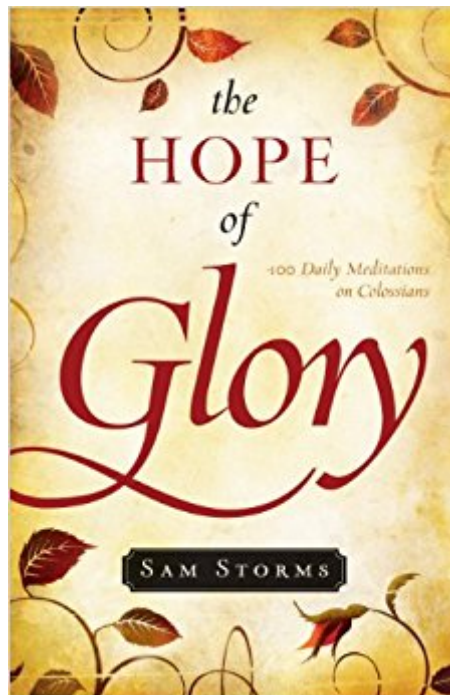




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The Hope Of Glory: 100 Daily Meditations On Colossians



Synopsis

In *The Hope of Glory* author Sam Storms provides an aid to a careful reading of Colossians. Combining stylistic simplicity and theological substance, Storms writes for all Christians who are passionate to know Christ better. The 100 daily meditations can each be read in five to ten minutes so that even the busiest believer can take time to read and digest them. The result is a thorough analysis of the entire book of Colossians, broken down into manageable meditations that encourage, instruct, and uplift.

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"From years of friendship, conversation, shared burdens, mutual intercession, and the same vision of our great God, I trust Sam's biblical faithfulness. He brings a keen eye and a wakened soul to God's Word. The overflow for us is fresh insight and strong feeling. I thank God for Sam Storms. My life is sweeter because of the seasoning he brings." — John Piper, Founder, desiringGod.org; Chancellor, Bethlehem College & Seminary

"Many devotional books lack biblical and theological depth. Storms's work is a striking exception. His meditations on Colossians faithfully communicate the message of the letter so that readers are enriched both biblically and theologically. Moreover, the meaning of Colossians is applied with wisdom and power so that I found myself encouraged, convicted, and challenged. Here is evangelical theology at its best." — Thomas R. Schreiner, James Buchanan Harrison Professor of New Testament Interpretation and Professor of Biblical Theology, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky

Sam Storms (PhD, University of Texas at Dallas) has spent more than four decades in ministry as a pastor, professor, and author. He is currently the senior pastor at Bridgeway Church in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and was previously a visiting associate professor of theology at Wheaton College from 2000 to 2004. He is the founder of Enjoying God Ministries and blogs regularly at SamStorms.com.

A great devotional for those who want to actually think about the meaning of scripture rather than just have some inspirational thoughts. This really is a cross between a verse by verse commentary and what we normally think has think of as a devotional. He walks through every verse of the book of Colossians, but he does it and bite size meditations perfect for someone to start their day thinking deeply about the truth of the Word of God. The title Hope of Glory is drawn from the text of Colossians itself as is most of the book. Storms is not trying to be exceptionally creative but rather simply helping the reader to understand the Scripture. He provides an excellent help to a careful reading of Colossians. It is stylistically simple yet theologically substantial. I regularly read commentaries and enjoy having studied theologians walking me through the text, but often they can get rather technical and sometimes chase rabbit trails, or use unnecessarily large words. This book does get technical at some points and even makes reference to the Greek a couple times, but always in a well explained little chunk and only to make the text even more clear. The 100 daily meditations on the other hand are a breath of fresh air. They can each be read in ten minutes or less so that even the busiest person can take time to read them. The result is a reliable guide to walk you through the entire book of Colossians slowly as you read each of the manageable meditations that encourage and instruct. This is a great resource for anyone wanting to dig into the Word of God. Storms insights are helpful and these meditations on Colossians help us to set our minds on things are above, just as Colossians 3:2 instructs us to do.

I am coming upon my last week preaching a series on the book of Colossians which has spanned 22 weeks. Of the seventeen commentaries I regularly consulted this one by scholar/pastor Samuel Storms was the most helpful for five primary reasons:(1) It's thoroughness. Storms organizes this book by giving 100 exegetical meditations on the entire book. No stone is left unturned. Every single phrase and word is expounded upon - in its context, in light of its theological significance, and its practical ramifications are articulated.(2) It's Christ-centeredness. Colossians is arguably the most blatantly Christo-centric book in the Bible. However, Storms passion for knowing Christ intimately is

highlighted time and again in this book.(3) It's readability. This book is not really a commentary but is written for the average, educated follower of Christ.(4) It's meditative. Storms helps you think about the splendor of God's majesty and deepen your satisfaction in Him through the wondrous work He has achieved for you in the person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ.(5) It's saturated with Scripture. In particular, if you read every single meditation in this book you will have read through the entire book of Colossians 15 times. I believe that Storms has achieved his ultimate goal of writing this book as follows: "I believe that in reading these meditations on the Christ-exalting Word of Paul's epistle to the Colossians, the Holy Spirit will awaken in your heart that Joy in Jesus that Peter can only describe as 'inexpressible and filled with glory' (1 Peter 1:8)." If you were only going to have one book to guide you through understanding, meditating on, and applying the book of Colossians this is the book I would recommend you get - hands down. Thanks so much to Sam Storms for this gift to the Church and for all those who are passionately pursuing an intimate relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.

The living hope of Christ within the true believer is the subject of this 100 day devotional. Although written as a daily reminder of glory to God through the Holy Spirit and the indwelling Christ it can be read in larger chunks. An opportunity to grow in the knowledge and a relationship with Jesus Christ the Savior.

I appreciated the verse by verse approach and the practical application that is woven into each day's meditation. Storm's thoughtful presentation of Colossians answers questions and presents challenges that draws the reader deeper into the Scriptures.

Not your average devotional. Storms goes deep into the meaning of each phrase, verse, etc. There is a healthy dose of doctrine here, not dry academic stuff, but rather the life-giving message of the Gospel. Who is Jesus? What is our identity in Christ, and how does that impact how I live my life day in and day out.? Great stuff!

I truly was encouraged by most of these meditations on the book of Colossians. I was challenged by some of the authors incites and very glad to have read the book.

I'm enjoying this devotional book. Each chapter is short and easy to read. I like that I can read a chapter in about 15 minutes and not get distracted or bored. I had been reading one of those

read-the-Bible-in-a-year devotionals and it was hard for me to stay focused and I would get stressed out if I missed a couple of days. Reading a book with concise chapters that focuses on a part of a verse really makes things easier to understand and helps me to retain more of what I read.

This devotional has been one of my recent favorites. Great length for not only timing but also for covering just enough to really get you thinking but not so much as to pass over the very rich portions. The insights are fantastic and well thought out. Our church did a series based somewhat on the material in the book and while that was extremely helpful itself and well teased out, this book really has been a great way to start my mornings these past few months. Its been about 10 years since I was fortunate to have a class taught by the author but after going through here was a welcome return.

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