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EDUCATION

Ph.D. New Testament, B. H. Carroll Theological Institute, Arlington, Texas, 2011. Dissertation: The Divine Messiah: A Portrait of Jesus in the Johannine Literature. Supervisor: Bruce Corley, Th.D.

Postgraduate Study Regent’s Park College, University of Oxford, 2008

M.Div. Theology, George W. Truett Theological Seminary, Waco, Texas, 2002

B.A. Christian Ministry, East Texas Baptist University, Marshall, Texas, 2000

ACADEMIC AND INSTITUTIONAL EXPERIENCE

Dean and Assistant Professor of New Testament, B. H. Carroll Theological Seminary at East Texas Baptist University, June 2026–Present

Assistant Dean and Assistant Professor of New Testament, B. H. Carroll Theological Seminary at East Texas Baptist University, 2025–2026

Adjunct Faculty, Doctor of Ministry, George W. Truett Theological Seminary, Baylor University, 2020–2025

Resident Fellow and Professor of New Testament, B. H. Carroll Theological Institute, 2009–2025

Adjunct Faculty, Graduate School of Ministry, Dallas Baptist University, 2016–2025

Board of Governors, B. H. Carroll Theological Institute, 2018–2024

Board of Trustees, East Texas Baptist University, 2024–2025

PASTORAL MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

Senior Pastor, First Baptist Church, Waxahachie, Texas, 2012–2025

Lead Pastor, Woodlawn Baptist Church, Austin, Texas, 2007–2012

Senior Pastor, Oak Knoll Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas, 2003–2007

Senior Pastor, North Waco Baptist Church, Waco, Texas, 2002–2003

Senior Pastor, Mosheim Baptist Church, Mosheim, Texas, 2000–2002

PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

Publications

“The Spiritual Formation of the Elderly and the Use of ‘Elder’ in the New Testament World.” *The Journal for Religion, Spirituality, and Aging* (2009).

“The Sovereignty of God in the Gospel of John.” *Testamentum Imperium* (2009).

The Gospel of John: Believe in Jesus and Live! BaptistWay Press, 2014.

Romans: A Gospel-Centered Worldview. BaptistWay Press, 2015.

Terror and Triumph: A Study of Revelation. BaptistWay Press, 2016.

Fear over Faith. Premium Commentary. BaptistWay Press, 2016.

Gospel Story Investigator: A Study of the Gospel of Luke. BaptistWay Press, 2017.

Correction and Counsel: A Study of 1 and 2 Corinthians. BaptistWay Press, 2018.

Rescue and Redemption. Premium Commentary. BaptistWay Press, 2018.

“The Divine Messiah: Does John’s Portrait of a ‘Son of God, Messiah’ in John 20:30–31 Draw on a Jewish Messianic Expectation of a Supernatural Figure?” In *John’s Gospel and Its Sources*, edited by Stanley E. Porter. Johannine Studies 5. Leiden: Brill, forthcoming.

Triumphs and Troubles: A Study of 2 Samuel. Premium Commentary. Connect 360: BaptistWay Press, 2019.

Living in the Spirit. BaptistWay Press, 2020.

The Conquerors: Heroes of the Faith. Premium Commentary. BaptistWay Press, 2021.

Fear > Less. 2021. ISBN 979-8540330558.

Hunger for Holiness: Living Pure in an Impure World. Premium Commentary. Dallas: GC2 Press, 2022.

Heaven & Angels: Our Eternal Home and Its Heavenly Hosts. Dallas: GC2 Press, 2022.

The Search for Wisdom: A Study of Proverbs. Premium Commentary. Dallas: GC2 Press, 2024.

Kingdom Assignment: The Relentless Pursuit of Obedience. Connect 360 Curriculum Study, 2024.

GC2 Strong: A Great Commandment and Great Commission Awakening. Premium Commentary. GC2 Press, 2026.

The Divine Messiah: A Portrait of Jesus in the Johannine Literature. Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock, forthcoming.

Book Reviews and Peer Review

Review of Herbert W. Bateman IV, Darrell L. Bock, and Gordon H. Johnston, *Jesus the Messiah: Tracing the Promises, Expectations, and Coming of Israel’s King.* Review of Biblical Literature (2016).

Review of Michael J. Gorman, *The Death of the Messiah and the Birth of the New Covenant.* Review of Biblical Literature (forthcoming).

Review of Michael Vicko Zolondek, *We Have Found the Messiah.* Review of Biblical Literature (2016).

Review of Carey Walsh and Mark W. Elliott, eds., *Biblical Theology: Past, Present, and Future.* Review of Biblical Literature (2019).

Review of Michael F. Bird, *Jesus the Eternal Son.* Review of Biblical Literature (forthcoming).

Review of Sherri Brown and Francis J. Moloney, *Interpreting the Gospel and Letters of John.* Review of Biblical Literature (forthcoming).

Review of William Loader, *Jesus in John’s Gospel.* Review of Biblical Literature (2019).

Review of G. K. Beale and Benjamin L. Gladd, *Hidden But Now Revealed.* Review of Biblical Literature.

Review of Matthew Novenson, *The Grammar of Messianism*. *Review of Biblical Literature*.

“Equip: Resources on the Book of 1 Peter.” *Baptist Standard*, May 27, 2025.

Peer review of “A Wolf in Sheep’s Clothing: Questioning the Standard Missionary Reading of the Violent Metaphor in Q 10:3,” submitted to *Neotestamentica: Journal of the New Testament Society of Southern Africa*, August 2025.

“Equip: Resources on the Book of 2 Peter and Jude.” *Baptist Standard*, forthcoming.

Review of Paul N. Anderson, Felix Just, and Tom Thatcher, eds., *John, Jesus, and History, Volume 4: Jesus Remembered in the Johannine Situation*. *Review of Biblical Literature*, 2026 (forthcoming).

Academic Presentations

“The Christ Is Jesus: John 20:30–31.” Southwest Conference of Religious Studies, Institute of Biblical Research, March 2007.

“The Christ Is Jesus: A Grammatical, Textual, and Theological Investigation of the Purpose of John’s Gospel (John 20:30–31).” B. H. Carroll Theological Institute Summer Colloquy, 2007.

“The Christ Is Jesus: A Grammatical, Textual, and Theological Investigation of the Purpose of John’s Gospel (John 20:30–31).” Regent’s Park College, University of Oxford, March 2008.

“The Divine Messiah: Re-examining John’s Use of Christos in the Purpose Statement of John 20:30–31.” Society of Biblical Literature, Southwest Commission on Religious Studies, Dallas, Texas, March 2010.

“From Bauer to Bauckham: Over One Hundred Years of the Balkanization of Johannine Christology.” Institute of Biblical Research, Southwest Commission on Religious Studies, Dallas, Texas, March 2010.

“The Divine Messiah: A Portrait of Jesus in the Johannine Literature.” B. H. Carroll Theological Institute, Arlington, Texas, May 2011.

“The Divine Messiah: A Portrait of Jesus in the Johannine Literature.” Southwest Commission on Religious Studies, Institute of Biblical Research, Dallas, Texas, March 2012.

“What Is a Devotional?” Southwest Commission on Religious Studies, Institute of Biblical Research, Dallas, Texas, March 2013.

“The Messiah in the Dead Sea Scrolls.” Holy Land Tour, Qumran, Israel, January 2014.

“iWatch: We Live in an Interesting Time.” Southwest Commission on Religious Studies, Institute of Biblical Research, Dallas, Texas, March 2015.

“The Purpose Statement of the Fourth Gospel (John 20:30–31): A Fresh Look at the Implications for the Grammatical, Syntactical, and Textual Critical Problems.” Houston Baptist University, Houston, Texas, Spring 2015.

“The Divine Messiah: Does John’s Portrait of a Son of God, Messiah in John 20:30–31 Draw on a Jewish Messianic Expectation of a Supernatural Figure?” Southwest Commission on Religious Studies, Dallas, Texas, March 2016.

“The Divine Messiah: Does John’s Portrait of a Son of God, Messiah in John 20:30–31 Draw on a Jewish Messianic Expectation of a Supernatural Figure?” St. Andrews Symposium on The Divine Son, University of St. Andrews, Scotland, June 2016.

“John’s Divine ‘Son of God’ and 4Q246: A Possible Link for Jewish Messianism and Early Christology.” Southwest Commission on Religious Studies, Society of Biblical Literature, Dallas, Texas, March 2017.

“The Divine Messiah: Does John’s Portrait of a Son of God, Messiah in John 20:30–31 Draw on a Jewish Messianic Expectation of a Supernatural Figure?” Regional Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, Fort Worth, Texas, March 2017.

“The Divine Messiah: Does John’s Portrait of a Son of God, Messiah in John 20:30–31 Draw on a Jewish Messianic Expectation of a Supernatural Figure?” Society of Biblical Literature International, Berlin, Germany, August 2017.

“The Divine Messiah: Does John’s Portrait of a Son of God, Messiah in John 20:30–31 Draw on a Jewish Messianic Expectation of a Supernatural Figure?” Institute of Biblical Research, Boston, Massachusetts, November 2017.

“The Divine Messiah: Does John’s Portrait of a Son of God, Messiah in John 20:30–31 Draw on a Jewish Messianic Expectation of a Supernatural Figure?” Evangelical Theological Society, Providence, Rhode Island, November 2017.

Panelist for review of Rodney Reeves, Matthew, Story of God Bible Commentary. National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion Southwest Regional Meeting, March 9, 2019.

“Messianic Grammar in the Johannine Community as Boundary Marker.” Southwest Commission on Religious Studies, Dallas, Texas, March 6–8, 2026.

“Every Spirit That Confesses Jesus Christ Has Come in the Flesh: A Johannine Critique of N. T. Wright’s Messianic Idea (1 John 4:2–3).” Southwest Commission on Religious Studies, Dallas, Texas, March 6–8, 2026.

Media and Digital Scholarship

“The Messiah Is Jesus: John 20:31.” Exegetically Speaking, hosted by David B. Capes, episode ES7 029, 2026. Discussion of the grammatical construction of John 20:31 and its implications for Johannine Christology.

GC2 Strong: A Great Commandment and Great Commission Awakening. Fourteen-session video series. RightNow Media, 2026.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

Professional Organizations and Service

Chair, Committee on the Annual Meeting, Baptist General Convention of Texas, 2015–2018

Governor, B. H. Carroll Theological Institute, 2018–2024

Institute of Biblical Research

Society of Biblical Literature

Evangelical Theological Society

American Society of Oriental Research

National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion

Rotary International

Academic Honors and Recognitions

University Ministerial Scholar, Baylor University

Alpha Chi National Honor Society

Outstanding Student Award in Religion

Scholarly Achievement Award, American Bible Society

Presidential Award Recipient

National Dean's List

Paul Harris Award, Rotary International

Courses Taught

New Testament I (SWBLI 5211)

New Testament II (SWBLI 5212)

New Testament III (SWBLI 5213)

The Gospel of John (SWBLI 5223)

New Testament Greek II (SWBLA 5212)

New Testament Greek III (SWBLA 5213)

Pastoral Leadership (MFLDS 5211)

Pastoral Care (MFPMN 5111)

Revelation (SWBLI 5238)

Theology of the New Testament (SWBLI 5260)

New Testament Eschatology (SWBLI 5262)

Applied Hermeneutics (THEO 5313)

Old Testament Interpretation (THEO 5307)

New Testament Interpretation (THEO 508)

Introduction to the Bible (CHRM 1301)

Introduction to Discipleship (CHRM 1302)

Thesis I (SCPT 5396W)