

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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## Education & Degrees

Ph. D. in New Testament Exegesis, Kings College, Aberdeen University, 1987  
Thesis title: “The Pauline Proclamation of the Kingdom of God and the Kingdom of Christ within its New Testament Context”  
M. Div., M. A. in New Testament, High Honors, Biblical Theological Seminary, 1983  
B. S. in Bible Pastoral Studies, Honors, Philadelphia College of Bible (Cairn University), 1980  
Diploma in Spanish as a Second Language, Instituto de Lengua Española, San José, Costa Rica, 1999.

## Experience

**Professor of New Testament**

**1999-present**

**Director of Graduate and Postgraduate Programs**

**1999-2020**

*Seminario ESEPA, San José, Costa Rica*

- Wrote books, including commentaries on 1 Corinthians, on 1-2 Thessalonians, Romans
- Taught a full range of courses in New Testament, on graduate and undergraduate levels
- Helped to create three MA degrees, in Theology, Old Testament, and Pastoral Leadership
- Oversaw 40-50 people enter and study in the MA programs
- Taught in Cuba, and helped shepherd our first class of master’s students through their

thesis projects for their graduation in 2014

- President** **2005-2008**  
*Seminario ESEPA, San José, Costa Rica*
- Directed the process of seeking accreditation from the Costa Rican government
  - Brought ESEPA through successful negotiations concerning our use of the property
  - Cleared the way for construction to begin anew on our education center, receiving grants to finish that project
  - Supervised the launching of ESEPA Virtual, to offer ESEPA courses and degrees by internet
- Vice President for Academics** **2002-2003, 2004-2005, 2014-2016**  
*Seminario ESEPA, San José, Costa Rica*
- Reorganized the policies and the academic processes, producing a complete manual for the division
  - Instituted a system for evaluating the professors every two years
  - Wrote the first draft of a new Certificate program, for Christian workers without secondary education
  - Oversaw curriculum revision in 2015
- Editor for Zondervan Publishing** **2014-present**  
Regular editing and proofreading of new publications
- ‘Biblical Scholar’ for Wycliffe Associates** **2015-present**  
Serves on the Door 43 team to produce New Testament Bible Translation guides for 50 Gateway Languages. These in turn will be used to render the Scriptures into hundreds of dialects by local Christians. Also served as editor for the open-source Greek New Testament and content-writing of their open-source commentary of 1-2 Timothy, 2 Corinthians
- Professor of New Testament and Research Supervisor** **2012-present**  
Cuban seminaries *Los Pinos Nuevos, Las Palmas, and Eastern Baptist Cuban Seminary*
- Part-Time Missionary for Global Missionary Outreach** **2014-2016**  
Served as evangelistic, discipler, and mentor for new and growing believers online.
- Associate Professor of New Testament** **1995-1998**  
**Assistant Professor of New Testament** **1990-1995**  
*Biblical Theological Seminary, Hatfield, PA*
- Taught graduate and post-graduate courses, including Greek, Hermeneutics, Acts & Pauline Epistles, Synoptic Gospels, Johannine Literature & General Epistles

- Sought out ways to create a training ground for life-long study by modeling a love of learning and a desire to integrate academics with life and ministry
- Research and writing arose out of the classroom and informed teaching
- Chaired Academic Self-Study for regional and ATS accreditation, 1993-95

### **Professor of New Testament**

**1988-90**

*Conservative Baptist Seminary of the East, New England Branch, Worcester, MA*

- Shaped and taught all New Testament courses for their first three academic years
- Supervised students in their mentor/ministry contracts

### **Pastor**

**1986-90**

*Penacook Bible Church, Penacook, NH*

- Organized a growing church by means of an interactive leadership style
- Supported ideal of believer-priesthood by empowering members to initiate and lead much of the church's work, including missions and youth programs
- Integrated pastoral ministry with seminary teaching and scholarly research and writing

### **Blogging**

Since 2009, maintained two theology blogs, in Spanish ([razondelaesperanza.com](http://razondelaesperanza.com)) and in English ([openoureyeslord.com](http://openoureyeslord.com)). They contain about 600 articles, which receive from 16-20 thousand hits per month.

### **Other Experience**

- Ordained a Baptist minister in 1983
- President, Evangelical Theological Society Eastern Region, 1997-98; ETS Northeastern Region, 1989-90. Spearheaded a drive that drew in new members and participating schools. This reflected a desire to strengthen and unify Christians in the New England area
- Served as associate pastor in two churches, emphasizing biblical teaching
- Formulated and twice taught a three-part course on Greek essentials for the Timotheus Bible University, Bucharest, Romania, 1994-1996
- Actively engaged in ministries to discover how the biblical message may be applied to different tasks, such as: began an advocacy program for local needy, started addiction recovery support groups, chaired the board of a crisis pregnancy center

## **Current Projects**

- Publishing with Publicaciones Kerigma, *Iceberg Ahead! When God's Servants Crash into Cold, Hard Reality*, a book on how to handle disappointment in Christian ministry

- Editing the Symbolic Universal Notation Old Testament for Wycliffe Associates
- Creating and teaching New Testament courses in Spanish for Seminario ESEPA
- Regular conference speaker, focusing on the themes of Bible prophecy; the messianic movement of Latin America; “Can I Trust my Bible?”

### **Honors Received**

- Greek Award, Philadelphia College of Bible
- Senior Preaching Award, Biblical Theological Seminary
- Research grants from Tyndale Fellowship, Cambridge

### **Membership in Scholarly Societies**

- Evangelical Theological Society
- Society of Biblical Literature
- Tyndale Fellowship

# PUBLICATIONS

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## Books

- New Testament Greek Insert and NT Greek Card-Guide*. Stylus Publishing, 1995. Thorough revisions of these useful works of Benjamin Chapman. The *NT Greek Insert* is also a component of Logos Bible Software, both in English and in Spanish.
- Running in Circles: How to Find Freedom from Addictive Behavior*, in the Strategic Christian Living Series. Grand Rapids: Baker Book House (May, 1995). Translated and published in Korean. Available on Amazon.
- Corriendo en Círculos: cómo encontrar la libertad del comportamiento adictivo*. Spanish version of *Running in Circles*, published electronically.
- Addictive Behavior* (co-authored with Edward T. Welch). Grand Rapids: Baker Book House (May, 1995). Also published in Korean.
- 1 Corinthians: an exegetical-pastoral commentary*. Logos Bible Software, 2012; Publicaciones Kerigma, 2021.
- 1-2 Thessalonians*. Zondervan Exegetical Commentary. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2012.
- 1-2 Tesalonicenses*. Comentario Exegético-Práctico del Nuevo Testamento. Barcelona: Andamio, 2019. Also published in 2019 in Korean.
- “Romans”, in the *Comentario Bíblico Contemporáneo*, Buenos Aires: Kairos, 2019; also forthcoming in English from Zondervan.
- 1 Corintios: un comentario exegético-pastoral*. Barcelona: CLIE, 2021.
- ¡Témpano por Delante!: Cuando los obreros de Dios chocan con la fría y dura realidad (Iceberg Ahead! When God’s Servants Crash into Cold, Hard Reality)*. Salem, Oregon: Publicaciones Kerigma, 2021.
- Iceberg Ahead! When God’s Servants Crash into Cold, Hard Reality*. Pending from Publicaciones Kerigma.
- Cuando venga el Consolador: ensayos sobre el don del Espíritu y su poder en la iglesia (When the Comforter Comes – Essays on the Gift of the Spirit and his Power in the Church)*. A collection of essays and articles, pending from CLIE.
- Los mitos que los cristianos creen. Y comparten. (The myths that Christians believe. And share.)* CLIE, pendiente.

## Contributed Essays

- Strangers to Fire: When Tradition Trumps Scripture*. Woodstock, GA: Foundation for Pentecostal Scholarship, 2014: “The gift of tongues in the post-apostolic church: a

rejoinder to Cleon Rogers”; “Christian prophecy and canon in the second century: A response to B. B. Warfield.”

## Edited Books

Ladd, George E., *La teología del Nuevo Testamento*, trad. José-María Blanch *et al.*, ed. Gary S. Shogren. Barcelona: CLIE, 2002.

Copyedited and proofread a number of works for Zondervan Publishing.

## Articles

“Presently Entering the Kingdom of Christ (Col 1:13).” *JETS* 31 (1988): 173-80.

“Will God Heal Us (James 5:14)?” *EQ* 61 (1989): 99-108.

“Will God Heal Us (James 5:14)?” (reprint) *The Best in Theology 1989*, published by *Christianity Today*.

“Will God Heal Us (James 5:14)?” (translated into Korean) *Ministry and Theology*, Seoul, Korea, 1992.

“Election,” “Redemption,” “Grace,” “Forgiveness,” and several smaller articles. *Anchor Bible Dictionary*. Doubleday, 1992.

“Authority and Power.” *Dictionary of Jesus and the Gospels*. IVP, 1992.

“Recovering God in the Age of Therapy.” *Journal of Biblical Counseling* 12, No. 1 (Fall 1993): 14-19.

“Anger,” “Age, Ages,” “Consolation,” and “Justice.” *Baker Dictionary of Biblical Theology*. Baker Book House, 1996.

“Hell, Abyss, Eternal Punishment,” “Life and Death,” and “Mortality and Immortality,” in *Dictionary of the Later New Testament and its Developments*. IVP, 1997.

“Christian Prophecy and Canon in the Second Century: A response to B. B. Warfield,” in *JETS* 40/4 (December 1997): 609-26.

“How Did they Suppose the ‘the Perfect’ Would Come? 1 Cor. 13:8-12 in Patristic Exegesis.” *Journal of Pentecostal Theology* (Sheffield) 15 (1999): 97-119.

“The ‘Wretched Man’ of Romans 7:14-25 as *Reductio ad absurdum*.” *Evangelical Quarterly* 72/2 (April, 2000): 119-134.

“Is the Kingdom of God about Eating and Drinking or isn’t it?” (Romans 14:17). *Novum Testamentum* 42/3 (2000): 238-256.

“Anathema,” “Bema,” “Mammon,” “Tribunal,” “Wrath.” *Eerdmans Dictionary of the Bible*. Eerdmans, 2000.

“The ‘Ultracharismatics’ of Corinth and the Pentecostals of Latin America as the religion of the disaffected.” *Tyndale Bulletin* 56.2 (2005): 91-110.

“Una Ofrenda para los Pobres.” (*An Offering for the Poor*) *Apuntes Pastores* 23/4 (2006): 18-24.

“‘The Wicked will not Inherit the Kingdom of God’: A Pauline Warning and the Hermeneutics of Liberation Theology and of Brian McLaren.” *Trinity Journal* 31 NS (2010): 95-113.

“1-2 Tesalonicenses,” in *Gran Diccionario Enciclopédico de la Biblia*. CLIE, 2013.

“Were the Thessalonians ‘meddling in divine matters’?: A rereading of 2 Thessalonians 3:11.”  
*JETS* 63.4 (2020): 703-20.