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God's Word for Today Series

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"Vintage Stott, with all that that implies. In it, as usual, we find him digesting and deploying a wide range of material with a symmetry matching that of Mozart, a didactic force like that of J. C. Ryle, and a down-to-earth common sense that reminds us of G. K. Chesterton. It is really a pastoral essay, a sermon on paper aimed at changing people . . . an outstandingly good book."

So said J. I. Packer of John Stott's classic *The Contemporary Christian*, which pastor Tim Chester updates and expands into a new five-book series, *God's Word for Today*, fit for a new generation of Christians. It includes the following books:

- *The Gospel*
- *The Disciple*
- *The Bible*
- *The Church*
- *The World*

Asking how Christians can effectively engage today's world while staying true to Scripture, this series calls readers to listen well to both the Word and the world. Stott and Chester show how Christianity can preserve its authentic identity and remain relevant to current realities.

John Stott, who passed away in 2011, was known worldwide as a preacher, evangelist, and communicator of Scripture. For many years he served as rector of All Souls Church in London, where he carried out an effective urban pastoral ministry. A leader among evangelicals in Britain, the United States, and around the world, Stott was a principal framer of the landmark *Lausanne Covenant* (1974).

Stott's many books have sold millions of copies around the world and in dozens of languages. His best-known work, *Basic Christianity*, has sold two million copies and has been translated into more than sixty languages. Other titles include *The Cross of Christ*, *Understanding the Bible*, *The Contemporary Christian*, *Evangelical Truth*, *Issues Facing Christians Today*, *The Incomparable Christ*, *Why I Am a Christian*, and *Through the Bible, Through the Year*, a daily devotional. He has also written eight volumes in *The Bible Speaks Today* series of New Testament expositions.

Whether in the West or in the Majority World, a hallmark of Stott's ministry has been expository preaching that addresses the hearts and minds of contemporary men and women. Stott was honored by *Time* magazine in 2005 as one of the "100 Most Influential People in the World" and was named in the Queen's New Year Honours list as Commander of the Order of the British Empire. In 1969, Stott founded the Langham Trust to fund scholarships for young evangelical leaders from the Majority World. He then founded the Evangelical Literature Trust, which provided books for students, pastors, and

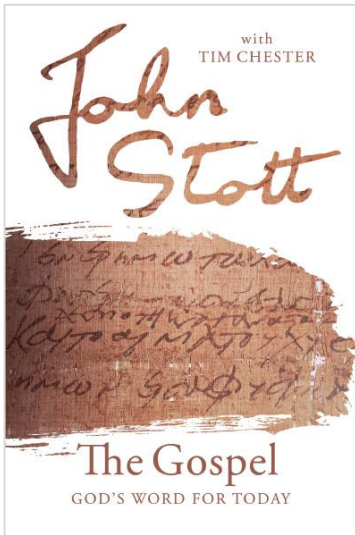


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theological libraries in the Majority World. These two trusts continued as independent charities until 2001, when they were joined as a single charity: the Langham Partnership. Langham's vision continues today to see churches in the Majority World equipped for mission and growing to maturity in Christ through nurturing national movements for biblical preaching, fostering the creation and distribution of evangelical literature, and enhancing evangelical theological education.

"I have long benefited from the work of John Stott because of the way he combines rigorous engagement of the biblical text and careful engagement with the culture of his day," said Trevin Wax. "The God's Word for Today series presents Stott at his very best. This series displays his commitment to biblical authority, his zeal for the mission of the church, and his call to faithful witness in the world. Stott's reflections here are a must-read for church leaders today."

Tim Chester serves as a pastor of Grace Church in Boroughbridge, North Yorkshire, England, and a faculty member with the Acts 29 Oak Hill Academy. He is the author of over thirty books, including *Bible Matters*, *Mission Matters*, and *Closing the Window*.



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