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10.30AM



SIN AND SANCTIFICATION IN JOHN OWEN

SINCLAIR FERGUSON ~ ELDER AT ST. PETER'S FREE CHURCH, DUNDEE

John Owen is one of the monumental figures of the seventeenth century. His profound scriptural sensitivity to sin and understanding of sanctification form some of the deepest currents of his work both as a theologian and as a pastor. This paper will explore these complementary and contradictory elements of Christian experience through the lens of Owen's wrestling with the issues.

1.30PM



"ON THE SIDE OF GOD": ANDREW FULLER'S PASTORAL THEOLOGY

JEREMY WALKER ~ PASTOR OF MAIDENBOWER BAPTIST CHURCH, CRAWLEY

Andrew Fuller is recognised as a theologian and for his friendship with and support of William Carey. However, these labours cannot be divorced from his principles and practices as a pastor and a preacher. This was his primary calling. It informed and was expressed in everything else in which he was involved. This paper will draw together some of the convictions recorded, conclusions reached and counsels expressed by Andrew Fuller in the realm of pastoral theology.

3.45PM



THE ATONEMENT AND EVANGELISTIC PREACHING IN JOHN OWEN

DAVID PFEIFFER ~ MINISTER OF CHELTENHAM EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

Apparent tensions between convictions about the definite extent of the atonement joined with commitments to the freeness of the gospel offer are perennial issues in Christ's church. Few men have contended for the former more effectively than John Owen and his works breathe a lively and transparent concern that lost men should trust in the only Saviour of sinners. David Pfeiffer will help us to see these elements of Owen's labour in healthy parallel.

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ERASMUS AND THE GREEK NEW TESTAMENT

PETER HALLIHAN ~ RETIRED FROM PASTORAL MINISTRY; EDITORIAL CONSULTANT FOR TBS

Erasmus of Rotterdam (1469–1536) was the genius sometimes described as the prince of the humanists. Perhaps his most enduring contribution to learning and religion was his edition of the Greek New Testament of 1516, which became the basis of most vernacular translations of the Scriptures for the next three centuries. Peter Hallihan will give us insights into the man and his work, tracing some of his influences and influence.

1.30PM



JONATHAN EDWARDS AND THE RELIGIOUS AFFECTIONS

PAUL HELM ~ FORMERLY PROFESSOR OF THE HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION, KING'S COLLEGE, LONDON

The name of Jonathan Edwards, together with select elements of his theology, have become more prominent in the thinking and practice of Reformed evangelicals in recent years. Ready reference is made to well-known but not always well-understood works such as Edwards' study of the religious affections. Paul Helm will take a fresh look at this book, emphasising its setting and its sources, helping us grasp the substance and application of Edwards' work.

3.45PM



ISAAC WATTS AND THE GIFT OF PRAYER

BENEDICT BIRD ~ THM STUDENT AND GREEK TEACHER AT LONDON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Best known for his hymnody, Isaac Watts was also an influential theologian. He considered prayer to be not only a duty but a precious privilege, and he wrote to assist the saints in learning to pray. He showed that prayer is a gift, but one that can be developed. Prayer is not always high on the agenda in the church of Christ, and not often developed to a high degree when it is. In his *Guide to Prayer*, Watts directs us still to cultivate "this holy skill of conversation with God."

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