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## POST-DOCTORAL STUDY

**EBERHARD-KARLS UNIVERSITÄT TÜBINGEN**, Tübingen, Germany.  
January - August, 1991.  
Supervisor: Professor Dr. Peter Stuhlmacher  
Research Topic: The Historical Context of the Epistle to the Colossians  
Funding: Association of Theological Schools Grant

## EDUCATION

**UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN**, Aberdeen, Scotland.  
Ph.D, 1986  
Major: New Testament Exegesis  
Dissertation Title: The Power of God and the Powers of Evil in the  
Epistle to the Ephesians  
Supervisor: Prof. I. Howard Marshall  
Examiners: Prof. Ernest Best; Dr. Ruth Edwards

**TALBOT THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY**, La Mirada, California.  
M.Div., 1983.  
Major: New Testament Language and Literature.  
Thesis Title: The Concept of Joy in the Epistle to the Philippians  
Honors: Magna Cum Laude; Kappa Tau Epsilon

**BIOLA COLLEGE**, La Mirada, California.  
B.A., 1980  
Major: Communications (with extensive coursework in Greek)  
Honors: Magna Cum Laude; Delta Epsilon Chi

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

August 1987-

**TALBOT SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY**, La Mirada, California.  
Currently serving as Chairman of the Department of New Testament. Have served as Director of the Master of Theology Program (Th.M) and as the chair of the university Graduate Studies Committee. Taught courses in Beginning and Intermediate Greek Grammar, New Testament Exegetical Method, the New Testament World, Hellenistic Greek Inscriptions, Critical Introduction to the New Testament, New Testament Theology, Pauline Theology, Christology, Spiritual Warfare, and special exegetical studies of New Testament books (Mark, John, Acts Romans, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 & 2 Thessalonians, Titus, James, 1 Peter) and have coordinated and led a research seminar for Th.M. students.

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

- Member of the Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas (International Society for New Testament Studies)
- Member of Tyndale Fellowship for Biblical and Theological Research, Cambridge, England.
- Member of the Society of Biblical Literature
- Member of the Institute for Biblical Research.
- Member of the Evangelical Theological Society .

**GRANTS**

- 1999: Awarded a Biola University Faculty Research Grant in support of work on the *Zondervan Illustrated Bible Backgrounds Commentary*.
- 1993: Awarded a Biola University Faculty Research Grant in support of work on a manuscript on the Colossian Conflict.
- 1990: Recipient of an Association of Theological Schools “Younger Scholar” Research grant to support research at the University of Tübingen (West Germany) on the background of the Colossian Conflict. Professor Peter Stuhlmacher served as the supervisor of the research.
- 1989: Awarded a Biola University Faculty Research grant in support of work on a manuscript for InterVarsity press.
- 1985: Awarded an Overseas Research Students grant by the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals of the Universities of the U.K., a competitive award based on the merit of research project proposals.

**EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE**

- General Editor of the Zondervan Exegetical Commentary Series (20 vols.)
- General Editor of the *Zondervan Illustrated Bible Backgrounds Commentary* (4 vols.)
- Member of the editorial advisory board for *Discipleship Journal* for six years.
- Member of editorial board for the *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society*.
- Served as a consultant to Cambridge University Press, Scholar’s Press (Society of Biblical Literature), Westminster/John Knox Press, InterVarsity Press, Baker Book House, Kregel, and Thomas Nelson as an anonymous reviewer of books they are considering for publication.
- Served as a Bible translation consultant to Doubleday, Broadman & Holman, and Crossway.

**MEDIA**

- Interviewed on NBC’s *Dateline*
- Day of Discovery (PAX)
  - “Return to the Seven Churches” (7 part series; first aired May 4-June 29, 2003)
- Chinese Cable TV (TVB)
- Many radio interviews, including KKLA (Los Angeles).

**FAMILY**

Married Barbara Erickson in April, 1981. We have three children, Jeffrey (23), Dustin (20), and Brandon (17)

**MINISTRY**

**Whittier Hills Baptist Church** (Whittier, CA). I am on the board of overseers and currently serve as the vice chairman. I have been active in preaching, leading retreats, teaching in various Sunday School classes, and teaching in various education programs of the church.

1987-2000

**Whittier Area Community Church** (Whittier, CA). For 12 of the 13 years at this church, my primary ministry— done in partnership with my wife, Barbara—was in working with new believers. We built a team of people to work with us in “assimilation ministry.” We created curriculum for five eight-week classes designed to help new believers grow in their knowledge of the Word and their walk with the Lord.

**Conference Speaking.** I do some conference speaking usually on topics related to my books.

**Overseas Ministry:** I have engaged in some overseas cross-cultural ministry, principally in Romania, Korea, and Thailand.

- 1986-1987      **Mennonite Brethren Conference.** Prior to coming to Talbot, I participated with the Mennonite Brethren Conference in two church plantings in the San Joaquin Valley, near Bakersfield. One project involved helping plan and coordinate the creation of a Hispanic church in a labor camp area. The other involved providing leadership to a congregation moving from a small rural ministry to beginning a church in a growing suburban area. Engaged also in preaching and teaching.
- 1983-1986      **Deeside Christian Fellowship** (Aberdeen, Scotland). Frequent preaching for Sunday morning and evening services at this church between 1983-1986. Teaching responsibilities for adult and youth Bible studies. Retreat speaker and also speaker for Scripture Union Clubs (for Junior High age children) in the Aberdeen area.

## Publications and Scholarly Presentations

### Current Research:

- ◆ Serving as General Editor of the *Zondervan Exegetical Commentary Series*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, in process. 20 volumes.
  - Writing the commentary on Ephesians.
  
- ◆ Writing the revision of the Word Biblical Commentary Vol. 44 on *Colossians, Philemon*.

### Books:

- (1) *How We Got the Bible. A Visual Journey*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, May 2008.
  
- (2) General Editor of the *Zondervan Illustrated Bible Backgrounds Commentary*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2002. 4 Volumes of 500 pages per volume. 17 contributors. \*Winner of the Gold Medallion Award by the Evangelical Christian Publishers Association (ECPA)
  - Author of the commentary on the book of Acts.
  - Author of the commentary on the book of Ephesians.
  - Author of the commentary on the book of Colossians.
  - ◆ Interactive CD-ROM version published in 2007 by Zondervan utilizing Pradis 6.0.
  - ◆ 12-Volume Softcover edition published in 2007 by Zondervan.
    - √ my commentary on *Acts* is published as volume 5 in the series.
    - √ my commentaries on *Ephesians* and *Colossians* are published together with *Philippians* and *Philemon* as volume 8 in the series.
  
- (3) *Three Crucial Questions About Spiritual Warfare*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1997.
  - ◆ Special hard-bound edition published by Crossings Book Club (a division of Doubleday), 1999.
  - ◆ British Edition: *Spiritual Warfare. What Does the Bible Really Teach?* London: Marshall & Pickering, 1999.
  - ◆ Spanish language edition.
  - ◆ Chinese language edition.
  - ◆ Korean language edition.
  
- (4) *The Colossian Syncretism. The Interface Between Christianity and Folk Belief at Colossae*. Wissenschaftliche Untersuchungen zum Neuen Testament 2/77. Tübingen: J.C.B. Mohr (Paul Siebeck), 1995.
  - ◆ North American paperback edition published under the same title by Baker Book House (October, 1996).
  
- (5) *Powers of Darkness: Principalities and Powers in Paul's Letters*. Downer's Grove, Ill.: InterVarsity Press, 1992.
  - ◆ Seventh Printing, 2008.

- ◆ British edition: *Powers of Darkness: A Thoughtful Biblical Look at an Urgent Challenge Facing the Church*. Leicester: IVP, 1993.
- ◆ Czech language edition.
- ◆ Korean language edition (Jireh Publishing Co., 1995, 2008).

(6) ***Ephesians: Power and Magic. The Concept of Power in Ephesians in Light of its Historical Setting***. Society for New Testament Studies Monograph Series 63. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1989.

- ◆ North American paperback edition published under the same title by Baker Book House (October, 1992).
- ◆ North American paperback edition published under the title: *Power and Magic: The Concept of Power in Ephesians*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1997.
- ◆ Reprint edition published by Wipf & Stock Publishers (Eugene, OR), 2002.

**Journal Articles and Book Chapters:**

- “‘I Am Astonished That You Are So Quickly Turning Away!’ (Gal 1:6): Paul and Anatolian Folk Belief.” *New Testament Studies* 51.3 (2005) 429-449.
- “Early Church Catechesis and New Christians Classes in Contemporary Evangelicalism.” *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society* 47.1 (2004) 39-54.
- “Woman and Man in Apostolic Teaching” (co-written with Robert L. Saucy). *Women and Men in Ministry. A Complementary Perspective*. Eds. Robert L. Saucy & Judith K. TenElshof. Chicago: Moody, 2001, 113-38.
- “The Ephesian Background of Paul’s Teaching on Women’s Ministry.” (co-written with Robert L. Saucy). *Women and Men in Ministry. A Complementary Perspective*. Eds. Robert L. Saucy & Judith K. TenElshof. Chicago: Moody, 2001, 279-90.
- “The Dark Side of Artemis,” *Archaeology in the Biblical World* (forthcoming).
- “Introducing Ephesians: Establishing New Believers in Christ,” *Southwestern Journal of Theology* 39 (1996) 4-13.
- “Returning to the Domain of the Powers: *Stoicheia* as Evil Spirits in Galatians 4:3, 9.” *Novum Testamentum* 38.1 (1996) 55-76.
- “Jesus Christ: ‘Head’ of the Church.” *Jesus of Nazareth: Lord and Christ. Essays on the Historical Jesus and New Testament Christology*. Eds. M.M.B. Turner and J. B. Green. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1994, 346-66.
- “Dealing With ‘Murky Monsters and Dastardly Demons’: A Response to Underwager and Wakefield.” *Journal of Psychology and Theology* 20.3 (Fall, 1992), 288-91.
- “Toothless Tiger or Roaring Lion: A Surrejoinder to Underwager and Wakefield.” *Journal of Psychology and Theology* 20.3 (Fall, 1992) 295-98.
- “‘Principalities and Powers’ in Recent Interpretation.” *Catalyst* [United Methodist; Dallas, Texas]. 17.2 (February 1991), 4-5.
- “The ‘Exorcism’ of Ephesians 6.12 in Recent Research.” *Journal for the Study of the New Testament* (Sheffield, U.K.) 30 (1987), 71-87.

**Dictionary Entries**

*Dictionary of the New Testament.* Downer's Grove: InterVarsity Press, 2004.

- “Ephesians” (reprinted from the *Dictionary of Paul and His Letters*)

*Dictionary of New Testament Background.* Downer's Grove: InterVarsity Press, 2000.

- “Magical Papyri”

*The Evangelical Dictionary of World Missions.* Grand Rapids: Baker, 2000.

- “The Powers and Mission”
- “Territorial Spirits”

*Dictionary of Biblical Imagery* (Downer's Grove: InterVarsity Press, 1998).

- “Angel”
- “Head”
- “Sword”
- “Wrestling”

*Dictionary of the Later New Testament and its Developments* (Downer's Grove: InterVarsity Press, 1997).

- “Centers of Early Christianity”
- “Syncretism”
- “Satan, Devil”
- “Power”
- “Magic and Astrology”

*Dictionary of Paul and His Letters*, Eds. Ralph P. Martin and Gerald Hawthorne. Downers Grove: InterVarsity Press, 1993.

- “Ephesus/Ephesian Ministry”
- “Ephesians”
- “Magic”
- “Power”

*Anchor Bible Dictionary.* New York: Doubleday, 1992.

- “Power”
- “Principalities and Powers”
- “Joy”
- “Colossae”

**Study Bibles:**

*ESV Study Bible.* Crossway, 2008.

- Notes on Colossians and Philemon

*Apologetics Study Bible.* Nashville: Broadman & Holman, 2008.

- Notes on Colossians and Philemon
- Article: “Can We Still Believe in Demons?” p. 1475.

**Popular Articles**

I served as a regular columnist for *Discipleship Journal* (NavPress) for six years. I wrote a “department” for the magazine called “A Firm Foundation: Exploring the Essentials of the Christian Faith.” The purpose of the column was to treat the major topics in theology and draw out their significance for daily life.

- “Why Theology Matters. Discover the Everyday Relevance of the Study of God,” in *Discipleship Journal* 142 (July/August 2004) 20-21.
- “The Holiness of God. Exploring the Beauty of God’s Moral Perfection,” in *Discipleship Journal* 143 (September/October 2004) 18-19.
- “Truer Words Were Never Spoken. How Reliable is the Bible?” in *Discipleship Journal* 144 (November/December 2004) 20-21.
  - translated and reprinted as, “Wahrere Worte wurden nie gesprochen,” *Nachfolge* (June 7, 2007) 10-11.
  - translated and reprinted as, “Nie Mie Slow Bardziej Pradziwych,” *Slowo I Zycie* (Poland) (2005) 30-31.
- “True for You but Not for Me? Not Everyone Approaches the Bible From the Same Set of Convictions,” in *Discipleship Journal* 145 (January/February 2005) 16-17.
- “The Supernatural World. What Does the Bible Say About Angels and Demons?” in *Discipleship Journal* 146 (March/April 2005) 18-19.
- “The Deity of Christ. Examining Jesus’ Astonishing Claim to be God in the Flesh,” in *Discipleship Journal* 147 (May/June 2005) 16-17.
- “The Humanity of Christ. Why Did Jesus Have to Be Fully Human as Well as Fully God?” in *Discipleship Journal* 148 (July/August 2005) 16-17.
  - translated and reprinted as, “La Humanidad de Cristo,” *Luz de la Vida* 30.11 (November, 2007) 9-11.
  - reprinted in *The Christian Contender* 46.2 (February, 2006) 4-5.
- “The Priesthood of All Believers. Jesus Grants His Followers a Unique and Privileged Position” in *Discipleship Journal* 149 (September/October 2005) 18-19 .
- “The One True God. Why Idolatry is an Offense to God” in *Discipleship Journal* 150 (November/December 2005) 16-17 .
- “Concerning Baptism. Answers to Frequently Asked Questions” in *Discipleship Journal* 151 (January/February 2006) 18-20.
- “The Lord’s Supper. Understanding a Key Element of Christian Worship” in *Discipleship Journal* 152 (March/April 2006) .
- “The Gift of Righteousness. Unpacking the Meaning of Justification and Imputation” in *Discipleship Journal* 153 (May/June 2006) 16-17.
- “Pure and Set Apart. Sanctification is God’s Gift and God’s Will for His Children” in *Discipleship Journal* 154 (July/August 2006) 16-17 .
- “The Ultimate Sacrifice: The Seriousness of Sin Requires a Serious Solution” in *Discipleship Journal* 155 (September/October 2006) 16-17.
- “A Ransom for Many: Getting at the Meaning of Redemption” in *Discipleship Journal* 156 (November/December 2006) 16-17.
- “Relationship Restored: The Wonders of Reconciliation and Adoption” in *Discipleship Journal* 157 (January/February 2007) 18-19 .
- “‘I Believe...’ The Importance of Creeds to Our Christian Faith,” in *Discipleship Journal* 158 (March/April 2007) 16-17.
- “Grounded and Growing. How Did the Early Church Teach the Fundamentals of the Faith?” in *Discipleship Journal* 159 (May/June 2007) 16-17 .
- “Let’s Get Together. Why Is Christian Fellowship So Important,” in *Discipleship Journal* 160 (July/August 2007) 16-17.
- “God’s Providence. God Takes Good Care of *All* He Has Made—Especially His People,” in *Discipleship Journal* 161 (September/October 2007), 16-17 .
- “Lo and Behold! We Worship a God Who Works Miracles,” in *Discipleship Journal* 162 (November/December 2007), 80-81.
- “People of Faith. Belief Is Central to Our Identity as Followers of Christ,” in *Discipleship Journal* 163 (January/February 2008), 96-97.
- “‘Death, Where Is Your Sting?’ Jesus’ Resurrection Provides Hope for Our Own Resurrection,” in *Discipleship Journal* 164 (March/April 2008), 80-81.
- “Alive With Christ. What Jesus’ Resurrection Means in the Here and Now,” in *Discipleship Journal* 165 (May/June 2008), 80-81 .
- “Show God the Money. Living as Kingdom Stewards,” in *Discipleship Journal* 166 (July/August 2008), 80-81 .

- [sidebar article] "What About that 10 Percent," in *Discipleship Journal* 166 (July/August 2008), 81 .
  - "God's Holy Spirit. We Have a Personal God at Work in the World," in *Discipleship Journal* 167 (September/October 2008), 80-81 .
  - "God's Spirit in Us," in *Discipleship Journal* 168 (November/December 2008), 88-89.
  - "What is Jesus Christ Doing Today? Consider the Current Work of Christ," in *Discipleship Journal* 169 (January/February 2009), 80-81 .
  - "God's Covenants. God Defines His Relationship With Us Through Binding Agreements," in *Discipleship Journal* 170 (March/April 2009), 72-73.
  - "God's New Covenant. We Have Much To Be Thankful For in God's New Agreement With Us," in *Discipleship Journal* 171 (May/June 2009), 64-65.
- "Why Gnosticism is Irrelevant to the Study of the New Testament," *Sundoulos* (Fall, 2006) 2-6.
- "Exorcism 101: What Can We Learn from the Way Jesus Cast Out Demons" (Appendix 3) in Loren L. Johns and James R. Krabill, Eds. *Even the Demons Submit. Continuing Jesus' Ministry of Deliverance*. Institute of Mennonite Studies, Occasional Papers 25. Elkhart, Indiana: Institute of Mennonite Studies and Scottsdale, Pennsylvania: Herald Press, 2006, 179-180.
- reprint of "Exorcism 101," *Christianity Today* 45.11 (September 3, 2001) 58.
- "Byte-by-Byte Bible Study. How to Find a Wealth of Scripture Resources on Your Computer" in *Discipleship Journal* 138 (Nov/Dec 2003) 18-19.
- "It's All Greek To Me! Clearing Up the Confusion About Bible Translations" in *Discipleship Journal* 132 (Nov/Dec 2002) 28-36.
- reprinted as "Making Sense of the the English Versions of the Bible: How Do the Versions Differ," *The Steadfast* (November, 2007) 1, 4-6.
- "Reading the Bible as Literature," in *Discipleship Journal's Best Bible Study Methods*, Eds. Melissa Munro & Judith Couchman. Colorado Springs, CO: NavPress, 2002, 81-88.
- "Satan's Main Agenda" in "Three Views on Spiritual Warfare Seen Through the Eyes of a Theologian, Psychologist, and Intercultural Expert," in *Biola Connections* (Winter 2002) 16.
- "What Does the New Testament Mean by a 'Sabbath-Rest'?" *Discipleship Journal* 127 (Jan/Feb 2002) 36.
- "Exorcism 101," *Christianity Today* 45.11 (September 3, 2001) 58.
- "Lamps, Leaven, and Lost Lambs," *Discipleship Journal* 108 (Nov/Dec, 1998) 68-72.
- "Dethroning Principalities and Powers," *Pray* (NavPress) 5 (Mar/Apr 1998).
- "Dethroning Principalities and Powers," *Sundoulos* (Talbot School of Theology Alumni Magazine) (Fall 1998) 4-5, 8.
- "Where Do We Draw the Line," *Discipleship Journal* 101 (Sept/Oct 1997) 48-53.
- article is summarized in *Current Thoughts & Trends* (Dec 1997) 20-21.
- "What Is the Baptism in the Holy Spirit," *Discipleship Journal* 91 (Jan/Feb 1996) 53.
- "What Is Blasphemy Against the Holy Spirit.," *Discipleship Journal* 91 (Jan/Feb 1996) 62.
- "How to Profit From Prophecy . . . and Other Types of Bible Literature." *Discipleship Journal* 89 (Sept/Oct, 1995) 56-60.
- Reprinted as "Profit From Prophecy: How You Can Discover Spiritual Riches Today," in *Alpha* (England) (Jan 1996), 32-35.

“What About Territorial Spirits?” *Discipleship Journal* 81 (May/June 1994) 47.

“Giving the Devil His Due” (lead article of theme issue). *Christianity Today* 34.11 (August 20, 1990), 16-19.

- Reprinted in *The Christian Reader* (Sept/Oct 1991), pp. 14ff.

**Book Reviews:**

- Review of Graham H. Twelftree, *In the Name of Jesus. Exorcism Among Early Christians* (Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2007) for *Evangelical Quarterly* (forthcoming).
- Review of Tet-Lim N. Yee, *Jews, Gentiles and Ethnic Reconciliation. Paul's Jewish Identity and Ephesians* (SNTSMS 130; Cambridge: University Press, 2005) for *Journal of Religion* 86.3 (2006) 461-63.
- Review of Richard A. Burridge, *What Are the Gospels? A Comparison with Graeco-Roman Biography* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2004) for *Expository Times* 117.8 (2006) 342.
- Review of Allen R. Bevere, *Sharing in the Inheritance: Identity and the Moral Life in Colossians* (JSNTSS 226; Sheffield: Sheffield Academic Press, 2003) for *Evangelical Quarterly* 77.3 (2005) 274-276.
- Review of Paul Trebilco, *The Early Christians in Ephesus from Paul to Ignatius* (WUNT 166; Tübingen: Siebeck Mohr, 2004) for *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society* 48.2 (2005) 401-404.
- Review of Bruce Longenecker, *The Lost Letters of Pergamum. A Story from the New Testament World* (Grand Rapids: Baker, 2002) for *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society* 47.3 (September 2004) 506-507.
- Review of Peter T. O'Brien, *The Letter to the Ephesians* (Pillar NT Commentary Series; Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1999) for *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society* 44.4 (December 2001) 740-41.
- Review of Michael Fieger, *Im Schatten der Artemis. Glaube und Ungehorsam in Ephesus* (Bern: Peter Lang, 1998) for *Review of Biblical Literature* (June 30, 2000).
- Review of Stephen F. Noll, *Angels of Light, Powers of Darkness. Thinking Biblically About Angels, Satan & Principalities* (Downer's Grove: InterVarsity Press, 1998) for *Themelios* 25 (1999) 127-128.
- Review of Charles Lowe, *Territorial Spirits and World Evangelization? A Biblical, Historical and Missiological Critique of Strategic-Level Spiritual Warfare* (Sevenoaks, Kent, U.K.: OMF International, 1998) for *International Bulletin of Missionary Research* 23 (1999) 182.
- Review of J. Louis Martyn, *Galatians* (Anchor Bible 33A; New York: Doubleday, 1997) for *Ashland Theological Journal* 31 (1999) 139-140.
- Review of Duane A. Garrett, *Angels and the New Spirituality* (Nashville: Broadman & Holman, 1995) for *Review and Expositor* 93 (1996) 574-75.
- Review of Sydney H. T. Page, *Powers of Evil. A Biblical Study of Satan and Demons* (Grand Rapids: Baker, 1995) for *Review and Expositor* 93 (1996) 572-74.
- Review of B. Thurston, *Reading Colossians, Ephesians & 2 Thessalonians* (New York: Crossroad, 1995) for *Critical Review of Books in Religion* 9 (Scholar's Press, 1996).
- Review of *Dictionary of Paul and His Letters*. Eds. G. F. Hawthorne, R. P. Martin, and D. G. Reid (Downer's Grove: InterVarsity Press, 1993) for *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society* 39 (1996) 657-59.
- Review of Claus-Jürgen Thornton, *Der Zeuge des Zeugen. Lukas als Historiker der Paulusreisen* WUNT 56 (Tübingen: J.C.B. Mohr, 1991) for *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society* 38.2 (June 1995) 288-90.
- Review of A. T. Lincoln, *Ephesians*, Word Biblical Commentary (Dallas: Word, 1990) for *Themelios* 17 (January/February 1992), 22-23.
- Review of S. Garrett, *The Demise of the Devil* (Minneapolis: Fortress, 1989) for *Religious Studies Review* (submitted).
- Review of M. Silva, *Philippians*, Wycliffe Exegetical Commentary (Chicago: Moody, 1988) for *Critical Review of Books in Religion* (Scholar's Press, 1991).

Review of E. Yamauchi, *Persia and the Bible* (Grand Rapids: Baker, 1990) for *Near East Archaeological Society Bulletin* 1.1 (Spring, 1991) 47-48.

Review of H. Weiss', *Paul of Tarsus* (Andrews University Press, 1986) in *Critical Review of Books in Religion* (Scholar's Press, 1988).

Review of M. Kiley's, *Colossians as Pseudepigraphy* (JSOT Press, 1986) in *Evangelical Quarterly* (Exeter, U.K.) 60 (1988), 69-71.

Review of G. Hawthorne's, *Philippians* (Word Biblical Commentary, 1983) in *Evangelical Quarterly* 57 (1985), 184-86.

### **Scholarly Presentations:**

“Paul, Artemis, and Idolatry in Ephesus.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, Washington, D.C., November 15, 2006.

“Paul and Folk Belief.” New Testament Lecture for the Annual Meeting of the Institute for Biblical Research, Atlanta, Georgia, November 22, 2003.

“New Christians Classes in the Early Church.” Presidential Address as the Far West Regional Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, Master’s Seminary, May 2, 2003.

“The Christian and Demonization” (Plenary Presentation) at the Northwest Regional Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, Portland, Oregon, March 3, 2001.

Response to three critical evaluations of my book, *The Colossian Syncretism: The Interface Between Christianity and Folk Belief at Colossae* (Siebeck-Mohr, 1995; Baker, 1996) for the inaugural session of the Pauline Studies group at the Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, Orlando, FL, November, 1998.

“Engaging Territorial Spirits: A Neglected Part of Our Warfare” at the Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, Philadelphia, PA, November 18, 1995.

Respondent to three papers in the “Divine Mediator Figures in Antiquity Group” at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Chicago, Ill., November 22, 1994.

“Enslaved to Evil Spirits? A Reevaluation of Galatians 4:3, 9.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, Washington, D.C., November 18, 1993.

“Mediator Figures in Asia Minor: Epigraphic Evidence.” Presented to the Jewish and Christian Mediator Figures in Greco-Roman Antiquity Consultation at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, San Francisco, California, November 22, 1992.

“Invoking Angels and Fearing the *Stoicheia* (Gal 4.3, 9; Col 2.8, 18, 20): Some Variations Within the Christianity of Asia Minor.” Presented to the New Testament Seminar of the University of Aberdeen (Scotland), June 4, 1991.

“Fresh Thoughts on the Colossian Conflict.” Presented to the Kolloquium für Graduierte at the Evangelisch-Theologische Fakultät of the University of Tübingen in conjunction with the Institut zur Erforschung des Urchristentums, April 22, 1991.

“Magic, Mystery Religions, and the Epistle to the Colossians.” Presented to the Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, Wheaton, Illinois, November 18, 1988.

“Hellenistic Magic: A New Key for Understanding the Colossian Heresy.” Presented to the New Testament Epistles Section of the Pacific Coast Region of the Society of Biblical Literature, March 25, 1988.

“The Four Dimensions as the *Potentia Dei* (Ephesians 3:18).” Presented to the New Testament Epistles Section of the Pacific Coast Region of the Society of Biblical Literature, April 3-4, 1987.

“The Cybele-Artemis Tradition and Ephesians 5:22-33.” Presented to the annual meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, Atlanta, Georgia, November 21, 1986.

“A New View of the Colossian Heresy.” Presented to the New Testament Seminar of the University of Aberdeen, April 1986.

“A Critique of Wesley Carr's View of the Role of Evil Powers in First Century Belief.” Presented to the New Testament Seminar of the University of Aberdeen, November 1985.