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Curriculum Vitae

Present Position: **Distinguished Professor of New Testament Language and Literature**
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PERSONAL BACKGROUND

- Born in Glendale, California; raised in the Southern California area, USA.
- U.S. Army, 1967-70; combat squad leader, Viet Nam, 173rd Airborne Infantry Brigade (1968-69)
- Married to Lynne Allison Melia Wilkins on December 1971
- Children: ·Michelle Lynne (Wilkins) Lorch. Married to Dan Lorch. Michelle is a 1st grade teacher for a Bi-Lingual immersion program. Dan is a career San Diego Lifeguard. They have 2 daughters, Melia Noël and Ava Shea.
 ·Wendy Colleen (Wilkins) Benwell. Married to Jason Benwell. Wendy and Jason are both Doctors of Physical Therapy
- Lynne and Michael have made their home for nearly thirty years in San Clemente, California. Family activities (surfing, snow boarding/skiing, camping)

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

•• Post-Doctoral Study

- Visiting Scholar, University of California, San Diego. Winter-Summer Quarters, 1993. Sponsoring resident faculty: Professor David Noel Freedman.
- Visiting Scholar, University of California, Los Angeles. Winter-Summer Quarters, 1993. Sponsoring resident faculty: Professor Scott Bartchy.
- Faculty Study Tour, The Jerusalem Center for Biblical Studies, Israel. Winter, 1988. Sponsored by the Christian College Coalition.

•• Doctor of Philosophy, 1986, Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA.

- Majored in New Testament theology with minors in Old Testament theology and Second Temple Judaism.
- Dissertation: "The Concept of Disciple in Matthew's Gospel: As Reflected in the Use of the Term Μαθητής (*Mathētēs*).” (Published in *Novum Testamentum Supplements Series*).
- Ralph P. Martin, Mentor.
- Internal readers: Ralph P. Martin and Donald A. Hagner.
- External reader: Jack Dean Kingsbury, Union Theological Seminary, Virginia.

- **Master of Divinity**, 1977, Talbot Theological Seminary, La Mirada, CA.
 - Majored in New Testament Language and Literature.
 - Graduated *Summa Cum Laude*, 4.0 GPA.
 - Charles Lee Feinberg Award, to the senior who best exemplifies the image of a student at Talbot.
 - New Testament Award, most outstanding work in New Testament studies throughout seminary career.
 - Selected as one of the top ten senior preachers.
 - Elected to *Kappa Tau Epsilon* Scholastic Honor Society.
 - Clarence Erickson Memorial Scholarship, granted by the Heaven and Home Hour.
- **Bachelor of Arts**, 1974, Biola University, La Mirada, CA.
 - Majored in Psychology and Social Sciences/Missions.
 - Graduated *Magna Cum Laude*, 3.8 GPA.
 - Elected to *Delta Epsilon Chi* National Scholastic Honor Society.
- **Associate of Arts studies**, 1970-72, Cuesta College, San Luis Obispo, CA.
 - Majored in Psychology.
- **Diploma**, 1980, Chaplain Officer Basic Course.
 - United States Army Chaplain Center and School, Fort Monmouth, New Jersey
- **Diploma and Rank of Sergeant**, 1968, Non-commissioned Officers Candidate School, Fort Benning, GA.
 - Airborne-Infantry Leadership Training • Airborne Training • Ranger Training
 - Outstanding Trainee, Advanced Airborne Infantry Training Center, Fort Gordon, GA. February-April, 1968.
- **Diploma**, Bolsa Grande High School, 1967, Garden Grove, California.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- **Distinguished Professor of New Testament Language and Literature and Dean of the Faculty**, Talbot School of Theology, Biola University, 1983-present.
 - Distinguished Professor, 2008-Present
 - Professor, 1993—2008 • Associate Professor, 1987-1992 • Assistant Professor, 1983-1987.
 - Dean of the Faculty, 1992—present.
 - Chair, Graduate Department of New Testament Language & Literature, 1987-2000.
 - Chair, Undergraduate Biblical Studies Division, 1986-1987
- **Adult Pastoral Teaching Staff**, San Clemente Presbyterian Church, 1985—2000.
- **Senior Pastor**, Cayucos Evangelical Free Church, Cayucos, California, 1981-1983
- **Area Director**, Biola/Talbot Extension Education, San Luis Obispo, California, 1980-1983
- **Part-time Instructor**, Biola University/Talbot School of Theology, 1977-1983
- **Senior Pastor**, Carlsbad (now North Coast) Evangelical Free Church, Carlsbad, California, 1977-1980
- **Ordination to Ministry**, Evangelical Free Church of America, 1980.

AFFILIATIONS

- Institute for Biblical Research
 - Executive Committee Member, National Executive Committee, 1996-2000.
- Evangelical Theological Society
 - Far-West Region (President – 1997-1998; Vice-President – 1996-1997; Secretary/Treasurer – 1995-1996)
- Tyndale Fellowship for Biblical and Theological Research, Cambridge, England, UK.
- Society of Biblical Literature
 - Invited convening member of the Matthew Study Group, 1986-present.
- American Academy of Religion

AWARDS AND HONORS

- Biola University 2011 Faculty Research Grant, in support of work on *I Peter* for the Zondervan Exegetical Commentary series, *Invitation to the New Testament: A Graduate Survey* (Kregel), *The Theology of Matthew* (Zondervan), and *A Guide to Biblical and Theological Studies* (Crossway).
- Promoted in 2008 to *Distinguished Professor of New Testament Language and Literature* at Biola University, one of four Distinguished Professors in the University
- Biola University's 2005 *Provost's Award of Excellence in Mentoring Peers*.
- *Matthew* (NIVAC) received a 2005 Silver Medallion Award in the category Reference/Commentaries from the Evangelical Christian Publishers Association.
- Biola University 2005 Faculty Research Grant, in support of work on "The Declaration of Jesus as Messiah in Caesarea Philippi" for the IBR Historical Jesus Study Group, and beginning work on *I Peter* for the Zondervan Exegetical Commentary series.
- Biola University's 2003 *Provost's Award of Excellence in Scholarship*.
- "Matthew" in the *Zondervan Illustrated Bible Backgrounds Commentary*, which received the 2003 Gold Medallion Award in Reference/Commentaries. Talbot professor Clinton Arnold was the general editor, and Talbot professors Michael Wilkins ("Matthew"), Clinton Arnold ("Acts, Ephesians") and Moyer Hubbard ("2 Corinthians") were contributing authors.
- Who's Who
 - Who's Who Among America's Teachers. Honored each year from 1996-2008.
 - Who's Who in Biblical and Archaeological Studies, 1986-present.
 - 2000 Outstanding Scholars of the 20th Century, 2000.
 - International Who's Who in Religion, 1990-
- Dedicattee of Biola University's 1998 Student Yearbook: *The Biolan: Elements of Character*
- *Jesus Under Fire*
 - *Jesus Under Fire* was recognized by *Christianity Today* as one of the top 25 books of 1995, placing 10th.
 - *Jesus Under Fire* received a 1996 Silver Medallion Award in the Theology category from the Evangelical Christian Publishers Association.
 - PREACHING magazine (January/February 1996) selected *Jesus Under Fire* as one of the top three books of 1995 for "outstanding merit to preachers."
 - *Jesus Under Fire* was a finalist for the Book of the Year Award sponsored by the Conference on Christianity and Literature (1996).
- *Robert B. Fisher Faculty Excellence Award* of Biola University, 1988.

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

1. *Matthew*. The NIV Application Commentary. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2004.
 - Korean translation of *Matthew*, NIV Application Commentary. Solomon Publishing, Seoul, Korea, 2009.
2. “*Matthew*.” *Zondervan Illustrated Bible Backgrounds Commentary*. Volume 1: Matthew, Mark, Luke. Clinton E. Arnold, gen. ed. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2002. pp. 1-203.
 - Softcover, single volume edition of *Matthew*. Zondervan Illustrated Bible Backgrounds Commentary. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2007.
3. *In His Image: Reflecting Christ in Everyday Life*. The Spiritual Formation Line: A New Vision for Christian Discipleship. Dallas Willard, general editor. Colorado Springs: NavPress, 1997.
 - Chinese/Simplified translation of *In His Image: Reflecting Christ in Everyday Life*. Translated by Doris Hoo. Selangor, Malaysia, 2007.
 - French translation and edition of *In His Image: Reflecting Christ in Everyday Life*. Translated by Joseph Paulio Mboudi. Yaounde, Cameroon, West Africa: Bethany Christian Center, 2005.
 - Korean translation and edition of *In His Image: Reflecting Christ in Everyday Life*. Seoul, Korea: InterVarsity, 2000.
4. *Discipleship in the Ancient World and Matthew’s Gospel*. 2d ed.; Grand Rapids: Baker, 1995.
5. *Jesus Under Fire: Modern Scholarship Reinvents the Historical Jesus*. Edited by Michael J. Wilkins and J.P. Moreland. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1995.
 - *Jesús Bajo Sospecha: Una Respuesta a los Ataques contra El Jesús Histórico* (Spanish translation and edition of *Jesus Under Fire: Modern Scholarship Reinvents the Historical Jesus*). Michael Wilkins and J.P. Moreland, eds. Estudios Teológicos; Colección Teológica Contemporánea. 1995; Barcelona: Editorial Clie, 2003.
6. *Worship, Theology, and Ministry in the Early Church. Essays in Honor of Ralph P. Martin*. Edited by Michael J. Wilkins and Terence Paige. JSNT Supplement Series 87. Sheffield: JSOT, 1992.
7. *Following the Master: A Biblical Theology of Discipleship*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1992.
 - Korean translation and edition of *Following the Master: A Biblical Theology of Discipleship*. Translated by Ok-Bu Lee. Seoul, Korea, 1995.
8. *The Concept of Disciple in Matthew’s Gospel: As Reflected in the Use of the Term Μαθητής*. Novum Testamentum Supplements. Volume 59. Leiden, The Netherlands: E.J. Brill, 1988.

BOOKS IN PROCESS

1. *Invitation to the New Testament: A Graduate Survey*. Co-authored by Michael J. Wilkins and Alan D. Hultberg. Invitation to Theological Studies series. Grand Rapids: Kregel. Projected date of publication: 2012.

2. *A Guide to Biblical and Theological Studies*. Co-authored by Michael J. Wilkins and Erik Thoennes. Reclaiming the Christian Intellectual Tradition Series: A Guide for Students. David S. Dockery, ed. Crossway. Projected date of publication: 2012.
3. *The Theology of Matthew*. The Biblical Theology of the New Testament series, gen. ed. Andreas J. Köstenberger. Volume One of Eight projected volumes. Grand Rapids: Zondervan. Projected date of publication: 2013.
4. *First Peter: An Exegetical Commentary*. Zondervan Exegetical Commentary, New Testament, ed. Clinton E. Arnold. Zondervan. Projected date of publication: 2013.
5. *The Gospel of Matthew*. Holman Apologetics Bible Commentary, Volume 1. Louisville: B&H. Projected date of publication: 2013.
6. *Gospel of Mark*. Kerux: An Integrative Commentary for Proclamation—New Testament. Grand Rapids: Kregel. Projected date of publication: 2015.
7. *Restoring Distortions of Jesus: Mending Modern Makeovers of the Historical Jesus*. Updating Jesus studies since *Jesus Under Fire*. Zondervan. Under consideration.
8. *The Transformation of Peter: A Theology of Discipleship and Formation from a Petrine Perspective*. Under consideration.
9. *Taking Every Thought Captive: Reclaiming the Mind and Mission of Christian Higher Education*. Edited by Michael J. Wilkins. Under consideration.

ARTICLES/CHAPTERS/PRESENTATIONS

1. "Peter's Declaration of Jesus' Identity in Caesarea Philippi," in *Key Events in the Life of the Historical Jesus: A Collaborative Exploration of Context and Coherence*. Darrell Bock and Robert Webb, eds. WUNT 247. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2009. pp. 293-381.
2. "Who Did Jesus Think He Was?," in *Contending with Christianity's Critics: Answering New Atheists and Other Objectors*, eds. Paul Copan and William Lane Craig (Nashville: B&H, 2009): 167-181
3. "What Can We Know About Jesus, and How Can We Know It?," *Mishkan: A Forum on the Gospel and the Jewish People* 59 (2009): 32-40.
4. "Jesus' Healing for the Horror of War," *Sundoulos* (Summer 2009): 2-7.
5. "Return to Viet Nam – My Story," *Biola Magazine* (Summer 2009): 15.
6. *Jesus: Man, Messiah or More?* Participant in an 8-part Day of Discovery television production (February 22-April 12, 2009) and later DVD distribution filmed on location in Israel as part of the IBR Historical Jesus research group.
7. "A Tribute to Dr. Clyde Cook, President Emeritus," *Sundoulos* (Spring 2008): 8-10.
8. "Matthew" notes for the *English Standard Version Study Bible* (Wheaton: Crossway, 2008).
9. "What Jesus Loved," *Knowing and Doing: Quarterly of the C.S. Lewis Society* (Spring 2008) 4-7. Reprint of the article that originally appeared in *Moody* magazine, January/February 2000, pp. 25-30.
10. "The Quest for Spirituality in the Light of Biblical Discipleship," *Knowing and Doing: Quarterly of the C.S. Lewis Society* (Winter 2008) 4-7, 24.
11. "Disciple-Making for Changing Times and Changing Churches," *Enrichment* 13.1 (Winter 2008) 40-46.
12. Study notes and DVD teaching segments on "The Lord's Prayer," "Knowing the King: Feeding the Five Thousand/Walking on the Water," and "The Coming of the Kingdom: The Parables of the Wheat/Weeds, Mustard Seed, Yeast," for the Bible study series *Deeper Connections*. Zondervan, 2007.

13. "The Gnostic Gospels Evaluated." *Sundoulos*. Talbot School of Theology, Biola University, Fall 2006.
14. Study notes and DVD teaching segments for two series: *Doing Life Together* (Zondervan 2003) and *Experiencing Christ Together* (Zondervan 2005).
15. Majority of the Study Notes on the Gospel of Matthew for the *Faith in Action Study Bible: Living God's Word in a Changing World*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2005. In partnership with World Vision. Adapted from *Matthew*, NIVAC.
16. "Unique Followers of a Unique Master: Discipleship in the Gospel According to Mark." *Southern Baptist Journal of Theology* 8:3 (Fall 2004) 50-68.
17. "Disciples: Gospels" and "Sinners: Gospels." Slightly revised for *The IVP Dictionary of the New Testament*, ed. Daniel G. Reid. Downers Grove: InterVarsity, 2004: 310-316, 1020-1023.
18. Selections from *In His Image* chosen as contributions for *Side by Side: A Handbook on Disciple-Making for a New Century*, gen. eds. Steve and Lois Rabey. Colorado Springs: Cook and NavPress, 2001: 217-219, 237-238.
19. "Women in the Teaching and Ministry of Jesus," in *Women and Men in Ministry A Complementary Perspective*, ed. by Robert L. Saucy and Judith K. TenElshof. Chicago: Moody, 2001: 91-112.
20. "Education of the Twelve." *Evangelical Dictionary of Christian Education*, ed. Michael J. Anthony. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2001.
21. "Because God is Generous." Lead Article for the Theme Issue: "Giving Beyond Your Means: Your Money and Your Life," *Moody Magazine*, March/April 2001: 15-17.
22. "Disciple; Discipleship and Mission." *Evangelical Dictionary of World Mission*. A. Scott Moreau, ed. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2000: 278-280.
23. "What Jesus Loved." And "What Jesus Hated." Two articles for the Theme Issue: "If We Love Jesus...: A Life Overflowing in Response to Him." *Moody Magazine*, (January/February 2000): 25-27, 28-30
24. "Ralph P. Martin." In *Bible Interpreters of the 20th Century: A Selection of Evangelical Voices*. Walter A. Elwell and J.D. Weaver, eds. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1999: 356-374.
25. "Teaching Them to Obey All Things: A View from the Matthean Account of the Great Commission." In *Teaching Them Obedience in All Things: Equipping for the 21st Century*. Edgar J. Elliston, ed. Evangelical Missiological Society Series 7. Pasadena: William Carey Library, 1999: 32-66.
26. "Why Do You Claim Your Religion is Right and Everyone Else's is Wrong?" Theme Issue: "Can You Answer...The 10 Tough Questions non-Christians Ask?" *Moody Magazine*, March/April 1999 Issue.
27. "New Beginnings." Theme Issue: New Year. *Decision Magazine*. January 1999 issue.
28. "What Does God Want From Me?" Theme Issue: "That You May Know Him." *Moody Magazine* 99 (November/December 1998) 28-30.
29. "Pastoral Theology," "Prayer," "Regeneration," "Teaching/Paraenesis," "Milk/Solid Food." *Dictionary of the Later New Testament and Its Developments*. Ralph P. Martin and Peter Davids, eds. Downers Grove: InterVarsity, 1997.
30. "The Quest for Spirituality in the Light of Biblical Discipleship." *Sundoulos*. Fall, 1997.

31. "Darkness," "Light," "Disciple, Discipleship." *Evangelical Dictionary of Biblical Theology*. Edited by Walter A. Elwell. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1996.
32. "Scribes," "Disciples, Discipleship, Mentoring." *The Everyday Study Bible*. Dallas: Word, 1996.
33. "Thinking Rightly about Jesus." *Sundoulos* (Fall/Winter, 1995) 2-5, 11.
34. "Introduction," "Conclusion." *Jesus Under Fire: Modern Scholarship Reinvents the Historical Jesus*. Michael J. Wilkins and J.P. Moreland, eds. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1995.
35. "Surfer Discipleship." *Vista: Holiness Digest* (June 26, 1994) 8.
36. "A Mission Bigger Than Ourselves." *Sundoulos*. (Summer, 1994) 6-8, 12.
37. "No 'Other' Disciples." *Vista: Holiness Digest* (June 12, 1994) 8.
38. "Balance as a Key to Discipleship." *Ratio: Essays in Christian Thought* (1:1, Spring, 1993) 45-64.
39. "The Interplay of Ministry, Martyrdom and Discipleship in Ignatius of Antioch." In *Worship, Theology, and Ministry in the Early Church. Essays in Honor of Ralph P. Martin*. Edited by Michael J. Wilkins and Terence Paige. JSNT Supplement Series 87. Sheffield: JSOT, 1992.
40. "Christian;" "Belief/Believer;" "Imitate/Imitator;" "Brother/ Brotherhood;" "Barabbas;" "Bartholomew." *Anchor Bible Dictionary*, ed. David Noel Freedman. 6 vols. Garden City: Doubleday, 1992.
41. "Discipleship;" "Disciples;" "Sinner." *Dictionary of Jesus and the Gospels*, ed. Joel B. Green and Scot McKnight, consulting ed. I. Howard Marshall. Downers Grove: InterVarsity, 1992.
42. "Discipleship in Changing Times." Special edition: "Ministry in Changing Times," guest editor, Gary L. McIntosh. *Sundoulos* (Summer, 1992), p. 3
43. "Named and Unnamed Disciples in Matthew: A Literary-Theological Study." *SBLSP* 30. Eugene H. Lovering, Jr., ed. Atlanta: Scholars Press, 1991. pp. 418-439.
44. "Surfers and Other Disciples." *Discipleship Journal* 62 (vol. 11, 2 March/April 1991), 8-14.
45. *Los Angeles Herald Examiner*. I was a contributing author for the religion section of the *Los Angeles Herald Examiner* until they ceased publication in 1989. I was commissioned with the task of writing on current issues from an evangelical point of view.
46. "Radical Discipleship." *Sundoulos*, Fall, 1988.
47. "The Mythical 'Biola Bubble'." *Shout*. May, 1988.
48. "Contentment: Balancing The Perfect and the Imperfect." *Connections*, Winter, 1988.
49. *How to Chose A Church Home*. La Mirada: Biola Hour Ministries, 1987. (Revision and reprint of the article from *Discipleship Journal*)
50. "How to Find A Church Home." *Discipleship Journal* 35 (1986) 26-29.

ARTICLES/CHAPTERS IN PROCESS

1. "A Lonely Voice of Discipleship to Jesus: Dallas Willard's Consistent Clarion Call Amidst Popular Options." Plenary presentation, October 30, 2010 and chapter in related book.
2. "The Message and Lifestyle of the Apostles." *HCSB Study Bible* (Nashville: B&H, forthcoming 2010).

3. “The Message of Salvation from Isaiah 53 in the Gospels,” in *The Gospel According to Isaiah 53*, eds. Darrell L. Bock and Mitch Glaser (Grand Rapids: Kregel, forthcoming).
4. “Disciples” (7,500 words), “Temptation.” (5,000 words). *Dictionary of Jesus and the Gospels*. 2nd ed. Downers Grove: InterVarsity, forthcoming 2012..

OTHER CURRENT RESEARCH

1. **Kerux: An Integrative Commentary for Proclamation—New Testament**, 2008 –2022. Dr. Wilkins, Darrell L. Bock (Dallas Theological Seminary) and Roy Ciampa (Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary) are the exegetical editors for this projected New Testament series of 20 commentaries. They have responsibilities of selecting the authors for commentaries on the books of the New Testament, providing guidance for the authors, and providing editorial evaluation of each commentary. They will work closely with Jim Weaver, Senior Acquisitions editor at Kregel Publishing House. The planning for the New Testament series began in 2008, while the Old Testament series is well under way.
2. **Historical Jesus Study Group**, Institute for Biblical Research. Dr. Wilkins is an invited participant in a study group that is examining a select number of central events and sayings in the life of Jesus as a means for contributing to a historical understanding of Jesus and defending the authenticity of those historical events. Many individual studies will be published in the journal *Bulletin for Biblical Research*, while the combined results at the end of both projects is jointly published in Europe in the series *Wissenschaftliche Untersuchungen zum Neuen Testament [WUNT]* (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck) and in the U.S. by William B. Eerdmans Publishing Co. The co-conveners and editors are Darrell L. Bock and Robert L. Webb
 - a) **Crucial Events in Jesus’ Historical Ministry** (1996-2009). Approximately fifteen participants met once a year for ten to twelve years to discuss research on each historical event.
 - b) **Crucial Sayings in Jesus’ Historical Ministry** (2009-present). Approximately fifteen participants are meeting once a year for five to six years to discuss research on selected historical sayings of Jesus.
3. **Editorial Advisory Team for the series, Reclaiming the Christian Intellectual Tradition, ed. David Dockery (Crossway)**.
The team consists of **Timothy George**, Dean, Beeson Divinity School/Samford University (theology and historical theology); **John Woodbridge**, Research Professor of Church History and Christian Thought, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School/Trinity International University; **Michael Wilkins**, Dean of the Faculty/Talbot Seminary/Biola University (Biblical Studies); **Niel Nielson**, President, Covenant College (Philosophy and Liberal Arts); **Hunter Baker**, Associate Provost, Houston Baptist University (Church-state/social sciences/law/philosophy)
4. **Theological and Cultural Thinkers (TACT) on Spiritual Formation**. An evangelical think-tank sponsored in part by the Navigators to rethink and give direction to discipleship and spiritual formation in evangelical ministries.
5. **Spiritual Formation Forum**. A study center was originally formed through the Bannockburn Institute, sponsored by Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Deerfield,

Illinois. It is now an independent center associated with a variety of ministries, designed to bring together academic institutions, parachurch organizations, and the local church. Dr. Wilkins is an invited, original member of the Executive Board and the Steering Committee, with the commission to help give Biblical and theological direction to the current evangelical interest in “spiritual formation” and “spirituality.” Dr. Wilkins’ personal commission is to provide expertise from his career-long study of Biblical discipleship. The first volume of papers from the Center, for which he contributed a chapter, will be published with Eerdmans. It is likely the first of a scholarly series.

6. ***Spiritual Formation Study Group***, Evangelical Theological Society. An academic group that is pursuing the scholarly study of spiritual formation. Dr. Wilkins is a member of the Advisory Council that gives direction to the yearly theme and presentation of scholarly papers.
7. Biola University ***Faculty Integration Seminars***. A developing area of research, training and collaboration within Biola University to help faculty integrate Biblical truth and theology with academic disciplines in order to facilitate an informed Christian worldview that will aid in faculty research and writing and in the training of students in a distinctly Christian worldview. Each year Dr. Wilkins co-leads the seminar with a visiting distinguished professor, among them Thomas Oden, J.I. Packer, Kenneth Kantzer, John Stackhouse, Dallas Willard, Millard Erickson, John Woodbridge, Wayne Grudem, and Kevin Vanhoozer.
8. ***A Theological History of Early Christian Discipleship: The Interface of Spirituality, Asceticism, and Christian Life from Ignatius of Antioch to Ignatius of Loyola***. In this study Dr. Wilkins continues his scholarly examination of master-disciple relationships as found in history. His initial studies were of discipleship in the classical and Hellenistic forms of discipleship in the Greco-Roman world, the world of Judaism, the New Testament era, and the apostolic church fathers. This current study will continue that historical inquiry to examine “discipleship” as it unfolded in church history.
9. ***Freedom to Choose***. In this study Dr. Wilkins is attempting to help Christians develop criteria for establishing a Biblical life-style, and how to implement those criteria when faced with lifestyle choices.

LECTURESHIPS / VISITING PROFESSOR

- Life Pacific College, San Dimas, CA, inaugural Annual Lectureship, Plenary Speaker, March 2010.
- Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. Visiting Professor, Spring 2010.
- The Seminary at Lincoln Christian University, Annual Spring Lectureship, Plenary Speaker, March, 2010.
- Evangelical Free Church of America West Region Pastors/Leadership Couples Conference, Oxnard, CA. Plenary Speaker. Fall 2007.
- Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, Arkansas. Discipleship lectures, October, 2006.
- Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. Visiting Professor, Spring 2006.
- Transform World: Indonesia 2005. Invited author of the documents for the Discipleship Focus Group of the Transform World movement. Presented to the leadership in Kona,

Hawaii, February 2005, and the initial international regional gathering in Jakarta, Indonesia, May 2005.

- Oak Brook Conference on Ministry. Jointly sponsored by Fuller Theological Seminary and Christ Church of Oak Brook. Plenary Speaker, Oak Brook, Illinois, November 6-8, 2003.
- 2nd Asia-Pacific Consultation on Discipleship. Plenary Speaker, Colombo, Sri Lanka. July 2003.
- Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. Visiting Professor, Spring 2003.
- Evangelical Free Church Missions, West Europe, Church Planting Training Institute 2001. Chateau de St. Albain, Mâcon, France. Guest Plenary Lecturer, January 22-27, 2001.
- Singapore Bible College, Republic of Singapore. Visiting Professor, Summer, 2000.
- Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, (Toronto campus). Visiting Professor, Spring 2000.
- Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Deerfield, Illinois. Visiting Professor, Fall 1998.
- Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. 1997 Huber L. Drumwright Lectures in New Testament, October 9-10, 1997. Plenary speaker.
- Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. (British Columbia campus). Visiting Professor, 2/1997.
- Gordon College, Wenham, Massachusetts. Genesis Lectures, September, 1995.
- World Church Ministry Institute, Seoul, South Korea. Pastors' Conference, November, 1994.
- Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. Theological Fellowship Lectures, November, 1993.
- Seoul Presbyterian Theological Seminary and Chong Shin University, Seoul, South Korea. Visiting Lecturer, October, 1993.
- Bethel Theological Seminary, West Campus, San Diego, CA. Visiting Professor, Spring, 1993.
- Asia Graduate School of Theology, Manila, The Philippines. Visiting Professor, Spring, 1993.
- Tyndale Theological Seminary, The Netherlands. Visiting Professor, Winter 1990.
- The University of Aberdeen, Scotland. Visiting Lecturer, January, 1990.
- The University of Sheffield, England. Visiting Lecturer, February, 1990.
- Bethel Theological Seminary, West Campus, San Diego, CA. Visiting Professor, Spring, 1986.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

1. *The War Within: Finding Help for Post-Traumatic Stress*. A *Day of Discovery* television documentary (Sundays, May 23—June 13, 2010) and DVD related to helping veterans heal who return from war with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). Filmed in Viet Nam and the United States.
2. Panel discussion with Doug Moo, Darrell Bock, and Andreas Köstenberger of *The Biblical Theology of the New Testament*, gen. ed. A. J. Köstenberger, a forthcoming series from Zondervan. Dr. Wilkins' focus was on the theology of the gospel of Matthew. Evangelical Theological Society, New Orleans, LA, November 2009.
3. *Jesus: Man, Messiah, or More?* *Day of Discovery* television series (Sundays, February 22—April 12, 2009) and DVD. A documentary of the work of the Jesus Study Group of the Institute for Biblical Research, filmed in Israel.
4. Panel discussion of "The Resurrection of Jesus" by Professor Grant Osborne at the Jesus Study Group of the Institute for Biblical Research, in Jerusalem, Israel; June 2008.

5. "The Obedience of Discipleship to Jesus," Plenary Open Session #1, *Teaching them To Obey, The New Testament Perspective*, with Doug Moo and Peter Davids. Evangelical Theological Society, San Diego, CA, November 2007.
6. "The Transformation of Peter: Petrine Perspectives on Spiritual Formation," Spiritual Formation Study Group, Evangelical Theological Society, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, November, 2005.
7. "The Confession by Peter of Jesus as Messiah," Jesus Study Group of the Institute for Biblical Research, University of Tübingen, Tübingen, Germany, July 2005.
8. "Discipleship and the Transformation of Individuals, Cities, and the World." Transform World: Indonesia 2005. Author of the documents presented to the leadership gathering at the University of the Nations, Kona, Hawaii, February 2005 for the Discipleship Focus Group of the Transform World movement. Initial international regional gathering in Jakarta, Indonesia, May 2-5, 2005.
9. Moderated and co-presented with Larry Crabb (New Way Ministries), John Coe (Talbot School of Theology), and Richard Averbeck (Trinity Evangelical Divinity School) four sessions for the Spiritual Formation Study Group on the theme "Spiritual Formation, Spiritual Direction and the Church." ETS, San Antonio, Texas, November 17, 2004.
10. Co-moderated and co-presented with Greg Waybright (President, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School) and Randy MacFarland (Dean, Denver Seminary) three workshops for the Seminary Track at the Spiritual Formation Forum Conference—"Transforming Discipleship": *Spiritual Formation in Theological Education*: 1) "From Where Have We Come, and What Have We Done?"; 2) "Where Do We Go From Here?"; and 3) "How Might the Seminary Serve the Church?"; Los Angeles, CA, May 19-21, 2004.
11. Response with Millard Erickson and William Lane Craig to Garry DeWeese, J. Scott Horrell, and Klaus Issler on "Models of the Trinity and the Incarnation." Evangelical Theological Society, Atlanta, Georgia, November 19-21, 2003.
12. "Disciple-Making: Recapturing the Mission of the Church." Oak Brook Conference on Ministry. Jointly sponsored by Fuller Theological Seminary and Christ Church of Oak Brook. Invited Plenary Speaker, Oak Brook, Illinois, November 6-8, 2003.
13. "Discipling the Nations through the Power of Truth." Plenary Speaker for the 2nd Asia-Pacific Consultation on Discipleship. Colombo, Sri Lanka, July 9-11, 2003.
14. Response to Craig E. Evans "Jesus as Exorcist" (2001), Brent Kinman, "Jesus' Entry to Jerusalem" (2002), and Donald A. Hagner, "Jesus and the Synoptic Sabbath Controversies" (2003), Craig L. Blomberg, "Jesus, Sinners and Table Fellowship," (2004). A working task force of the *Historical Jesus Study Group*, sponsored by the Institute for Biblical Research. Six scholars responded to the papers. Meetings held in Dallas, Texas.
15. "Discipleship and Spiritual Formation." Presenter at the *Theological and Cultural Thinktank*, Sponsored by the Navigators. September 2002, March and September 2003.
16. "The Relationship of the Seminary, the Church, and Parachurch Organizations in Developing Spiritual Formation." Two invited sessions for the *Spiritual Formation Conference*, Center for Personal and Relational Growth of the Bannockburn Institute, held at Dallas Theological Seminary, May 17-20, 2001.
17. "Wholistic Discipleship and Church Planting." Primary lecturer for the Church Planting Training Institute 2001 for Evangelical Free Church Missions of Western Europe, held at the Château de St. Albain, Mâcon, France, January 22-26, 2001.
18. "Biblical Discipleship as Unifier of Missionary Outreach, Christian Education, and Spiritual Formation." Three plenary sessions for the Conference Theme "Reaching the Nations through Christian Education." Plenary speaker for the annual national meetings of

- the North American Professors of Christian Education, Toronto, Canada, October 26-28, 2000.
19. "Unifying Spiritual Formation and Discipleship: Seeking A Biblical Foundation for Splintered People in Elitist Traditions." Invited presenter to the North American Professors of Christian Education, San Diego, CA, October 30, 1999.
 20. "Spiritual Formation and the (Uneasy) Pursuit of Christ-like Perfection," and, "Restoring Splintered People in Elitist Traditions: Seeking a Biblical Reunification of Spiritual Formation and Discipleship Ministries." Invited presenter for the *Spiritual Formation Conference*, Center for Personal and Relational Growth of the Bannockburn Institute, at Trinity International University, Deerfield, Illinois, June 16-19, 1999.
 21. "'Teaching Them to Obey All Things': A View From the Matthean Account of the Great Commission." Keynote Biblical/Theological Plenary address, Evangelical Missiological Society, Annual National Meeting, Orlando, Florida, November 19, 1998.
 22. "Responding to God, Culture, and Academy: Biblical Leadership in the Theological Enterprise." Presidential Address, ETS/FWR, May 1, 1998.
 23. "Discipleship as Transformation: The Interface of Biblical Discipleship and Spiritual Formation in Matthew's Gospel." The 1997 Huber L. Drumwright Lectures in New Testament. Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, October 9-10, 1997.
 24. "The Evangelical Response to the Third Quest of the Historical Jesus." Plenary Panel (book event). Institute for Biblical Research, National meeting, New Orleans, November 22, 1996.
 25. "Discipleship in Changing Times and Changing Churches." Far-West Region of ETS, Masters Seminary, April 22, 1994.
 26. "Named and Unnamed Disciples in Matthew: A Literary-Theological Study." National SBL meeting, Kansas City, MO, November, 1991 (Published in *SBLSP* 30. Atlanta: Scholars Press, 1991).
 27. "The Circle of Disciples around Jesus." Regional SBL meeting, Hebrew Union College/University of Southern California, April, 1991.
 28. "A 'two-class system of Christians' in the Early Church? Clarification from Discipleship in Matthew's Gospel." National ETS meeting, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, November 16, 1990.
 29. "The Disciples of Jesus among Disciples of the First Century." Guest lectures at the University of Aberdeen, Scotland and the University of Sheffield, England. January, 1990.
 30. "The Disciples of Jesus among Disciples of the First Century." National ETS meeting, Bethel Theological Seminary (West Campus), San Diego, CA, November 15, 1989.
 31. "The Hypothetical Linguistic Substratum of the 'Disciples' in Mark 2:18ff." Regional SBL, California State University, San Jose, 1988.
 32. "Greek Disciples at the Time of Jesus: A Reevaluation of K. Rengstorf's Thesis." Regional ETS, Talbot School of Theology, 1987.
 33. "Socrates and *Μαθηταί*: An Analysis of K. Rengstorf's Thesis About Disciples." Regional SBL, California State University, Long Beach, 1987.
 34. "The Disciple Concept in the Post-Biblical Jewish Literature." National ETS, La Mirada, CA, 1986.



MICHAEL J. WILKINS, Ph.D.
BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Michael J. Wilkins was born in Glendale, California and was raised in the Southern California area. Upon graduation from high school he spent three years in the U.S. Army, one year of which he was a squad leader in combat in Viet Nam with the 173rd Airborne Infantry Brigade. On December 31, 1970, not long after returning from Viet Nam, he received Jesus Christ as his personal Lord and Savior.

Dr. Wilkins attended Cuesta College and later graduated from Biola University with a bachelors degree in psychology and social science (*magna cum laude*). He graduated from Talbot Theological Seminary with an M.Div. in New Testament Language and Literature (*summa cum laude*). He took his Ph.D. in New Testament, with minors in 2nd Temple Judaism and Old Testament Theology, at Fuller Theological Seminary.

Dr. Wilkins helped plant an Evangelical Free Church in Carlsbad, California, and was the senior pastor for three years (1977-1980). He was senior pastor of the Cayucos Community Evangelical Free Church in Cayucos, California (1981-1983). He served part-time on the pastoral staff at San Clemente Presbyterian Church as an adult education teacher (1985-2000) and carries on an active speaking ministry in churches, camps, and conferences.

In 1983 Dr. Wilkins accepted an appointment at Talbot School of Theology, Biola University. He served as Chairperson of the graduate department of New Testament Language and Literature from 1987-2000. In 1988 he was selected by his colleagues to receive the annual *Robert B. Fisher Faculty Excellence Award* of Biola University. In 1992 he was appointed Dean of the Faculty and Professor of New Testament Language and Literature at Talbot. In 2003 he was awarded Biola University's *Provost's Award of Excellence in Scholarship* and in 2005 the *Provost's Award of Excellence in Mentoring Peers*. In 2008, Dr. Wilkins was honored by being promoted to the rank of *Distinguished Professor New Testament Language and Literature*, one of four Distinguished Professors at Biola University.

Professor Wilkins' first book *The Concept of Disciple in Matthew's Gospel*, *Novum Testamentum Sup 59* (Leiden: E.J. Brill, 1988), was published in an international venue for scholarly work in the New Testament (2nd ed., *Discipleship in the Ancient World and Matthew's Gospel* [Baker, 1995]). He is an invited participant in the Matthew Group of the Society of Biblical Literature and the "Historical Jesus Study Group" of the Institute for Biblical Research. His book *Following the Master: A Biblical Theology of Discipleship* (Zondervan, 1992) continued his research interest in discipleship. He served as primary editor for a *Festschrift* celebrating the career of his doctoral mentor, entitled *Worship, Theology and Ministry in the Early Church: Essays in Honor of Ralph P. Martin* (Sheffield, England: Sheffield Academic Press, 1992). Dr. Wilkins co-edited with his colleague J.P. Moreland an apologetic book on Jesus' earthly life and ministry for informed laypersons, entitled *Jesus Under Fire: Modern Scholarship Reinvents the Historical Jesus* (Zondervan, 1995), a finalist for the 1995 Gold Medallion Award. Dr. Wilkins' book, *In His Image: Reflecting Christ in Everyday Life* (NavPress, 1997), develops discipleship and spiritual formation for lay audiences. He has written two recent commentaries: *Matthew*, NIV Application Commentary (Zondervan, 2004), a finalist for the 2005 Gold Medallion Award, and "Matthew," in the *Zondervan Illustrated Bible Backgrounds Commentary*, ed. Clinton E.

Arnold, volume one (Zondervan, 2002), which received the 2003 Gold Medallion Award. He is currently writing *The Theology of Matthew* (Zondervan), an exegetical commentary on *First Peter* (Zondervan), co-authoring with his colleague Alan Hultberg a graduate New Testament survey, *Invitation to the New Testament* (Kregel), and is the general editor for a new commentary series entitled *Kerux: An Integrative Commentary for Proclamation—New Testament* (Kregel), for which he is also writing an exegetical commentary on the *Gospel of Mark*. Professor Wilkins served on the executive board of the Evangelical Theological Society/Far West Region and the national executive board of the Institute for Biblical Research. He has written numerous essays for scholarly publications and practical articles for ministry publications.

Recently Dr. Wilkins returned to Viet Nam with fellow veteran Phil Downer to film a documentary designed to help current and former veterans of war recover. It was aired on television by the ministry Day of Discovery and entitled, *The War Within: Finding Hope from Post-Traumatic Stress* (May 23—June 13, 2010).

Dr. Wilkins married Lynne (Melia) Wilkins in 1971, and they have lived in San Clemente, California since 1983. They have two daughters, Michelle (married to Dan Lorch and mother to daughters Melia Noël and Ava Shea, and an elementary school teacher for bilingual immersion education) and Wendy (married to Jason Benwell, both Doctors of Physical Therapy). Family activities (surfing, snow boarding/skiing, camping) are a major source of personal enjoyment.