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**August 5**

Waiting for Christ’s Return – by Herman Veldkamp (227.81 VEL) – Waiting for Christ’s return is not a passive matter of sitting back and doing nothing, as some of the early Christians thought. This Paul makes clear in his first letter to the Thessalonians. Herman Veldkamp focuses on the highlights of this letter in 21 short chapters, conveying to us something of the tense expectation that fills the lives of those who live for Christ and long for His final triumph. Paul opens his letter by giving thanks. He then offers some practical advice and sets the Thessalonians straight on their misconceptions about the last things. It is the “breath of life” to Paul when he hears that the young congregation is “standing firm” in the Lord. Veldkamp gives us a vivid picture of the struggles of the Thessalonian Christians. The message hits home, for many of their failures and misconceptions are ours as well.

**August 12**

Too Wise to Be Mistaken, Too Good to be Unkind – *Christian Parents Contend With Autism* by Cathy Steere (248.845 STE) – “This is a tremendously God-honouring book. It faithfully points to Christ, who alone can sustain parents through the joys and sorrows of raising a challenged child. The faith lessons that Cathy shares, forged in the crucible of suffering, offer hope and encouragement for any Christian parent.”

**August 19**

A Theology of Christian Counseling – *More Than Redemption* by Jay E. Adams (253.ADA) – A Theology of Christian Counselling connects biblical doctrine with practical living. Salvation, that central concern of Protestant theology is often too narrowly defined. It is thought of as “being saved from the consequences of sin.” But God is doing much more. He is making something new out of the old sinful nature. He is, in Christ, making new creatures. “No counselling system that is based on some other foundation can begin to offer what Christian counselling offers. … No matter what the problem is, no matter how greatly sin has abounded, the Christian counsellor’s stance is struck by the far-more-abounding nature of the grace of Jesus Christ in redemption. What a difference this makes in counselling!” In this book the reader will gain an insight into the rich theological framework that supports and directs a biblical approach to counselling. The connection between solid theology and practical application will become compelling. This book is one-of-a-kind.

**August 26**

Seeing with New Eyes – *Counseling and the Human Condition Through the Lens of Scripture* by by David Powlison (EDU 253.5 POW) – Powlison urges counsellors to speak directly to people rather than use abstractions. In this excellent book he takes a number of Bible passages and speaks them right into our hearts. Reading this is a rich experience for counsellors and for everyone who wants to apply God’s Word to his or her life.” – John Frame