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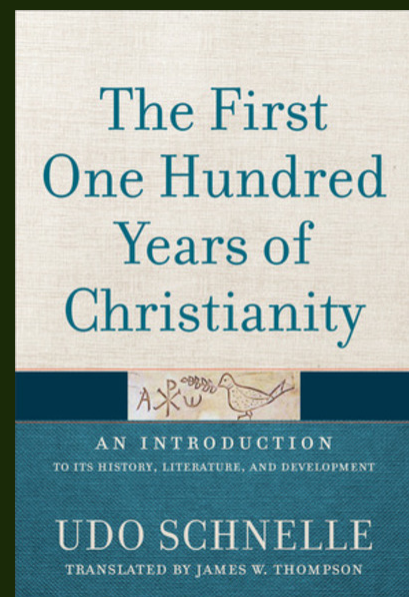
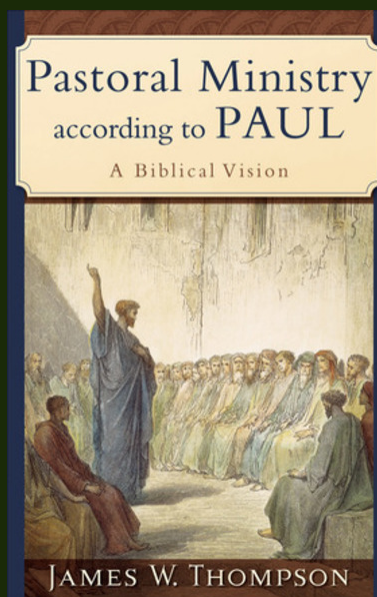
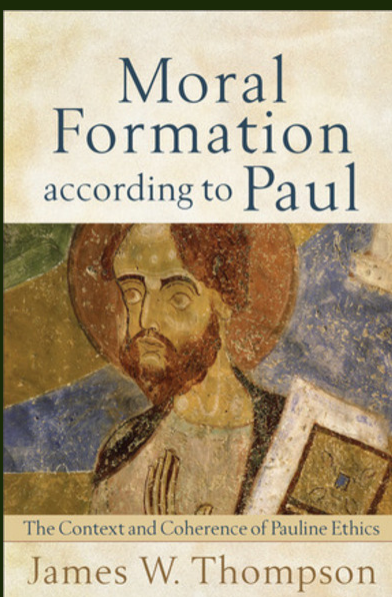
PARTNERSHIPS IN CREATION, JUSTICE, WELLNESS & ECONOMY

Abraham J. Malherbe

Plenary: James W.

Thompson

James W. Thompson is Scholar in Residence and professor of New Testament at Abilene Christian University. Since 1993 he has been the editor of *Restoration Quarterly*. His research focus has been in the philosophical background of the Epistle to the Hebrews and in Pauline theology. He is the author of numerous books, including *The Beginnings of Christian Philosophy: The Letter to the Hebrews*, *Preaching like Paul*, *Pastoral Ministry according to Paul*, *Hebrews: A Commentary*, *Moral Formation according to Paul*, *The Church according to Paul*, and *Apostle of Persuasion* (2020). He is also the translator of Udo Schnelle's *The First Hundred Years of Christianity* (2020).



Director's Comments

It is altogether appropriate that James Thompson will present the seventh annual Abraham J. Malherbe Plenary lecture.

The annual Malherbe plenary honors the academic contributions and legacy of Professor Malherbe (1930 – 2012), the Buckingham Professor Emeritus of New Testament Criticism and Interpretation at Yale Divinity School. Abe was an essential participant in helping root the CSC in principles of faith and scholarship and the Malherbe lecturers honor his legacy through the annual presentation.

This year we have asked James Thompson to address our 2020 theme, “A Livable Planet: Partnerships in Creation, Economy, Wellness and Justice” from the angle of the New Testament, specifically from the vantage of the Apostle Paul. Thompson, a NT scholar of high rank, is perfect fit for this role.

Moreover, Thompson is another Malherbe plenary speaker with close ties to the one for whom the lecture is named. While he did not do his PhD under Malherbe, Thompson was an early student of Malherbe's and maintained a life long personal and professional friendship until his sudden and unexpected passing.

A History of the Malherbe Lectures

2014 **Carl R. Holladay**, Candler School of Theology, “Abraham J. Malherbe: A Case Study in Scholarly Leadership”

2015 **Phillip Jenkins**, Baylor University, “Families, Populations, and the Reshaping of Global Faith”

2016 **Michael Sandel**, Harvard University, “Justice: What's the Right Thing to Do?”

2017 **Gregory E. Sterling**, Yale Divinity School, “Unashamedly Christian, but not Narrowly Christian: The Place of Schools with a Christian Identity in America”

2018 **Cilliers Breytenbach**, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, “Christianity and Philosophy in Athens”

2019 **John T. Fitzgerald**, University of Notre Dame, “Good Kids and Spoiled Brats: Perspectives on the Task of Properly Rearing and Educating Children in the Ancient World and Early Christianity.”

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