

## Dr. George's Select Bibliography:

Akin, Daniel L., ed. *A Theology for the Church*. Nashville: Broadman & Holman, 2014.

A systematic theology written by various theologians from the perspective of the local church. See especially the chapters by Timothy George ("The Nature of God: Being, Attributes, and Acts"), Mark Dever ("The Church"), and R. Albert Mohler Jr. ("The Pastor as Theologian").

Allison, Gregg R. *Sojourners and Strangers: The Doctrine of the Church*. Wheaton: Crossway, 2012.

A solid introduction to the doctrine of the church by a prolific Baptist theologian. Allison characterizes the church as doxological, logocentric, pneumadynamic, covenantal, confessional, missional, and eschatological.

Badcock, Gary D. *The House Where God Lives: Renewing the Doctrine of the Church for Today*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2009.

An important contribution to ecclesiology that seeks to integrate contemporary theological insights with biblical and historical materials. Presents an ontological rather than a functional doctrine of the church while recognizing concerns surrounding the church as a cultural and social institution.

Barth, Markus. *Ephesians*. New York: Doubleday, 1960.

A magisterial commentary on Ephesians by a New Testament scholar whose influence on his more famous father is evident in Karl Barth's revised doctrine of baptism.

Berkouwer, G. C. *The Church*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1976.

A Protestant observer at Vatican Council II, Berkouwer was a leading Dutch Reformed theologian whose volume on the church appears in his *Studies in Dogmatics*.

Bonhoeffer, Dietrich r. *Sanctorum Communio: A Dogmatic Inquiry into the Sociology of the Church*. London: Collins, 1963.

A brief but very dense study, this was Bonhoeffer's doctoral dissertation at the University of Berlin. More accessible are the works Bonhoeffer wrote for his students at the confessing church seminary at Finkenwalde, *Life Together* and *The Cost of Discipleship*. Bonhoeffer's sermons also reveal much about his understanding of the church.

Calvin, John. *Institutes of the Christian Religion*. Philadelphia: Westminster Press, 1960.

Book Four presents Calvin's classic ecclesiology. Especially good on the doctrine of the Lord's Supper. As always, Calvin's *Institutes* should be complemented by his sermons and biblical commentaries.

Dever, Mark. *The Church: The Gospel Made Visible*. Nashville: Broadman & Holman, 2012.

Dever is a Cambridge-trained theologian, but he writes as a local church pastor who has fostered a vital and biblically engaged polity in his own congregation. This overview volume should be read alongside Dever's more programmatic ecclesiology, *Nine Marks of a Healthy Church*.

Dulles, Avery. *Models of the Church*. London: The Catholic Book Club, 1976.

One of the most popular books on the church by a Catholic theologian. According to Dulles, the evangelical "model" of the church is that of herald.

Estes, Douglas. *SimChurch: Being the Church in the Virtual World*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2009.

How does the revolution and information technology shape a contemporary doctrine of the church? This volume does not answer that question to my satisfaction, but it does raise the issue in a provocative way.

George, Timothy, ed. *John Calvin: A Prism of Reform*. Louisville: Westminster/John Knox Press, 1990. A collection of essays related to aspects of Calvin's work as a theologian, pastor, and interpreter of Scripture.

Grudem, Wayne. *Systematic Theology: An Introduction to Biblical Doctrine*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1994.

Perhaps the most read systematic theology by a contemporary evangelical scholar. This volume includes a weighty section on the doctrine of the church. Especially noteworthy are Grudem's frequent citations of historic confessions of faith and his citation of both classic hymns and contemporary songs of worship.

Husbands, Mark and Daniel J. Treier, eds. *The Community of the Word: Towards an Evangelical Ecclesiology*. Downers Grove: InterVarsity Press, 2005.

An engaging series of essays on the church by various evangelical theologians.

Hütter, Reinhard. "The Church" in *Knowing the Triune God: The Work of the Spirit and the Practices of the Church*. James J. Buckley and David S. Yeago, eds. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2001.

Written before Hütter's conversion to the Catholic Church. Good emphasis on the Spirit-endowed practices of the church.

Küng, Hans. *The Church—Maintained in Truth? A Theological Meditation*. New York: Seabury Press, 1980.

One of Küng's better books, written before he had become the *bête noir* of the Catholic Church. Given his treatment of the church in this volume, one can see why some Catholics referred to Küng as a crypto-Protestant.

Martin, Ralph P. *The Family and the Fellowship: New Testament Images of the Church*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1979.

Written by a Baptist New Testament scholar of note, this book explores ecclesiology through the motif of various "images" found in the Bible.

Robinson, John A. T. *The Body: A Study in Pauline Theology*. London: SCM Press, 1952.

A brief but important study of one of the key Pauline metaphors of the church. Written eleven years before Robinson's infamous *Honest to God*, this early work reflects a more solid exegetical and theological approach.

Stott, John R. W. *The Spirit, The Church, and the World*. Downers Grove: InterVarsity Press, 1990. An expositional commentary on Acts by one of the greatest evangelical leaders of our time.

Thornbury, John. *The Doctrine of the Church: A Baptist View*. Pasadena, Texas: Pilgrim Publications, 1990.

Very good on the proper evangelical meaning of the "catholicity" of the church.

Watson, Thomas. *Jerusalem's Glory: A Puritan's View of What the Church Should Be*. Fearn, Ross-Shire, UK: Christian Focus Publications, 2002.

First written in 1661, this brief treatise on the church is a rare gem which calls the church to recognize her sins and shortcomings and to cultivate a spirituality of corporate repentance. C. H. Spurgeon said of Watson: "There is a happy union of sound doctrine, heart-searching experience and practical wisdom throughout all his works."