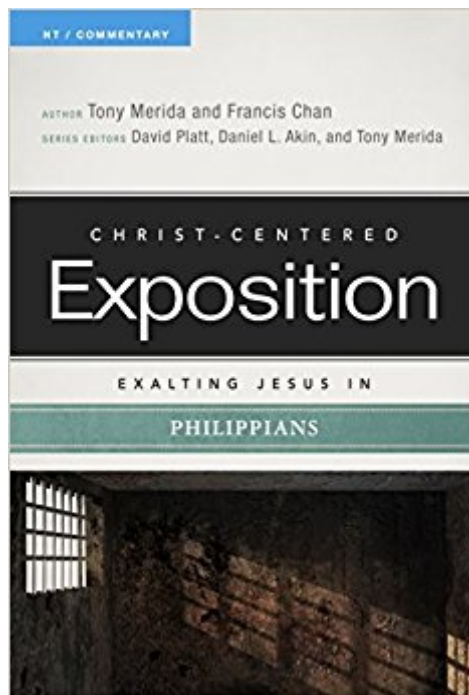




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# **Exalting Jesus In Philippians (Christ-Centered Exposition Commentary)**



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Edited by David Platt, Daniel L. Akin, and Tony Merida, this new commentary series, projected to be 48 volumes, takes a Christ-centered approach to expositing each book of the Bible. Rather than a verse-by-verse approach, the authors have crafted chapters that explain and apply key passages in their assigned Bible books. Readers will learn to see Christ in all aspects of Scripture, and they will be encouraged by the devotional nature of each exposition. Projected contributors to the series include notable authors such as Russell D. Moore, Al Mohler, Matt Chandler, Mark Dever, and others. Â

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It's one thing to know Bible stories; it's another to know the story of the Bible. It's one thing to be aware of the story's many heroes; it's another to have met the Hero himself. From the Old Testament that anticipates him, to the Gospels that manifest him, to the Book of Acts that proclaims him, to the Epistles that explain him, and to the Book of Revelation that tells of him coming again, your Bible is about Jesus. That's why I love the vision of the Christ-Centered Exposition Commentary series. It models for preachers and teachers how to proclaim "with pastoral focus and exegetical care" the beauty of the gospel from every page of Scripture. Matt Smethurst Associate Editor for The Gospel Coalition Few things are more important for faithful biblical interpretation than reading Scripture in light of its master narrative. The

Christ-Centered Exposition series aims to do just that.Â In a postmodern age, these commentaries provide pastors and lay people an invaluable resource that is unswervingly committed to the authority of Scripture and the centrality of the Gospel in the Bibleâ€™s storyline. Dr. R. Albert Mohler Jr., President The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

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Excellent commentary. Well researched and very practical. Interesting to see some of the applications of certain passages. In studying Philippians, each writer had varied opinions on what Paul is saying to this group of Christian and this commentary was no different. I enjoyed reading this exposition and thought it was trustworthy in its interpretation.

Love this commentary! Great insights including references to other commentators. Very good questions at the end of section which can be used for a Bible Study.

Great!!

Excellent exposition on philippians easy to read and understand. Really breaks it down.

Great book

Excellent study.

If you enjoyed other commentaries from this series, you will enjoy this one too. This commentary

has been a great blessing. Currently, we are working through the letter of Philippians at church.

Exalting Jesus in Philippians is a new commentary on Philippians written by Tony Merida and Francis Chan. It is one of the latest editions to the Christ-Centered Exposition series of commentaries edited by Merida, David Platt, and Daniel Akin. Like the other commentaries in this series, Exalting Jesus in Philippians is easy to read and full of practical applications. One of the strengths of this commentary is that it is written in such a way that a pastor can use it to glean pastoral applications from Philippians while the average Christian can also use it in their personal study. This is great for boots on the ground Christian living and application of scripture. In fact, I would argue that this is the most important style of commentary that a pastor or lay person could read. The downside to this of course is that Exalting Jesus in Philippians lacks the academic rigor that many pastors and academic-minded students will want. That is not to say that this commentary lacks an intellectual foundation. It doesn't. In fact, one of the things the authors did very well was to not allow their profound understanding of the textual nuances become the focus of the commentary. Their interpretation was clearly under-girded by a rich foundation in Biblical studies, but rather than touting their academic knowledge of language and context, they simply communicated their knowledge in a way that any believer will be able to grasp the fundamental message of Philippians. If I have any complaints at all about Exalting Jesus in Philippians, it is the distracting way that the authors intermingled their personal narratives into the applications. To be sure, the illustrations from their personal lives were valuable, but they had a distracting habit of parenthetically inserting the name of which author was telling the story. For example, in the opening sentences to the commentary on Philippians 2:5-11 the author writes, "Last week, I (Tony) went into a store to grab a bottle of water . . . I'm sure this is simply a personal preference, but to be honest I'm not too concerned with which of the authors is telling the story. I found that it distracted from the Christ-Centered nature of the commentary by making it personality centered. Again, this wasn't terrible but I did find it distracting and after a while it began to be mildly annoying. I understand that many will appreciate this approach. After all, it lends a sort of personal nature to the commentary. However, I believe that could have been accomplished while not becoming distracting. I would have preferred the authors to simply use the illustration and not worry about which one was being credited for the life event. Overall Exalting Jesus in Philippians is a good well rounded commentary that upholds the doctrines of the Reformation while not overly focusing on the doctrine as the main point. The authors did a wonderful job making Philippians relevant and easy to understand. I appreciate the

work being done in this series and in this edition in particular. Christians will certainly benefit from this commentary for a long time. Disclosure of Material Connection: I received this book free from Holman Reference, BH Publishing Group in exchange for an online review. I was not required to write a positive review. The opinions I have expressed are my own. I am disclosing this in accordance with the Federal Trade Commission's 16 CFR, Part 255: "Guides Concerning the Use of Endorsements and Testimonials in Advertising."

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