

# Additional Resources

**Essentials of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church:** <https://epc.org/about/beliefs/>

## **Week 1 – Essential Beliefs – The Creeds**

The Apostles' and Nicene creeds: <https://www.crcna.org/welcome/beliefs/creeds>

*The 11 Beliefs You Should Know about Jehovah's Witnesses When They Knock at the Door* by Justin Taylor (blog post)

<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/blogs/justin-taylor/the-11-beliefs-you-should-know-about-jehovahs-witnesses-when-they-knock-at-the-door/>

*Mormonism Explained: What Latter-day Saints Teach and Practice* by Andrew Jackson, Crossway Books, 2008

*"I Believe": Exploring the Apostles' Creed* by Alister McGrath, IVP, 1998

*The Landscape of Faith: An Explorer's Guide to the Christian Creeds* by Alister McGrath, SPCK, 2018

*The Creed: What Christians Believe and Why it Matters* by Luke Timothy Johnson, Image, 2004

*The Apostle's Creed: A Guide to the Ancient Catechism* by Ben Myers, Lexham Press Christian Essentials Series, 2018

*The Apostles' Creed: For All God's Children (A FatCat Book)* by Ben Myers and Illustrated by Natasha Kennedy, Lexham Press, 2022

*Church History in Plain Language*, Fifth Edition by Bruce L. Shelley, Zondervan Academic, 2021

*The Story of Christian Theology* by Roger Olson, IVP Academic, 1999

*The Story of Christianity* by Justo L. Gonzalez (2 Volumes), HarperOne, 2010

*Teach Us to Pray: The Lord's Prayer in the Early Church and Today* by Justo L. Gonzalez, Eerdmans, 2020

Archbishop Lazar Puhalo: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NliaUSFOdkw>

## **Week 2 – The Bible**

*Reading While Black* by Esau McCaulley, IVP Academic, 2020

*Five Views on Biblical Inerrancy* – R. Albert Mohler, Peter Enns, Michael F. Bird, Kevin J. Vanhoozer, John R. Franke, Zondervan Counterpoints, 2013

*How the Bible Actually Works* by Peter Enns, HarperOne, 2019

*Inspiration and Incarnation* by Peter Enns, Baker Academic, 2015

*Seven Things I Wish Christians Knew About the Bible* by Michael F. Bird, Zondervan, 2021

*How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth*, 4th Edition by Gordon D. Fee and Douglas Stuart, Zondervan, 2014

*How (Not) to Read the Bible* by Dan Kimball, Zondervan, 2020

*Scripture and the Authority of God* by N.T. Wright, HarperOne, 2011

*Misreading Scripture with Western Eyes* by E. Randolph Richards and Brandon J. O'Brien, IVP, 2012

*Misreading Scripture with Individualistic Eyes* by E. Randolph Richards and Richard James, IVP Academic, 2020

*The Blue Parakeet: Rethinking How You Read the Bible* by Scot McKnight, Zonzervan, 2018

*The Bible Unwrapped* by Meghan Larissa Good, Herald Press, 2018

*Inspired* by Rachel Held Evans, Thomas Nelson, 2018

*The Bible Made Impossible: Why Biblicism is Not a Truly Evangelical Reading of Scripture* by Christian Smith, Brazos Press, 2012

*Words of Life* by Timothy Ward, IVP Academic, 2009

*A More Christlike Word* by Bradley Jersak, Whitaker House, 2021

*The Lost World of Scripture* by John H. Walton and D. Brent Sandy, IVP Academic, 2013

The Bible Project: <https://bibleproject.com/>

The Chicago Statement on Biblical Inerrancy (1978)

<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/themelos/article/the-chicago-statement-on-biblical-inerrancy/>

The Chicago Statement on Biblical Hermeneutics (1982) <https://divinity.carolinau.edu/chicago-statement-biblical-hermeneutics>

Richard Beck's blog: <http://experimentaltheology.blogspot.com/>

*Good Books Make Better People* by Karen Swallow Prior:

<https://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2019/january-february/karen-swallow-prior-good-books-make-better-people-reading.html>

Karen Swallow Prior on the Holy Post podcast: <https://www.holypost.com/post/episode-448-beth-moore-s-exit-the-problem-of-impooverished-imaginations-with-karen-swallow-prior>

Association of Christians in the Mathematical Sciences: <https://acmsonline.org/>

Esau McCaully: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sA9fSJEnLAs> and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QfYB3DNRggo>

### **Week 3 - Baptism**

Greg Boyd's full sermon "From Baptist to Anabaptist":

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dTqKdbnvDgA>

Richard Beck's blog: <http://experimentaltheology.blogspot.com/>

*Good Books Make Better People* by Karen Swallow Prior:

<https://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2019/january-february/karen-swallow-prior-good-books-make-better-people-reading.html>

Karen Swallow Prior on the Holy Post podcast: <https://www.holypost.com/post/episode-448-beth-moore-s-exit-the-problem-of-impooverished-imaginations-with-karen-swallow-prior>

Association of Christians in the Mathematical Sciences: <https://acmsonline.org/>

*Four Views on Baptism* – Thomas J. Nettles, Richard L. Pratt Jr., Robert Kolb and John Castelein, Zondervan Counterpoints, 2007

*Baptism: A Guide to Life from Death* by Peter J. Leithart, Lexham Press Christian Essentials Series, 2021

*It Takes a Church to Baptize* by Scot McKnight, Brazos Press, 2018

#### **Week 4 – The Lord's Supper**

Richard Twiss: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EHKtDoKoD80> and

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-1-yF-tHjU>

First Nations Version New Testament: <https://firstnationsversion.com/book/first-nations-version/>

*Four Views on the Lord's Supper* – Russell D. Moore, I. John Hesselink, David P. Scaer and Thomas A. Baima, Zondervan Counterpoints, 2007

#### **Week 5 – The Beginning**

René Padilla and Missio Alliance: <https://www.missioalliance.org/>

*Genesis: History, Fiction or Neither* by James K. Hoffmeier, Gordon J. Wenham and Kenton L. Sparks, Zondervan Counterpoints, 2015

*Understanding Scientific Theories of Origins* by Robert C. Bishop, Larry L. Funck, Raymond J. Lewis, Stephen O. Moshier and John H. Walton, IVP Academic, 2018

*The Lost World of Genesis One* by John H. Walton, IVP Academic, 2009

*The Lost World of Adam and Eve* by John H. Walton, IVP Academic, 2015

*Creation: The Apple of God's Eye* by Justo González, Abindon Press, 2015

*Where the Conflict Really Lies* by Alvin Plantinga, Oxford University Press, 2011

*Origins: Revised Edition* by Deborah B. and Loren D. Haarsma, Faith Alive, 2011

*Old-Earth or Evolutionary Creationism: Discussing Origins with Reasons to Believe and Biologists* edited by Kenneth Keathley, J.B. Stump and Joe Aguirre, InterVarsity Press, 2017

*How I Changed my Mind about Evolution*, Katheryn Applegate and J.B. Stump editors, IVP Academic, 2016

*The Fool and the Heretic* by Todd Charles Wood and Darrel R. Falk, Zondervan Academic, 2019

*Beginnings: Ancient Christians Readings of the Biblical Creation Narratives* by Peter C. Bouteneff, Baker Academic, 2008

*Why Science Does Not Disprove God* by Amir Aczel, William Morrow, 2014

### **Week 6 – The Divine Image**

Jews for Jesus: <https://jewsforjesus.org/>

*Being God's Image* by Carmen Joy Imes, IVP Academic, 2023

*The Liberating Image* by J. Richard Middleton, Baker, 2005

*The Grace of Dogs* by Andrew Root, Convergent Books, 2017

*Uniquely Unique Miniseries* – Language of God

<https://biologos.org/podcast-episodes/uniquely-unique-what-does-it-mean-to-be-human>

### **Week 7 – Divine Providence**

Dominican Sisters of Mary Immaculate Province: <https://houstondominicans.org/>

*Four Views on Divine Providence* by Paul Kjos Helseth, William Craig Lane, Ron Highfield and Gregory A. Boyd, Zondervan Counterpoints, 2011

*The God Who Risks* by John Sanders, InterVarsity Press, 1998

*God of the Possible* by Gregory A. Boyd, Baker Books, 2000

*The Uncontrolling Love of God* by Thomas Jay Oord, IVP Academic, 2018

### **Week 8 – Atonement Theory**

*Good Works: Hospitality and Faithful Discipleship* by Keith Wasserman and Christine D. Pohl, Eerdmans, 2021, <https://good-works.net/>

*The Nature of the Atonement: Four Views* by Gregory A. Boyd, Joel B. Green, Bruce R. Reichenbach and Thomas R. Schreiner, IVP Academic, 2006

*Rethinking the Atonement* by David M. Moffitt, Baker Academic, 2022

*The Crucifixion* by Fleming Rutledge, Eerdmans, 2015

*The Cross in Context* by Jackson W, IVP Academic, 2022

*The Mosaic of Atonement* by Joshua M. McNall, Zondervan Academic, 2019

*How Jesus Saves* by Joshua McNall, Zondervan, 2023

*Approaching the Atonement* by Oliver Crisp, IVP Academic, 2020

*The Cross of Christ, centennial edition* by John Stott, IVP, 2021

*Rediscovering the Scandal of the Cross, 2nd Edition* by Mark D. Baker and Joel B. Green, IVP Academic, 2011

## **Weeks 9 and 10 – Heaven and Hell**

<https://www.brudershof.com/>

Plough Quarterly: <https://www.plough.com/en>

*Brown Church* by Robert Chao Romero, InterVarsity Press, 2020

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1efrkZHOS5A> and

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=21Poulr0Enk>

*Four Views on Hell* by Denny Burk, John G. Stackhouse Jr, Robin A. Parry and Jerry L. Walls, Zondervan Counterpoints, 2016

*Four Views on Heaven* by John S. Feinberg, J Richard Middleton, Michael Allen and Peter Kreeft, Zondervan Counterpoints, 2022

*Hellbound?* A documentary by Kevin Miller

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7-J6NgKnWAO>

*Love Unrelenting:* A documentary that explores the three major views on hell and God's judgements. <https://loveunrelenting.com/>

Eclectic Orthodoxy – Alvin F. Kimel's blog: <https://afkimel.wordpress.com/> see also *Destined for Joy* by Alvin F. Kimel, 2023

*Sinners in the Hands of a Loving God* by Brian Zahnd, Waterbrook 2017

*Hell: A Final Word* by Edward William Fudge, Leafwood Publishers, 2012

*The Evangelical Universalist: Second Edition* by Gregory Macdonald (Robin Parry), SPCK, 2012

*Grace Saves All* by David Artman, Wipf and Stock, 2020

*Razing Hell* by Sharon L. Baker, Westminster John Knox Press, 2010

*That All shall be Saved* by David Bentley Hart, Yale University Press, 2019

*Her Gates Will Never Be Shut* by Bradley Jersak, Wipf and Stock, 2009

*Surprised by Hope* by N.T. Wright, HarperOne, 2008

*Heaven* by Randy Alcorn, Tyndale, 2004

### ***One Voice by the OC Supertones***

No more time for us to bicker and complain,  
If we're called by the same name, there's nowhere for us to lay the blame, except for ourselves.  
And if we died to our old selves we've come alive as God's flesh, that makes us family.  
Deeper than death, but we don't act so tight, when there's a back to bite.  
Are we less like a family, and more like a fistfight?  
Are we there, but not quite, are hypocrites children of light?

And can we sing with one voice, if we all love the same God?  
Can we agree to disagree?  
And so we cry with one voice to the only God in all the universe - who holds us in His hands.

### ***Amalgamate by Fiver Iron Frenzy***

You've got a cause now, I heard you braggin'  
Always the fastest one on the bandwagon  
So sit down and I'll tell you, what I am feeling  
For lack of better words you are stealing  
All of my joy away from me  
Whatever happened to our unity?

We cut ourselves, wounds we've severed  
It's time for us to pull together, and stand, as one  
All eyes are turning towards the Son  
Drop your fists let's not forget who we represent  
And fall to our knees in unity

Another day now, another doctrine  
Another monkey wrench in the system  
Some folks kneelin', some just listen  
Some fallin' out of the pews from twistin'  
I don't care kids, how you do it  
United we stand, we can pull through it  
All were dead once. All enslaved  
Now pull together 'cause we've all been saved

The only Jesus this world's gonna see  
Is the Jesus in you and me  
So pick your cross up, stop your swinging  
Stop and look at the stink you're bringin'  
To this body with your fighting  
You bust more knuckles than the wrongs you're righting  
What's important is where we relate  
It's the meaning of the word Amalgamate