	Ministry
<i>Seeing with New Eyes</i> by David Powlison	Counseling

Series 4: Instruction (part 1)

<i>Can We Be Good without God?</i> By Paul Chamberlain	Christian Philosophy
<i>God is the Gospel</i> by John Piper	Theology
<i>Knowledge of the Holy</i> by A.W. Tozer	Theology
<i>The Mortification of Sin</i> by John Owen	Discipleship
<i>Money, Possessions, and Eternity</i> by Randy Alcorn	Discipleship
<i>The Lotus and the Cross</i> by Ravi Zacharias	Apologetics
<i>When I Don't Desire God</i> by John Piper	Discipleship
<i>The Cross of Christ</i> by John Stott	Theology
<i>Speaking the Truth in Love</i> by David Powlison	Counseling
<i>Chosen By God</i> by R.C. Sproul	Theology

Series 5: Instruction (part 2)

<i>The Difficult Doctrine of the Love of God</i> by D.A. Carson	Theology
<i>The Gift of Tongues</i> by Alan Connor	Theology
<i>Cost of Discipleship</i> by Deitrich Bonhoeffer	Discipleship
<i>Desiring God</i> by John Piper	Theology
<i>Pierced For Our Transgressions</i> by Jeffrey, Ovey & Sach	Theology
<i>The Doctrine of Repentance</i> by Thomas Watson	Discipleship
<i>9 Marks of a Healthy Church</i> by Mark Dever	Ministry
<i>Confessions</i> by Augustine	Church History

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Other Considerations

<i>Basics for Believers</i> by D.A. Carson	Discipleship / Study
<i>Christian Beliefs</i> by Wayne Grudem	Theology
<i>Christianity through the Centuries</i> by Earle Cairnes	Church History
<i>Concise Theology</i> by J.I. Packer	Theology
<i>Decision Making and the Will of God</i> by Gary Friesen	Discipleship
<i>For The Love of God</i> , Volumes I and II by D.A. Carson	Devotional
<i>Love That Lasts</i> by Gary & Betsy Ricucci	Marriage & Family
<i>Morning & Evening</i> by Charles Spurgeon	Devotional
<i>Pursuit of Godliness</i> by Jerry Bridges	Discipleship
<i>Pursuit of Holiness</i> by Jerry Bridges	Discipleship
<i>The Cross and Christian Ministry</i> by D.A. Carson	Ministry
<i>The Deliberate Church</i> by Mark Dever	Ministry
<i>To Live is Christ</i> by Beth Moore	Discipleship / Study
<i>When People are Big and God is Small</i> by Edward T. Welch	Counseling

Recommendations for Children/Families

<i>Dangerous Journey</i> by Oliver Hunkin	Children's
<i>The Priest with Dirty Clothes</i> by R.C. Sproul	Children's

Recommendations for Women

<i>Biblical Womanhood in the Home</i> by Nancy Leigh DeMoss	Discipleship / Study
<i>Lies Women Believe (and the Truth that Sets them Free)</i> by Nancy Leigh DeMoss	Discipleship / Study
<i>Shopping for Time</i> by Mahaney, Whitacre, Chesemore, Bradshaw	Discipleship / Study
<i>Twelve Extraordinary Women</i> by John MacArthur	Discipleship / Study

The deep end of the theological pool

<i>The Freedom of a Christian</i> by Martin Luther	Discipleship
<i>The Holiness of God</i> by R.C. Sproul	Theology
<i>The Pleasures of God</i> by John Piper	Theology
<i>Worship by the Book</i> by D.A. Carson	Worship
<i>Bondage of the Will</i> by Martin Luther	Theology
<i>Divine Sovereignty and Human Responsibility</i> by D.A. Carson	Theology
<i>Engaging with God</i> by David Peterson	Worship
<i>Freedom of the Will</i> by Jonathan Edwards	Theology
<i>Putting the Truth to Work</i> by Dan Doriani	Discipleship
<i>Recovering Biblical Manhood and Womanhood</i> by Piper & Grudem	Marriage & Family
<i>Systematic Theology</i> by Wayne Grudem	Theology
<i>The Death of Death in the Death of Christ</i> by John Owen	Theology
<i>The Institutes of the Christian Religion</i> by John Calvin	Theology
<i>Becoming Conversant with the Emerging Church</i> by D.A. Carson	Apologetics
<i>Keep in Step with the Spirit</i> by J.I. Packer	Theology
<i>Counted Righteous in Christ</i> by John Piper	Theology
<i>Justification by Faith</i> by John Owen	Theology

Recommended Biographies (in alphabetical order)

- Aquinas – G. K. Chesterton, [Saint Thomas Aquinas -- "The Dumb Ox"](#) (New York: Doubleday, 1933/1956).
- Augustine – Peter Brown, [Augustine of Hippo: A Biography](#) (Berkeley: University of California Press), 1967, revised edition 2000.
- John Calvin – Alister E. McGrath, [A Life of John Calvin](#) (London: Blackwell, 1993).
- Jonathan Edwards – George M. Marsden, [Jonathan Edwards: A Life](#) (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2003). Iain H. Murray, [D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones: The First Forty Years, 1899-1939](#) and [D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones: The Fight of Faith, 1939-1981](#) (Carlisle, Pennsylvania: Banner of Truth Trust, 1982, 1990).
- Jim Elliot - [Shadow of the Almighty: The Life and Testament of Jim Elliot \(Hendrickson Biographies\)](#) by Elisabeth Elliot (June 2008)
- Martin Luther – Roland H. Bainton, [Here I Stand: A Life of Martin Luther](#) (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1950).
- J. Machen – D. G. Hart, [Defending the Faith: J. Gresham Machen and the Crisis of Conservative Protestantism in Modern America](#) (Phillipsburg, New Jersey: P&R Publishing, 1994).
- John Newton – Aitken & Yancey, [From Disgrace to Amazing Grace](#) (Crossway, Wheaton IL, 2007)

John Newton – [Out of the Depths](#) (Kregel, Grand Rapids MI, 2003) – ed. Dennis Hillman
Francis Schaeffer – Colin Duriez, [Francis Schaeffer: An Authentic Life](#) (Crossway, Wheaton IL, 2008)
Francis & Edith Schaeffer – Edith Schaeffer, [The Tapestry: The Life and Times of Francis and Edith Schaeffer](#)
(Waco Word Books, 1981)
Hudson Taylor – Dr. & Mrs. Howard Taylor, [Hudson Taylor's Spiritual Secret](#), (Moody Classics, 2009)
Corrie Ten Boom, C., Sherril, J., Sherril, S., (1971): [The Hiding Place](#). New York: Bantam
William Tyndale – David Daniell, [William Tyndale: A Biography](#) (New Haven: Yale University Press, 1994).
John Whitefield – Arnold Dallimore, [George Whitefield: The Life and Times of the Great Evangelist of the
Eighteenth-Century Revival, 2 volumes](#) (Carlisle, Pennsylvania: Banner of Truth Trust, 1970).

Other saints of interest (in birth order):

Anslem 1033-1109	John Flavel 1628-1691
Peter Waldo 1145?-1218	John Bunyan 1628-1688
Francis of Assisi 1182-1226	Thomas Boston 1676-1732
William of Ockham 1288-1348	John Gill 1697-1771
John Wyclif 1328-1384	John Wesley 1703-1791
Jan Hus 1369– 1415	William Wilberforce 1759-1833
Huldreich Zwingli 1484-1531	William Carey 1761-1834
Thomas Cranmer 1489-1556	Asahel Nettleton 1783-1844
Martin Bucer (also Butzer) 1491-1551	Charles Bridges 1794-1869
Philip Melancthon 1497-1560	Horatius Bonar 1808-1889
Henry Bullinger 1504-1575	Robert Murray M'Cheyne 1813-1843
John Knox 1510-1572	J.C. Ryle 1816-1900
William Perkins 1558-1602	C. H. Spurgeon 1834-1892
Thomas Goodwin 1600-1680	A.H. Strong 1836-1921
Richard Baxter 1615-1691	Dwight L. Moody 1837 - 1899
Thomas Watson 1620-1686	Martyn Lloyd Jones 1899 - 1981
Francis Turretin 1623-1687	Dietrich Bonhoeffer 1906-1945
Stephen Charnock 1628-1680	