

## **Bible & Book Recommendations** (by Steve Gregg)

### **Bibles** (Two main types of translations)

#### **1. Formal Equivalent** (word for word, preferred)

- King James & New King James (KJV, NKJV)
- American Standard & New American Standard (ASB, NASB)
- English Standard (ESV)
- Christian Standard (CSV)

#### **2. Dynamic Equivalent** (thought for thought, more for curiosity, alternate study)

- New International Version (NIV)
- Revised Standard Version (RSV)

### **Paraphrase** (simplified, easy to read, updated language, not recommended for serious Bible study)

1. Living Bible (LT)
2. New Living Bible (NLT)
3. Phillips (New Testament only)
4. The Message
5. The Passion

### **Specialty**

1. Amplified (AMP) (amplifying or expanded the meaning of the word)
2. Lamsa Bible (from Aramaic)

### **Books** (Steve does not agree with all content, all should be assessed for truth)

- Bruce, F.F. (anything by Bruce)
  1. *Hard Sayings of Jesus*
  2. *The Spreading Flame*
  3. *of Scripture*
- Bunyon, John, *Pilgrim's Progress*
- Foxe, John, *Foxe's Book of Martyrs*
- Kempis, Thomas à, *Imitation of Christ*
- 1. Lewis, C.S. (anything by Lewis)
  1. *Mere Christianity*
  2. *God in the Dock: Essays on Theology and Ethics*
  3. *Screwtape Letters*
- Ortiz, Juan Carlos, *Disciple* (Steve only recommends the first half)
- Smith, Hannah Whitall, *The Christians Secret of a Happy Life*
- Spurgeon, Charles, *Lectures to My Students*
- Stott, J.R.W.
  1. *Basic Christianity*
  2. *The Cross of Christ*
- Tozer, A.W. (anything by Tozer)

1. *The Pursuit of God*
2. *God's Pursuit of Man*

- Spurgeon, Charles, *Lectures to My Students*

### **Biographies** (any of them about the following heroes of the faith)

- Elliot, Elisabeth, *Through Gates of Splendor* (any of her writings)
- Mueller, George, *The Life of Trust* (any other biographies of him)
- Wurmbrand, Richard, *Tortured for Christ* (and others)
- Singh, Sundar (any)
- Ten Boom, Corrie, *The Hiding Place*
- Van de Bijl, Andrew (Brother Andrew), *God's Smuggler*
- Wurmbrand, Richard, *Tortured for Christ*

### **Life and teachings of Jesus**

- Bruce, A.B., *The Training of the Twelve*
- Edersheim, Alfred, *Life and Times of Jesus the Messiah*
- Foster, R.C., *Studies in the Life of Christ*
- Farrar, Frederick, *Life of Christ*

### **Bible commentaries**

- F.F. Bruce Bible Commentaries
- *Tyndale New Testament* and *Tyndale Old Testament Commentaries*

### **Steve's Books**

- *Four Views of Revelation: A Parallel Commentary*
- *All You Want to Know about Hell; Three Christian Views of God's Final Solution to the Problem of Sin.*  
(New edition & title coming out: *Why Hell? Three Christian Views Critically Examined*, possibly June 24)
- *Empire of the Risen Son: A treatise on the Kingdom of God-What it is and why it matters.* (Two Volumes – together or in a single volume). \*Steve considers these the most important books of his to read.
  - Vol 1: *There is Another King*
  - Vol 2: *All the King's Men*
- *Why Not Full-Preterism?: A Partial-Preterist Response to a Novel Theological Innovation*