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Calvin's Theology and Its Reception New Growth Press  
A unique resource for the study of John Calvin's theology, its reception, and insights for today.

Sketches from the Life of Paul Crossway  
You ' ve just heard a diagnosis that shakes your world: It's cancer. And what you long for most is the hope that everything will be okay. You are not alone. As a longtime cancer survivor, Lynn Eib knows firsthand how that feels. And as a patient advocate helping thousands facing cancer, she also knows what gives people hope. In 50 Days of Hope, Lynn shares amazing, true stories of those who have been in your shoes and discovered that when God and cancer meet, hope is never far away. Whether you ' re a cancer patient or walking with a loved one on a cancer journey, you ' ll find 50 Days of Hope packed with the daily dose of encouragement you need.

The Sacrifice of Africa Good Book Company  
Promises in the Dark by Dr. Eric McLaughlin strengthens the hearts of readers to persevere in God's calling to walk with those in need. As a missionary doctor in Africa, McLaughlin knows how walking closely with those who suffer and bearing others' burdens can easily lead to burnout or cynicism—unless we find the path to perseverance

that the Lord provides. This resource explores how to find both calling and hope, living in the tension between a difficult present and God's promises of renewal, how to cope with despair and futility, the importance of the suffering God for those who suffer, and how the manifestations of God bring life into a dying world. McLaughlin explores how to endure in such a yet-to-be-redeemed world as ours, which is full of tragedy and heartache, pointing to God's promises.

Glimmers of Grace Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing  
Rejoicing in LamentBrazos Press  
The Ministry of Healing Rejoicing in Lament Cancer & Theology is an anthology of sixteen essays addressing the difficult questions of faith raised by illness and death. The essays, penned by a diverse collection of Christian thinkers, are often raw and always honest. Cancer & Theology provides unique insights about the presence of God and the importance of community in the midst of grief and uncertainty. List of contributors: Paul Amlin, Kester Brewin, Adam Walker Cleaveland, Adam J. Copeland, Abigail Rian Evans, David Fitch, Nate Frambach, Greg Garrett, Tony Jones, Joshua Longbrake, Brian McLaren, Carol Howard Merritt, Brandon Lyman Mick, Andy Root, Mike Stavlund, and Greg Syler A portion of all proceeds from the sale of this book will be donated to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

Weep with Me Brazos Press  
Where is God in the suffering of a mentally ill person? What happens to the soul when the mind is ill? How are Christians to respond to mental illness? In this brave and compassionate book, theologian and priest Kathryn Greene-McCreight confronts these difficult questions raised by her own mental illness--bipolar disorder. With brutal honesty, she tackles often avoided topics such as suicide, mental hospitals, and electroconvulsive therapy. Greene-McCreight offers the reader everything from poignant and raw glimpses into the mind of a mentally ill person to practical and forthright advice for their friends, family, and clergy. The first edition has been recognized as one of the finest books on the

subject. This thoroughly revised edition incorporates updated research and adds anecdotal and pastoral commentary. It also includes a new foreword by the current Archbishop of Canterbury and a new afterword by the author.

Dark Clouds, Deep Mercy Baker Academic  
In this update to her 1993 classic, African American Christian Worship, Melva Wilson Costen, again delights her reader with a lively history and theology of the African American worship experience. Drawing upon careful scholarship and engaging stories, Dr. Costen details the global impact on African American worship by media, technology, and new musical styles. She expands her discussion of ritual practices in African communities and clarifies some of the ritual use of music in worship. In keeping with recent congregational practices, Dr. Costen will also provide general orders of worship suitable for a variety of denominational settings.

Darkness Is My Only Companion InterVarsity Press  
This is the moving story of Matt Chandler's battle with a potentially fatal brain tumor. But it's also the stories of those in his church family who taught him, and teach him, how to walk with joy in sorrow. Readers will find encouragement and strength to get through tough times, or to support others to do so.

Old Testament Turning Points Zondervan  
Everyone will die. Yet we rarely talk about death or what comes after death. One reason is that we don't know what the Scripture says about the coming glory. How do we get to that point of joyful anticipation? Knowing God's promises! In The Coming Glory: Hope Now for Life after Death, Dr. Swets clearly presents the promises in Scripture about life after death--promises that answer seven common concerns of those facing their own death or that of a loved one.

African American Christian Worship Brazos Press  
In The Sacrifice of Africa Emmanuel Katongole confronts this painful legacy and shows how it continues to warp the imaginative landscape of African politics and society. He demonstrates the real potential of Christianity to interrupt and transform entrenched political imaginations and create a different story for Africa ù a story of self-sacrificing love that values human

dignity and "dares to invent" a new and better future for all Africans. Compelling accounts of three African Christian leaders and their work — Bishop Paride Taban in Sudan, Angelina Atyam in Uganda, and Maggy Barankitse in Burundi — cap off Katongole's inspiring vision of hope for Africa.

**Union with Christ** Crossway

Glimpses of God's Grace in the Hospital Room If you've ever spent time in a hospital, you know that it can be a place of struggles and hardships. These hardships aren't limited to physical problems; often when our bodies are in pain, our spiritual lives can suffer too. Former trauma surgeon Dr. Kathryn Butler experienced this firsthand as she walked alongside patients, colleagues, and friends through various illnesses and aching loss. In *Glimmers of Grace*, Butler draws from this experience to guide believers through the deep questions of God's trustworthiness in the midst of suffering. Blending memoir and devotional reflections, Butler interweaves her own stories of grace with narratives from Scripture to reveal how God's steadfast love endures even in times of great affliction.

**Prayers and Promises When Facing a Life-Threatening Illness** Westminster John Knox Press

At the age of thirty-nine, Christian theologian Todd Billings was diagnosed with a rare form of incurable cancer. In the wake of that diagnosis, he began grappling with the hard theological questions we face in the midst of crisis: Why me? Why now? Where is God in all of this? This eloquently written book shares Billings's journey, struggle, and reflections on providence, lament, and life in Christ in light of his illness, moving beyond pat answers toward hope in God's promises. Theologically robust yet eminently practical, it engages the open questions, areas of mystery, and times of disorientation in the Christian life. Billings offers concrete examples through autobiography, cultural commentary, and stories from others, showing how our human stories of joy and grief can be incorporated into the larger biblical story of God's saving work in Christ.

**Promises in the Dark** Crossway

Lament is how you live between the poles of a hard life and trusting God's goodness. Lament is how we bring our sorrow to God—but it is a neglected dimension of the Christian life for many Christians today. We need to recover the practice of honest spiritual struggle that gives us permission to vocalize our pain and wrestle with our sorrow. Lament avoids trite answers and quick solutions, progressively moving us toward deeper worship and trust. Exploring how the Bible—through the psalms of lament and the book of Lamentations—gives voice to our pain, this book invites us to grieve, struggle, and tap into the rich reservoir of grace and mercy God offers in the darkest moments of our lives.

**Cancer and Theology** Tyndale House Publishers

Representing two generations of counselor education and practice, Megan Anna Neff and Mark McMinn provide practitioners with a

fresh look at integration in a postmodern world. Modeling how to engage hard questions, they consider how different theological views, gendered perspectives, and cultures integrate with psychology and counseling.

**Abraham's Silence** Crossway

This commentary draws its content from the Concordia Commentary series. This new lay-friendly edition includes all of the original translation and commentary but excludes technical notes, original biblical languages, and terminology required of an academic edition. Today's world holds similar challenges that were present in Corinth during Paul's time. This commentary shows how Paul witnesses to Christ as a clear beacon who guides us through all of life's issues.

**The Myth of a Christian Nation** Bible Study Steps

**The Morning & Evening** devotional by C.H. Spurgeon is the gold standard by which other devotionals are compared. *Morning & Evening* gives a glance at exegetical insight from one of the greatest preachers of all time.

**A Sacred Sorrow** Westminster John Knox Press

We're all going to die. Yet in our medically advanced, technological age, many of us see death as a distant reality—something that happens only at the end of a long life or to other people. In *The End of the Christian Life*, Todd Billings urges Christians to resist that view. Instead, he calls us to embrace our mortality in our daily life and faith. This is the journey of genuine discipleship, Billings says, following the crucified and resurrected Lord in a world of distraction and false hopes. Drawing on his experience as a professor and father living with incurable cancer, Billings offers a personal yet deeply theological account of the gospel's expansive hope for small, mortal creatures. Artfully weaving rich theology with powerful narrative, Billings writes for church leaders and laypeople alike. Whether we are young or old, reeling from loss or clinging to our own prosperity, this book challenges us to walk a strange but wondrous path: in the midst of joy and lament, to receive mortal limits as a gift, an opportunity to give ourselves over to the Lord of life.

**Lament for a Son** Brazos Press

This book deals with Christian lament in the late Reformation by exploring the efforts of a talented yet little-known layman to cope with the death of his beloved wife. A work of haunting candor and searching faith, *The Pious Meditations* furnishes insight into life in the past as well as resources for life in the present.

**Morning & Evening** Zondervan

Is the God of Calvin a fountain of blessing, or a forceful tyrant? Is Calvin's view of God coercive, leaving no place for the human qua human in redemption? These are perennial questions about Calvin's theology which have been given new life by Gift theologians such as John Milbank, Graham Ward, and Stephen Webb. J. Todd Billings addresses these questions by exploring

Calvin's theology of 'participation in Christ'. He argues that Calvin's theology of 'participation' gives a positive place to the human, such that grace fulfils rather than destroys nature, affirming a differentiated union of God and humanity in creation and redemption. Calvin's trinitarian theology of participation extends to his view of prayer, sacraments, the law, and the ecclesial and civil orders. In light of Calvin's doctrine of participation, Billings reframes the critiques of Calvin in the Gift discussion and opens up new possibilities for contemporary theology, ecumenical theology, and Calvin scholarship as well.

Same Lake, Different Boat Abingdon Press

Well-respected Old Testament professor Victor Matthews identifies eight landmark stories that shaped Israel's identity.