



BBC UPDATE

INDUCTIVE BIBLICAL GREEK TEACHING



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Although there is great value in the deductive teaching of languages and especially Biblical Greek for Baptist pastors and servants of the Lord, so much of it is rote memorization of the alphabet, vocabulary of parts of speech, and paradigms of verbs, etc., without much application. The seven students in the Bible Baptist Theological Seminary Biblical Greek module in Ireland during the week of January 1-5, 2024 received the challenge to self-study a Greek grammar for six months, learning vocab and forms, and then tackling a Greek text of 15-20 verses (from the Received Text) producing a rough and smooth translation, followed with a personal commentary on each verse. The students took the inductive challenge, selecting their own passages and presenting their respective commentaries in the five-hour class every day. The challenge revealed that the action and aspect of verbs and participles required further refinement that came in class presentations and teacher explanations. The class expressed how the experiment opened up a deeper knowledge of biblical texts, and encouraged several pastors in the class with having an additional tool for explicating biblical passages in their KJV messages, studies, and devotionals. Obviously, none felt that he or she was a Greek scholar, but each realized the potential for future growth in spiritual understanding and biblical knowledge of the riches of the biblical text inspired and preserved by the Lord Jesus Christ. Paul's admonishment, "*Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth*" (II Tim. 2:15), took on a new and deeper meaning!

FAIRHAVEN BAPTIST COLLEGE MODULE

During the week of January 15-19, 2024, Dr. Thomas Strouse taught the Johannine Epistles to ten Bible College students in frigid northern Indiana. The class and fellowship was warm in spite of the minus zero temperature outside. The pastor of Fairhaven Baptist College is Dr. Jeremy Mitchell, doctoral alumnus of Bible Baptist Theological Seminary. We are thankful for this local church Bible College which prepares students academically and practically for the Lord's work home and abroad.



Class Photo of Fairhaven Module

THE POWER OF CORPORATE PRAYER

EXCERPT

“Keep Yourselves from Idols.” A Commentary on the Johannine Epistles,
pp. 254-256.

Verses 5:14-15

And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

More profitability comes to the congregation that has employed the Doctrinal, Moral, and Social Tests. The writing style of John allowed him to revisit revelatory truth and expand on it. He had stated earlier, declaring, *“Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God. And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight”* (3:21-22). The divinely indwelt church member has great confidence that corporate prayer will result in heavenly answers. He assured the congregation, saying, *“And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us”*

The one condition to this great promise is the will of God. For instance, the Lord Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane, saying, *“O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt”* (Mt. 26:39). Biblical prayer includes the believer and the Triune Godhead. Paul disclosed the persons of the transaction of prayer, saying, *“Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God”* (Rom.8:26-27). It seems that Paul taught that God spoke to Himself through the believer’s prayer!

The biblical church has great power in corporate prayer. The biblical assembly is *“the pillar and ground of the truth”* (I Tim. 3:15), that exalts Him as *“God manifest in the flesh”* (I Tim. 3:16), that recognizes Christ is her *“Head”* (Col. 1:18), her *“chief corner stone”* (Eph. 2:20), is His *“Body”* (Eph. 1:22-23), and that He meets in the midst of her (Mt. 18:20). Based on the biblical nature of the NT assembly, John asserted, saying, *“And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him”* The absolute knowledge that God will answer came from the Lord Jesus, Who said to His Baptist assembly the night before His crucifixion, saying, *“And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.”* (Jn. 14:13-14; cf. also 15:7, 16; 16:23, 24, and 26). The praying congregation is the powerful congregation!

BBTS SPRING SEMESTER 2024 COURSES



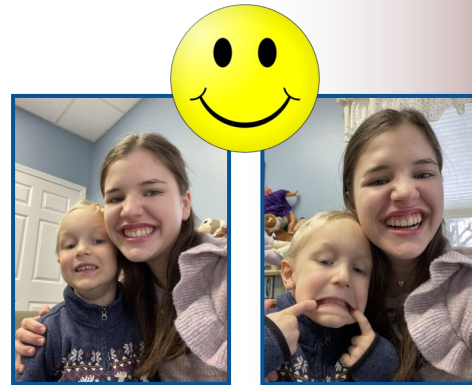
On Monday nights, Dr. M. Ryan Strouse will teach the class on the OT Prophet **Micah (OT 704)**, from 6-9 PM. The class will have a thorough syllabus and required textbook.

On Thursday nights, Dr. Thomas Strouse will teach introductory and advanced **Biblical Greek (BL 612)**, from 6-9 PM. Students will have selective passages to exegete, using the inductive approach to teaching Greek

The courses cost \$300.00 each for 3 credits and \$75.00 for audit. The courses will begin on the week of January 22, 2024.



Left: Seminarian Pastor Dmitry with Leah and Timothy from Belarus



Preston and Sabrina having some fun taking selfies!

BBC/BBTS 2024 SCHEDULE

January 15-19
Fairhaven Baptist College
Chesterton, IN
Johannine Epistles

January 23-May 7
BBC Cromwell Mondays
BBTS Micah (OT 704)

January 25-May 9
BBC Cromwell Thursdays
BBTS Biblical Greek (BL612)

February 26-March 1
Philippines Module
Quezon City
Johannine Epistles

April 12
BBTS Spring Lecture Series
"TBA"

May 18
Bible Baptist Church
Graduation Banquet

May 19
Bible Baptist Church
Commencement Service

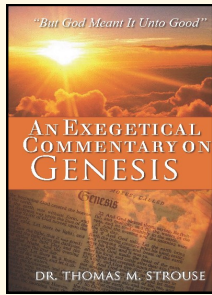
May 27-31
Ireland Module
Greek and Acts III
June 3-7
Community Baptist Church
Coopersburg, PA
Bibliology

September 23-27
Bible Baptist Church
Nashua, NH
TBA

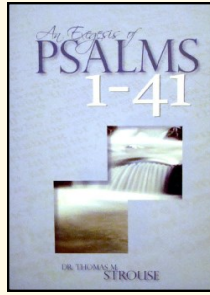
October 20-23
Willow Grove Baptist Church
Waynesburg, PA
Timeless Truths Bible Conference

October 27
Calvary Baptist Church,
Mannington, WV
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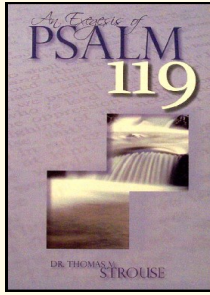
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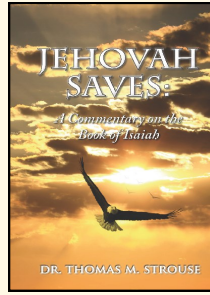
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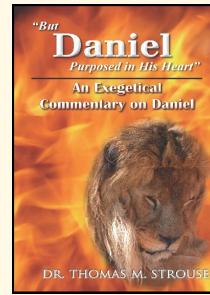
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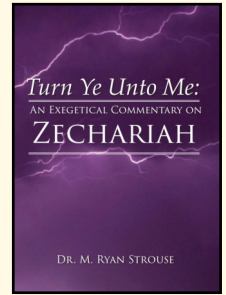
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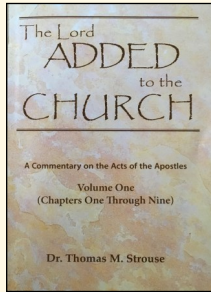
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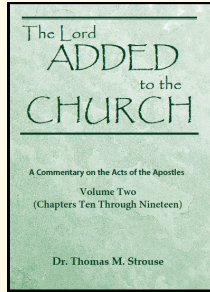
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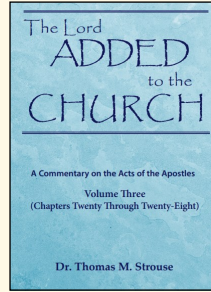
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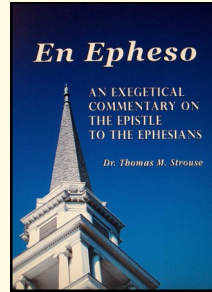
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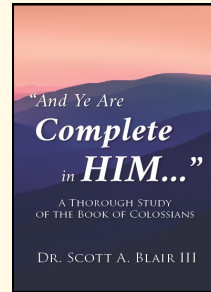
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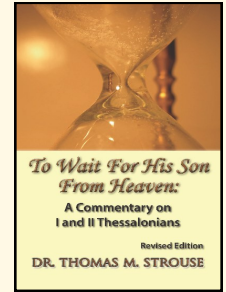
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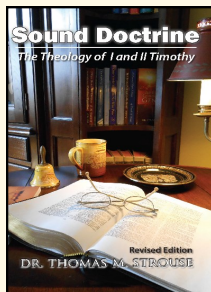
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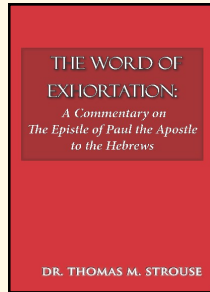
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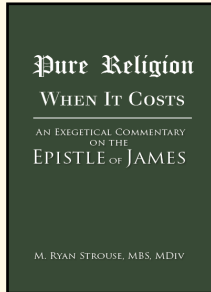
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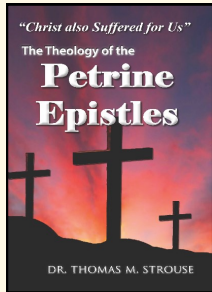
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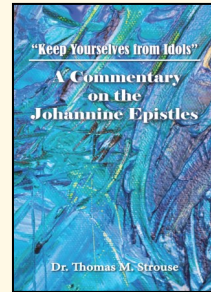
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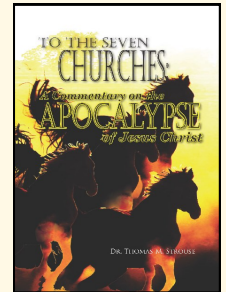
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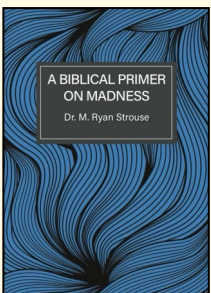
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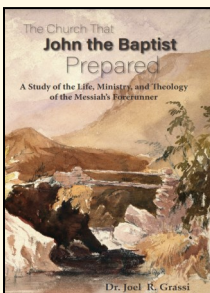
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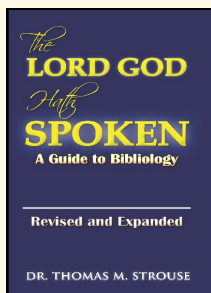
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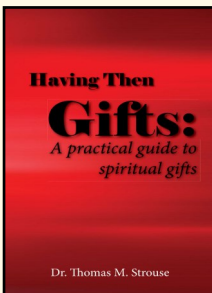
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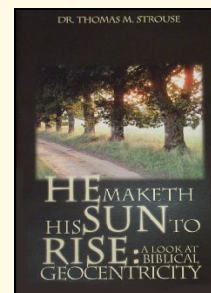
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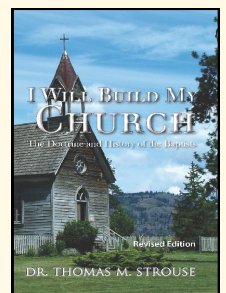
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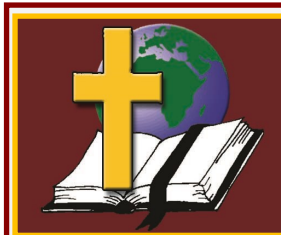
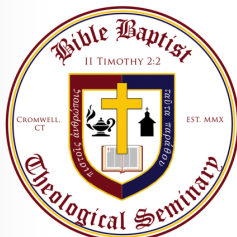
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