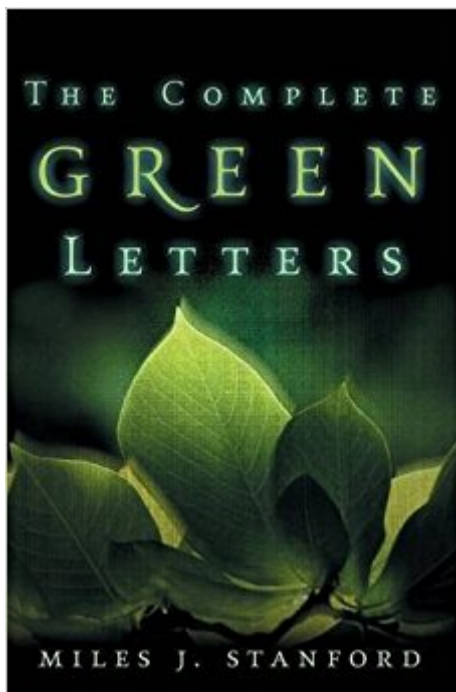


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A terrific book with regard to teaching the basics of Christianity- starting from infancy and moving toward maturity. I strongly recommend this series. It takes things back to the 1960s and earlier, before so much of the junk invaded modern thought- brings you back to first things.

We all need loving guidance from trustworthy brothers and sisters in Christ who will...guide us to CHRIST! Miles does this gently and firmly, repeating it to the point of annoyance (for some). You could say the same thing about Paul in Romans where he explains the same thing from several angles. You know, like he really wants you to GET it? One minister I love calls himself a "one-trick pony" because God has given him a basic message to share, a simple one of abiding in Christ. He insists that the hardest "work" you'll ever do is to abide and rest and trust IN CHRIST, since the world, the flesh, and the devil work overtime to keep you from directly receiving your daily strength from Christ (he has a full travel/speaking roster year after year, so he is not a passive slouch). In need and looking for guidance some years ago, I found Miles on the web and immediately felt a kinship. So much of what he has to say makes sense and gives you a lift in your spirit. If you realize even for a moment that you are ACCEPTED in Christ because of what HE has done, there is such a sense of freedom--not to "sin so grace will abound", but to love and be who you ARE as a new creation. This is why Miles calls it the "ground of growth", and how many of us experiencing even

this fleeting freedom will almost immediately have the ground ripped out from under us by some other preacher stirring up the law against us (because he's under it and trying to earn it and so should you!)? Unearned grace offends man, so of course he will be forever attempting to earn it. You can see this problem in the New Testament letters, and the instruction is to trust CHRIST for right standing. I wrote Miles years ago to question him on something he said in a polemic about Merrill Unger. He kindly wrote me back and explained that he had great respect for Unger and was thus sad to see him veer off into charismatic error (his view). Unlike untouchable leaders in many churches, Miles was accessible and willing to parry with anyone in a godly manner. He loved and challenged. Now that he's gone and I'm reading his work again I have moments of wishing I could write him! Miles is not the only brother one should listen to out there, but I believe he is a trustworthy one because he always points you to the Lord Jesus Christ.

This is for the mature Christian or for any Christian who desires to grow in their faith. A collection of writings from faithful saints through the years of the Church. Worthy of several readings.

"By Grace you have been saved through faith." (Eph 2:8-9) I know I'm saved by grace but how am I to live the Christian life??? The Bible says "as you received Christ Jesus the Lord so walk in Him." (Col 2:6) How did you receive Him? "Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law or by the hearing of faith? are you so foolish having begun in the Spirit are you now being made perfect by the flesh." (Galatians 3:2-4) "the letter kills but the Spirit gives life" (2 Corinthians 3:6) Jesus said "I am the Life" (John 14:10) Only Christ can live the Christian life - the Christian life isn't an imitation but a participation in the life of another. "I am the Vine you are the branches." (John 15) The whole Christian life in Christ is "by grace through faith." This is a wonderful book - he points to Christ and His completed work on the cross, "our old man was crucified with Him." That is a historic fact. We die to sin not by our experiences but by the believing of the fact of what He has done. Now day by day we get to walk less and less according to the flesh and more and more according to the Spirit - by faith believing on His work of the crucified and risen Jesus. It is by knowing our POSITION (standing) in Christ and what He has done that we are able to grow in our CONDITION (walk, fellowship and growth) in Him day by day. The basis of the Christ life is faithfaith in God's fact - that is in the God who cannot lie! I recommend this book so highly."but we with unveiled face beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord." (2 Cor 3:18) UPDATE: by the way the Bible college I went to (called Calvary Chapel Bible College in Europe), the director Mr. Metzger said this book was heresy

and promptly removed it from the library. Not a good place to study the Bible at.

Thick with life changing truth. Though the chapters are very short, I go through them slowly and chew on the concepts introduced. This is one of those books one could review annually to remind us of our position in Christ. Also worthy to consider for discipleship class.

I already had a copy but ordered a second for my girlfriend. Miles Stanford wrote these "letters" to encourage the believer to continue to mature in Christ. He skillfully brings together quotes from Christian leaders, past and present, as well as adding his own insights to provide a perspective that plumbs the depths of the Christian life. A familiarity with the book of Romans is helpful when reading "The Green Letters" as much of the writing could be considered a commentary on those writings of the apostle Paul. Sometimes the wording can be a bit difficult to follow when Stanford quotes from some older sources, but in general the book is very clearly and logically written. I regularly recommend this book to friends, specifically those who have a good understanding of the gospel and are looking to move further in their walk with Christ.

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