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## **Letters to a Young Congregation**

InterVarsity Press

Eugene Peterson instilled the love of the local church in his family, and especially his son, pastor Eric E. Peterson. This collection of letters, written over several years by Eric, offers a poignant, pastoral vision for what the people of God are to be about in their personal lives and their life together. You'll find this wisdom for one local church to be warm, winsome, knowing, understanding, and universally relevant. Eric E. Peterson addresses essential questions such as "What is a church? What should a church be doing? What do we owe each other? What can we expect from one another? How do we follow Christ together?" A pastor in the state of Washington, he wrestled with how to grow his infant church into a mature Christian community. This book was born in the midst of a church coming to life, and is a compelling read for any pastor, church leader, or congregant. Purchase individually or together with *Letters to a Young Pastor*, a book that contains letters written back and forth between Eugene Peterson and his son, Eric E. Peterson.

Holy Bible (NIV) Koinonia House

Sometimes, churches need a little help. These days, some don't know who they are and don't know what they're supposed to be doing. Churches today are trying anything and everything to be effective, but are bewildered by worship styles, spectator syndrome, and consumerism. In the meantime, people are hungry for a relationship with a God who has substance--a God with character and integrity, and a God of grace. And they're having trouble finding such a God in churches today. *Seven Letters to Seven Churches* is written to challenge the church to be what God created us to be and then do what God created us to do: join Him in His mission to save the world.

7 Love Letters from Jesus Moody Publishers

Many feel certain that they are right with God and on their way to heaven, when in fact, they are not! This was the sobering predicament of 5 of the 7 Churches of Jesus Christ as revealed in His letters to them in the Book of Revelation. "God's perspective is often quite different to man's," explains Dr. de Bourg as he presents, with clarity and simplicity, the depth of wisdom, insight, and revelation which is contained in Jesus' seven letters to His Church. These books are a major

eye opener, revealing just how relevant Jesus' letters are for us today. They could well be the very thing that is needed to place us in the perfect will of God, as they provide this present-day Church with the spiritual "rudder," to steer it on the right course. If you truly desire to be right with God and to secure your eternity with Him, in heaven, this seven-part series is definitely for you!

Seven Letters to Seven Churches

Bloomsbury Publishing

Christians have been told again and again that Jesus loves them, yet many have not stepped into the security and intimacy that His love provides. Whether because of poor past relationships or a lack of good examples, many struggle to find intimacy with their Savior. Now, Rebecca Hayford Bauer invites readers to step into the best love story of all. 7 Love Letters from Jesus is an in-depth study of Revelation 2 and 3, a passage of Scripture that paints a metaphorical picture of courtship, engagement and marriage to the Lamb of God. It's also a passage that Christians have sometimes misread or misunderstood--but no longer! Readers will gain a new appreciation for these vivid images for their spiritual life and begin to see how Jesus views each and every person: as worthy of His relentless pursuit.

**Christ's Call to Reform the Church**

Franklin Classics Trade Press

Hailed by Albert Camus as 'the only great spirit of our times', Simone Weil was one of great essayists and activists of the twentieth century. Her writings on the nature of religious faith and spirituality have inspired many subsequent thinkers. Wrestling with the moral dilemmas entailed by commitment to the Catholic Church, Letter to a Priest is a brilliant meditation on the perennial battle between faith and doubt and

resonates today as much as when it was first written. This edition also includes one of her most inspiring and celebrated essays, 'Human Personality', where Weil offers a moving and unorthodox account of the preciousness of human beings.

With a new foreword by Raimond Gaita.

The First Letter to the Corinthians

Createspace Independent Publishing Platform

Your faith is challenged daily. We live in a society that has few absolutes, where "truth" is defined by personal philosophies. It's really not so different from the culture of Corinth during the apostle Paul's ministry. Believers were struggling with the "gray areas" of life, so Paul wrote letters—1 and 2 Corinthians—to remind them of what God intended as black-and-white. In Letters to a Troubled Church, Bible teacher Ray Stedman uses Paul's epistles to guide us through difficult matters.

Letter to a Suffering Church InterVarsity Press

Paul was the most influential figure in the early Christian church. In this epistle, written to the founders of the church in Rome, he sets out some of his ideas on the importance of faith in overcoming mankind's innate sinfulness and in obtaining redemption. With an introduction by Ruth Rendell.

**Letters to a Troubled Church**

HarperChristian + ORM

The Book of Acts covers about 30 years: Chapters 2 and 3 of the Book of Revelation cover the next 2,000. This study will explore the seven letters by Jesus Christ to actual historical churches and the church ages they represent. These letters describe, with amazing precision, the unfolding of all church history in advance. This chronicle fills the gap between the 69th and 70th

Week of Daniel. We will also find many insightful personal applications as we apply each letter to ourselves.

Letters from Jesus Read the Spirit Books  
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*Letter to a Priest* KingsPress

What does God want for His Church? For your church? With the Letters to the Church Study Guide, be challenged and guided to passionately pursue Christ and His magnificent, beautiful vision for His Bride.

*Letters to a Young Pastor* B&H Books

The final book of the Bible, Revelation prophesies the ultimate judgement of mankind in a series of allegorical visions, grisly images and numerological predictions. According to these, empires will fall, the "Beast" will be destroyed and Christ will rule a new Jerusalem. With an introduction by Will Self.

*Letters to the Seven Churches of Asia In their Local Setting* TEACH Services, Inc.

Marriage is great, but it's not forever. It's

until death do us part. Then come eternal rewards or regrets depending on how we spent our lives. In his latest book, Francis Chan joins together with his wife Lisa to address the question many couples wonder at the altar: "How do I have a healthy marriage?" Setting aside typical topics on marriage, Francis and Lisa dive into Scripture to understand what it means to have a relationship that satisfies the deepest parts of our souls. In the same way Crazy Love changed the way we saw our personal relationship with God, *You and Me Forever: Marriage in Light of Eternity* will radically shift the way we see one of the most important relationships in our life. Jesus was right. We have it all backwards. The way to have a great marriage is by not focusing on marriage. Whether you are single, dating or married, *You and Me Forever* will help you discover the adventure that you were made for and learn how to thrive in it. 100% of the net proceeds from this book will support various ministries including those that help provide shelter and rehabilitation for thousands of children and exploited women around the world. For more information, please visit: [youandmeforever.org](http://youandmeforever.org)

*Summary of Letters to the Church* by Francis Chan Inter-Varsity Press

What if Jesus wrote a letter to your church? This eight-session LifeGuide® Bible Study helps us engage with the words of Jesus in the seven letters to the seven churches in Revelation. Studying this Scripture with a group or individually allows us to ask some hard questions—of ourselves, of our leaders, and of the Lord. Jesus is pointedly honest with us. Whether we respond with a yawn or with a renewed pursuit of obedience is up to us. For over three decades LifeGuide Bible Studies have provided solid biblical

content and raised thought-provoking questions—making for a one-of-a-kind Bible study experience for individuals and groups. This series has more than 130 titles on Old and New Testament books, character studies, and topical studies.

*A Letter to My Congregation, Second Edition* NavPress

Respected New Testament scholar Karen Jobes explores the cultural and theological background of Hebrews and the general epistles (James through Jude) in this rich commentary. Writing from an evangelical perspective, Jobes addresses issues of historical relevance as well as how these ancient books connect with Christian faith and practice today. *Letters to the Church* includes:- Historical background for each book focusing on authorship, genre, date, and content-An exploration of the major themes in each book and detailed commentary on key passages-Boxes with chapter goals, outlines, challenges, and significant verses-Sidebars addressing difficult passages or ideas-Maps, photographs, charts, and definitions-Questions for discussion, reflection, and testing-A comparison of the teachings about Christ in each of the lettersPastors, professors, students, and laypeople interested in deeper biblical study will find this an invaluable resource that offers well-researched commentary in an accessible, spiritually meaningful form.

*Letters to a Diminished Church* David C Cook

What must a person believe to be a Christian? In this collection of 16 essays, famed author Dorothy L. Sayers discusses why the church desperately needs to refocus on doctrine, as doctrine impacts all of life. In her dynamic and sharp writings, Dorothy L. Sayers turned

the popular perception of Christianity on its head. She argues that the essence of Christianity is in the character of Christ—energetic, dramatic, and utterly alive. This collection of sixteen brilliant essays reveals Sayers, at her best—a powerful view of Christianity as startling and relevant as it was 50 years ago. An outspoken defender of Christian orthodoxy, Dorothy L. Sayers discusses Christian theology with brilliance and wit. A British scholar, author, and staunch Christian, Sayers brings theology vividly to life by showing how the Bible, history, literature, and modern science fit together to make religion not only possible but necessary in our time. Each essay is a concise, perceptive examination of the topic at hand. The book: Includes sixteen essays on a variety of topics addressing core beliefs, the image of God, the problem of sin and evil, and more Presents age-old doctrines without prettying them up or watering them down Provides insights into the social and spiritual forces that affect the modern-day cultural shift away from Christ Whether you are reading the great works of Western literature, thinking about your place in God's universe, or simply dealing with the thousand-and-one problems of daily living, this powerful book has words of both challenge and comfort for you. "The devil should stand alert, for Sayers is one of his foremost adversaries."

Letters from Jesus Canongate Books

Author, professor (Southeastern Seminary), and Fox op- ed columnist Bruce Riley Ashford writes a series of letters to a young college student who is struggling to make sense of how to be a Christian amid contemporary American politics.

Letters to the Churches Zondervan

*Letters to the Church* by Francis Chan:

Conversation Starters "We've strayed so far from what God calls Church. We all know it. We know that what we're experiencing is radically different from the Church in Scripture," Francis Chan says. Now is the time that God is stirring Church members to become once more the radical and world-changing people they once were. Many of God's people have drifted away. Chan asks Christians to open themselves to what God wants for them to do about the Church. He reminds them that Jesus will return and will be asking them what have they done to care for His Bride. Letters to the Church is written by Chan who also authored the New York Times bestseller, Crazy Love. It is a #1 Amazon bestseller under the Christian Discipleship category. A Brief Look Inside: EVERY GOOD BOOK CONTAINS A WORLD FAR DEEPER than the surface of its pages. The characters and their world come alive, and the characters and its world still live on. Conversation Starters is peppered with questions designed to bring us beneath the surface of the page and invite us into the world that lives on. These questions can be used to.. Create Hours of Conversation: - Promote an atmosphere of discussion for groups - Foster a deeper understanding of the book - Assist in the study of the book, either individually or corporately - Explore unseen realms of the book as never seen before Disclaimer: This book you are about to enjoy is an independent resource meant to supplement the original book. If you have not yet read the original book, we encourage you to before purchasing this unofficial Conversation Starters.

**Letter to the Church at Ephesus, First Love and First Works** David C Cook

Encourage the Church to address the gift

of human sexuality—how to view it, how to deal with it, and how it relates to spirituality A Theology of Gay and Lesbian Inclusion: Love Letters to the Church challenges traditional church teachings that brand homosexuality as immoral, using pertinent scripture from the central Gospel to promote a full acceptance of gay and lesbian Christians. This powerful book questions the assumption that gay Christians are morally inferior, presenting testimony from gay men and lesbians about prejudice they've experienced at the hands of the Church—and its straight members. Written as a series of ten letters, the book addresses the strengths and weaknesses of the church and appeals for a new understanding and commitment to the acceptance of its gay members. From the author: The purpose of this book is to equip you, Christian warrior of the Gospel of peace, to stand against those who use the Bible to resist change—even that change of which our Lord would approve. In one sense, there is nothing revolutionary about this book. It is a book that respects tradition—but only up to a point: that point where tradition has to change, to give way to what the Holy Spirit is showing us in our day of the mind of Christ. And this is not revolutionary, because tradition has had to change before; it is a developing truth, born of the corporate experience of the children of God, and open to our claiming the exercise of our God-given gift of reason. A Theology of Gay and Lesbian Inclusion includes a series of letters that progress from establishing the purpose and credibility of the author, to developing grounding in Scripture and experience, to appealing to the reader to act as an ally of gay and lesbian Christians. The letters include: "Dear Christian Believer," which aims for the

“bull’s-eye” of the reader’s faith “Dear Sexual Being,” which offers a fresh look at a sensitive topic “Dear Confused Church Member,” which discusses what gay people are “really” like “Dear Concerned Church Member,” which discusses what gay people really want “Dear Bible Explorer,” which discusses what the Bible really says “Dear Person Trying to Do the Right Thing,” from “being” to “doing” and much more A Theology of Gay and Lesbian Inclusion provides a friendly and informal Biblical rationale for alternatives to traditional church teachings, encouraging the acceptance of gay and lesbian people as fully moral and fully Christian.

**Letters to the Church** Zondervan Academic

What does the church need to hear today? As many have said, the church must always be reforming. It must continually move closer to a truer, more faithful expression of the gospel. The risen Christ’s powerful letters to the seven churches in Revelation are a guide to just that. Based on John MacArthur’s exposition of these letters, Christ’s Call to Reform the Church is a plea to the modern church to heed these divine warnings, to reform before it succumbs to the kinds of compromise and error that invite God’s judgment. Christ’s Call to Reform the Church admonishes the church today to learn from the mistakes God’s people have made in the past, rather than commit them again. The Word of God has many benefits, one of which is that it reveals our blind spots. That’s what this book does—it shines a light on problems we didn’t know we had. May it be embraced by Christians everywhere, spurring them toward the God-honoring, grace-driven work of

continued reformation.

**Letters to a Future Church** NavPress  
 “In Revelation 2:2, Jesus tells the church in Ephesus something intimate—Google Street View intimate. He says, ‘I know your works’ (Oida ta erga sou). Four words don’t seem like much, but in the Greek, it packs a punch.... Jesus chooses the Greek word oida, which expresses total, comprehensive knowledge. It is intimate knowledge that comes from being up close and personal. This knowledge isn’t hazy on the details. It doesn’t struggle to remember. It preserves the particulars. In the mind’s eye, everything is sharp and clear, like a well-taken photograph.” —Chris Palmer  
 Letters from Jesus: Studies from the Seven Churches of Revelation explores Christ’s warnings to the seven most prominent churches in Asia Minor in the book of Revelation. These letters date back to 95 A.D., but they help us make a fascinating discovery about civilization: life hasn’t changed that much over the last two millennia. Author Chris Palmer illustrates the truths contained in the Letters from Jesus using modern, everyday examples. The host of the popular podcast Greek for the Week, he unpacks Greek words and phrases in these verses from Revelation with humor, joy, and biblical scholarship. Why study Greek, even just a little bit? As Chris explains, looking at the New Testament in the original language in which it was written can offer us some beautiful insights into God’s Word. “It’s like reading the Bible in high definition,” he says. Also, “studying God’s Word in the original language forces us to approach it with reverence and awe, humbling ourselves to obey what it says, whether it’s something we want to hear or not.”