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## PERSONAL INFORMATION

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Date / Place of Birth: 28 July 1973, Napoleon, OH, USA  
Marital Status: Married since 9 March 1996  
Spouse: Kathryn J. Harmon, B.S. in Education, Ohio University, June 1995  
Children: Jonathan (1998), Jacob (2001)  
Church Membership: Christ's Covenant Church, Winona Lake, Indiana

## VOCATIONAL GOAL

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I believe that God has called me to help people see the beauty of Jesus Christ in all of Scripture (Luke 24:44–49). Not only does that deepen the worship of God's people, it is the means by which believers are transformed into greater degrees of likeness to Christ (2 Cor 3:18). I see this calling as one of the primary ways that I love God with my whole being and my neighbor as myself (Matt 22:37–39). This calling is also an extension of Jesus' command to teach his people to obey all that he has commanded (Matt 28:18–20). To that end I am committed to careful study of Scripture in the original languages within its literary, historical, cultural, redemptive, and canonical contexts. That commitment manifests itself in my interests in how later authors of Scripture use earlier texts of Scripture (i.e., OT use of the OT, NT Use of the OT), biblical theology (both thematic and storyline approaches), Paul and his letters, and hermeneutics (with special interest in helping believers understand and apply the Bible, as well as helping ministry leaders open Scripture faithfully for those whom they lead).

## CHARACTER AND GIFTING HIGHLIGHTS

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Love for and delight in God's Word, a desire to make much of Christ, diligence in studying God's Word, mentor of others (especially those pursuing ministry), patient, kind to others (even with those whom I disagree), teachable, team player, pastoral heart, flexible and adaptable to new circumstances, detail oriented but also able to see the big picture, careful thinker.

## EDUCATION

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- PhD** Wheaton College August 2006  
Biblical Theology – New Testament  
Dissertation: “She Must and Shall Go Free: Paul's Isaianic Gospel in Galatians”  
Supervisor: Douglas J. Moo  
Second Reader: Richard L. Schultz  
External Reader: Rikki E. Watts
- MDiv** Trinity Evangelical Divinity School May 2003  
Graduated summa cum laude
- BS** Ohio University June 1995  
Communication  
Major: Telecommunications  
Graduated Summa Cum Laude

## FULL TIME ACADEMIC MINISTRY

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*Professor of New Testament Studies* 2006-present  
Grace College and Theological Seminary

Responsibilities have included:

- Teaching courses in multiple formats: traditional residential, online, distance learning, and competency based
- Mentoring college and seminary students
- Overseeing seminary chapel
- Annually speaking in both undergrad and seminary chapel services
- Academic advising of students
- Assessment of degree programs
- Participation in the redesign of the M.Div program for a Competency Based Education format
- Committees: Athletics, Academic Affairs, Institutional Review Board
- Leading international trips for students (Israel, Greece, Turkey, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, Iceland, Finland, England)
- Teaching in our Korean Doctor of Missiology and Doctor of Intercultural Studies Programs (residentially as well as in South Korea, Thailand, and Los Angeles)
- Lead faculty and course designer for BIB 1050 Exploring the Bible, an undergraduate core course that surveys the Biblical metanarrative

\*For a list of courses taught, see below

## **PUBLISHED BOOKS**

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1. *She Must and Shall Go Free: Paul's Isaianic Gospel in Galatians* (BZNW 168; Berlin: deGruyter, 2010).
2. *Studies in the Pauline Epistles: Essays in Honor of Douglas J. Moo* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2014). [co-edited with Jay E. Smith]
3. *Philippians: A Mentor Commentary* (Ross-Shire, Scotland: Christian Focus, 2015).
4. *Making All Things New: Inaugurated Eschatology in the Life of the Church* (Grand Rapids: Baker, 2016). [co-authored with Benjamin L. Gladd]
5. *Jeremiah. Knowing the Bible* (Wheaton: Crossway, 2016).
6. *Asking the Right Questions: A Practical Guide to Understanding and Applying the Bible* (Wheaton: Crossway, 2017).
7. *Rebels and Exiles: A Biblical Theology of Sin and Restoration. Essential Studies in Biblical Theology* (Downers Grove: IVP, 2020).
8. *The Servant of the Lord and his Servant People: Tracing a Biblical Theme through the Canon. New Studies in Biblical Theology 54* (Downers Grove: IVP, 2020).
9. *Galatians. Evangelical Biblical Theology Commentary* (Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press, 2021).
10. *The God Who Saves and Judges: A Theology of 2 Peter and Jude. New Testament Theology* (Wheaton: Crossway, 2023).

## **PUBLISHED PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES, ESSAYS, AND BOOK CHAPTERS**

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1. Multiple articles in *Baker Illustrated Bible Dictionary* (eds. Peter Enns and Mark Strauss; Grand Rapids: Baker, 2013).
2. "Philippians," in *NIV Proclamation Bible* (London: Houghton & Stoddard, 2013).
3. "For the Glory of the Father and the Salvation of his People: Definite Atonement in the Synoptic Gospels and Johannine Literature." Pages 267-88 in *From Heaven He Came and Sought Her: Definite Atonement in Biblical, Historical, Theological and Pastoral Perspective* (ed. David Gibson and Jonathan Gibson; Wheaton: Crossway, 2013).
4. "Letter Carriers and Paul's Use of Scripture," *Journal for the Study of Paul and His Letters* 4 (2014): 25-44.

5. “Allegory, Typology, or Something Else? Revisiting Galatians 4:21–5:1.” Pages 144-58 in *Studies in the Pauline Epistles: Essays in Honor of Douglas J. Moo* (ed. Matthew S. Harmon and Jay E. Smith; Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2014).
6. “2 Peter.” Pages 363–410 in *ESV Expository Bible Commentary Volume 12: Hebrews-Revelation* (ed. Ian Duguid, James M. Hamilton Jr., and Jay Sklar; Wheaton: Crossway, 2018).
7. “Jude.” Pages 501–24 in *ESV Expository Bible Commentary Volume 12: Hebrews-Revelation* (ed. Ian Duguid, James M. Hamilton Jr., and Jay Sklar; Wheaton: Crossway, 2018).
8. Study notes on 2 Peter and Jude in *Grace and Truth Study Bible* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2021).
9. “Galatians.” Pages 258-61 in *Dictionary of the New Testament Use of the Old Testament* (ed. G. K. Beale, D. A. Carson, Benjamin L. Gladd, and Andrew David Naselli. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2023).
10. “The Old Testament Use of the Old Testament.” Pages 586-93 in *Dictionary of the New Testament Use of the Old Testament* (ed. G. K. Beale, D. A. Carson, Benjamin L. Gladd, and Andrew David Naselli; Grand Rapids: Baker, 2023).
11. “Philippians.” Pages 600-3 in *Dictionary of the New Testament Use of the Old Testament* (ed. G. K. Beale, D. A. Carson, Benjamin L. Gladd, and Andrew David Naselli; Grand Rapids: Baker, 2023).
12. “Divine Identity and the Resurrection in Galatians 1:1: An Exploration of the Intertextual Matrix Underlying Paul’s Redefinition of God’s Identity.” Pages 1-19 in *Scripture, Texts, and Tracings in Galatians and 1 Thessalonians* (ed. A. Andrew Das and B. J. Oropeza; London: Lexington Books, 2023).

#### **PROJECTS IN PROCESS AND/OR UNDER CONTRACT**

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1. *How to Study the Bible’s Use of the Bible: Seven Hermeneutical Choices for the Old and New Testaments* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, submitted) [co-authored with Gary Schnittjer]
2. “Acts” in *New Testament Use of the Old Testament Parallel Layout* (ed. Gary Edwards Schnittjer, Matthew S. Harmon, and Madison N. Pierce; Grand Rapids: Zondervan, in process).

3. "Luke" in *New Testament Use of the Old Testament Parallel Layout* (ed. Gary Edwards Schnittjer, Matthew S. Harmon, and Madison N. Pierce; Grand Rapids: Zondervan, in process).
4. "Catholic Epistles" in *New Testament Use of the Old Testament Parallel Layout* (ed. Gary Edwards Schnittjer, Matthew S. Harmon, and Madison N. Pierce; Grand Rapids: Zondervan, in process).
5. "Acts" in *Commentary on the New Testament Use of the Old Testament Parallel Layout* (ed. Gary Edwards Schnittjer, Matthew S. Harmon, and Madison N. Pierce; Grand Rapids: Zondervan, in process).
6. "Luke" in *Commentary on the New Testament Use of the Old Testament Parallel Layout* (ed. Gary Edwards Schnittjer, Matthew S. Harmon, and Madison N. Pierce; Grand Rapids: Zondervan, in process).
7. "Catholic Epistles" in *Commentary on the New Testament Use of the Old Testament Parallel Layout* (ed. Gary Edwards Schnittjer, Matthew S. Harmon, and Madison N. Pierce; Grand Rapids: Zondervan, in process).
8. *Galatians*. Exegetical Greek Guide to the New Testament (Nashville: B&H, in process).
9. *The Wisdom of God*. Short Studies in Biblical Theology (Wheaton: Crossway, in process).
10. Study notes on 2 Peter and Jude in the NET Study Bible (submitted)
11. Study notes on Galatians and Philippians in the CSB Study Bible (in process)
12. "Exile" in CSB Study Bible (submitted)
13. *Luke: A Mentor Commentary* (Ross-Shire, Scotland: Christian Focus, in process).
14. *Acts: A Mentor Commentary* (Ross-Shire, Scotland: Christian Focus, in process).

#### **PUBLISHED BOOK REVIEWS**

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1. Review of *Where to Live: The Hermeneutical Significance of Paul's Citations from Scripture in Galatians 3:1-14* by Andrew H. Wakefield in *RBL* (Feb 2005)
2. Review of *The Risen Crucified Christ in Galatians* by Robert A. Bryant in *RBL* (Feb 2005)

3. Review of *Navigating Paul: An Introduction to Key Theological Concepts* by Jouette M. Bassler in *JETS* 51 (2008): 144-46.
4. Review of *Jesus, the Tribulation, and the End of the Exile: Restoration Eschatology and the Origin of the Atonement* WUNT 2/204 by Brant J. Pitre in *RBL* (Sept 2007)
5. Review of *Sealed with an Oath: Covenant in God's Unfolding Purpose* NSBT 23 by Paul R. Williamson in *RBL* (Feb 2008)
6. Review of *Making a Meal of It: Rethinking the Theology of the Lord's Supper* by Ben Witherington III in *BBR* 19 (2009): 303-4.
7. Review of *Law and Life: The Interpretation of Leviticus 18:5 in Early Judaism and in Paul* WUNT 2/241 by Preston M. Sprinkle in *JETS* 52 (2009): 623-25.
8. Review of *The Letter to the Philippians* Pillar New Testament Commentary by G. Walter Hansen in *Themelios* 35.1 (2010): 66-67.
9. Review of *Jonathan Edwards and the Ministry of the Word: A Model of Faith and Thought* by Douglas A. Sweeney in *Themelios* 35.2 (2010): 325-26.
10. Review of *Paul and Scripture: Studying the New Testament Use of the Old Testament* by Steve Moyise in *JETS* 54 (2011): 400-402.
11. Review of *Paul and the Early Jewish Encounter with Deuteronomy* WUNT 2/284 by David Lincicum in *Themelios* 36.1 (2011): 98-100.
12. Review of *Four Views on the Apostle Paul* Counterpoints: Bible & Theology edited by Michael F. Bird in *Themelios* 38.2 (2013): 254-56.
13. Review of *Introducing Biblical Theology* by Sigurd Grindheim in *Themelios* 39.1 (2014): 90-91.
14. Review of "God is One": *The Function of Eis ho Theos as a Ground for Gentile Inclusion in Paul's Letters* LNTS 497 in *JETS* 58.2 (2015): 403-6.
15. Review of *Paul's "Works of the Law" in the Perspective of the Second-Century Perception* by Matthew J. Thomas in *JETS* 64 (2021): 830-33.

#### **PROFESSIONAL PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS**

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1. "Jonathan Edwards' Exegesis of 2 Corinthians 3:18-4:6 – The Primacy of the Bible in Formulating the 'Sense of the Heart,'" Paper presented at the 2002 Midwest Regional Conference of the Evangelical Theological Society.

2. "Who Sings the Servant's Song? Paul or Jesus as the Servant of Yahweh in Galatians 1-2," Paper presented at the 2004 annual conference of the Evangelical Theological Society.
3. "Letter Carriers and Paul's Use of Scripture," Paper presented at the 2007 Midwest Regional Conference of the Evangelical Theological Society.
4. "Letter Carriers and Paul's Use of Scripture," Paper presented at the 2009 annual conference of the Evangelical Theological Society.
5. "Justification by Faith, Judgment according to Works and the New Perspective: Some Reflections on a Biblical Tension in Paul and the Early Church Fathers," Paper presented at the 2010 annual conference of the Evangelical Theological Society.
6. "Is Translation Treason? The Historical Impulse to Translate the Bible into the Common Tongue," Paper presented at the 2011 Remnant Trust conference King James Bible 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration
7. "Allegory, Typology, or Something Else? Revisiting Galatians 4:21–5:1," Paper presented at the 2013 annual conference of the Evangelical Theological Society.
8. "Firing the Canon at Catholic Epistles: Some Reflections on Darian Lockett's *Letters from the Pillar Apostles*," Paper presented at the 2019 annual conference of the Evangelical Theological Society.
9. "The Role of Canon in Biblical Interpretation – A Response to Stephen Dempster and Darian Lockett," Paper presented at the 2021 annual conference of the Evangelical Theological Society.
10. "Divine Identity and the Resurrection in Galatians 1:1-5: An Exploration of the Intertextual Matrix Underlying Paul's Redefinition of God's Identity," Paper presented at the 2021 annual conference of the Society of Biblical Literature.
11. "Looking Both Ways When Crossing Typology Street: Forward-Looking and Backward-Looking Typological Patterns," Paper presented at the 2023 annual conference of the Evangelical Theological Society.
12. "Assumptions, Evidence, and Arguments: Reflections on Petrine Authorship of 2 Peter," Paper presented at the 2023 annual conference of the Society of Biblical Literature.

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

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Unless noted otherwise, all courses were taught at Grace College and Theological Seminary.

BIB1050 Exploring the Bible

BBL2020 Understanding the New Testament  
 BIB3290 New Testament Exposition  
 BITH214 New Testament Literature and Interpretation (Wheaton College)  
 DI823K Cultures of the New Testament (Korean Program, Grace Theological Seminary)  
 NT401 Beginning Greek 1 (Trinity Evangelical Divinity School)  
 NT402 Beginning Greek 2 (Trinity Evangelical Divinity School)  
 NT491 Greek Review (Trinity Evangelical Divinity School)  
 NT500 Cultures and Literature of the New Testament World  
 NT5020 New Testament Introduction  
 NT503A Greek Exegesis  
 NT504A Greek Exegesis 2  
 NT505A Greek Exegesis 3  
 NT5110 Beginning Greek 1  
 NT5120 Beginning Greek 2  
 NT5140 Beginning Greek 3  
 NT535 Greek Exegesis  
 NT601 Exegesis of Galatians  
 NT601 Exegesis of Mark  
 NT7020 New Testament Research Project  
 NT7040 Greek Exegesis 1  
 NT7050 Greek Exegesis 2  
 NT7420 Advanced Greek Exegesis  
 PM803 Gospel-Centered Ministry (Korean Program, Grace Theological Seminary)  
 TH5090 Hermeneutics  
 TH610 New Testament Theology

## **ADDITIONAL MINISTRY EXPERIENCE**

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### ***Member***

**Christ's Covenant Church** 2006–present  
 I serve on the preaching team, regularly lead Life Education courses, and led a small group for nearly fifteen years.

### ***Regional Trainer***

**Bibleworks** 2005–2018  
 I led training workshops around the United States teaching people how to use the Bible software program Bibleworks.

### ***Instructor, School of Leadership***

**Campus Crusade for Christ** 2002–2008  
 I taught “Bible Study Methods” and “Biblical Interpretation and Communication” to full-time Campus Crusade for Christ staff. These courses cover the basics of interpretation and communication in order to equip them to study and teach the Bible in their ministry setting.



My responsibilities included daily leading of a workshop group of 12-18 people, as well as occasional large group lecturing.

***Research Fellow, Christian Leadership Ministries***

**Campus Crusade for Christ**

2000–2003

As a Research Fellow for Christian Leadership Ministries (the faculty ministry of Campus Crusade), I was responsible for teaching and speaking in a variety of contexts, including to fellow staff and undergraduates.

***Campus Minister***

**Campus Crusade for Christ**

1995–2000

I was a campus minister at Ohio University, engaged in evangelism and discipleship with undergraduates. My additional responsibilities included fund-raising, leading small-group Bible studies, regular large-group teaching and speaking, planning ministry events, and recruiting for missions projects.

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**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

**Evangelical Theological Society**

I am currently serving as the chair of the Hermeneutics Section.

**Society of Biblical Literature**

## REFERENCES

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