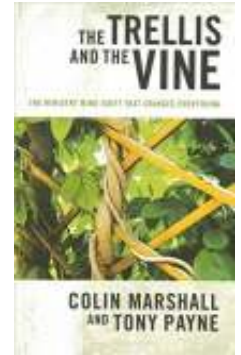


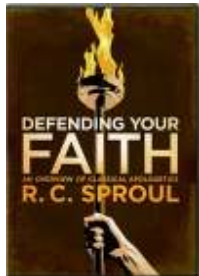
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The Trellis and the Vine – *The Ministry Mind-Shift That Changes Everything* by Colin Marshall & Tony Payne (268.6 MAR). A book that Mark Dever calls “the best book I’ve read on the nature of church ministry.” Helps the reader think through, both biblically and practically, the dangers of being busy as a full-time pastor or an elder and how it can rob you of focus on what ought to be the priorities in your time. Digging more deeply into the New Testament’s view of Christian ministry, the authors argue that a major mind-shift is necessary for many churches and pastors if we are to fulfill the Great Commission and see disciples grow in grace. There is vine work: the prayerful preaching and teaching of the word of God to see people converted and grow to maturity as disciples of Christ. Vine work is the Great Commission.



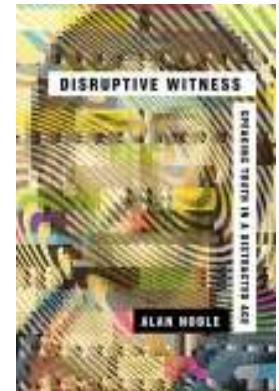
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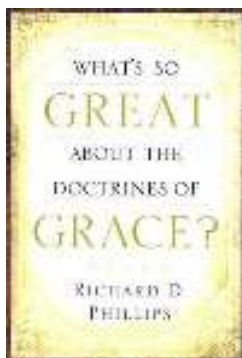
Defending Your Faith – *an overview of Classical Apologetics* by R. C. Sproul (DVD SPR). This is a DVD. “You are sure of your faith, but can you defend it?” The world and the devil fight hard to close the minds and mouths of Christians. Now Dr. R.C. Sproul equips you to fight back. In this DVD, Dr. Sproul surveys the history and fundamentals of apologetics and demonstrates that reason and scientific inquiry are your allies in defending the existence of God and the historical truth claims of Jesus Christ.

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Disruptive Witness – *Speaking Truth in a Distracted Age* by Alan Noble (261 NOB). We live in a distracted, secular age. We are increasingly addicted to habits – and devices – that distract and ‘buffer’ us from substantive reflection and deep engagement with the world. And we live in what Canadian philosopher Charles Taylor calls “a secular age” – an age in which all beliefs are equally viable and real transcendence is less and less plausible. Drawing on Taylor’s work, Alan Noble describes how these realities shape our thinking and affect our daily lives. Too often Christians have acquiesced to these trends, and the result has been a church that struggles to disrupt the ingrained patterns of people’s lives. But the gospel of Jesus is inherently disruptive: like a plow, it breaks up the hardened surface to expose the fertile earth below. In this book Noble lays out individual, ecclesial, and cultural practices that disrupt our society’s deep-rooted assumptions and point beyond them to the transcendent grace and beauty of Jesus.



January 26



What’s so Great About the Doctrines of Grace? By Richard D. Phillips (234 PHI). Boring? Unimportant? Think again. In the eyes of many Christians, the doctrines of grace, also known as the five points of Calvinism, are tedious tenets that offer no practical benefit for ordinary believers. But as the Rev. Richard D. Phillips affirms, “To love the doctrines of grace is to love God as He has revealed Himself in His Word”. In this book, Phillips both explains the doctrines of grace through the exposition of Scripture and helps believers feel the power of these magnificent truths. He argues that these doctrines are wonderful in that they reveal the sovereign, mighty, and effectual grace of God, shaping Christians’ attitudes toward God, themselves, the present life, and the life to come.