Packer argues that the evangelical view of God’s Word is not a modern innovation but just the view of Christ and his apostles. The book is as relevant today as ever.]

   [A classic treatment of Jesus’ high view of Scripture.]

**B. Reformational Theology**

   [An excellent historical, exegetical, and theological treatment of the doctrine.]

   [A comprehensive biblical defense of a penal substitutionary understanding of the atonement in the face of recent attacks on the doctrine. Highly recommended.]

   [A classic exposition of the Reformed view of the atonement and the *ordo salutis*.]

   [A thorough exegetical defense of the doctrine of justification by faith alone.]

   [An insightful defense of the sufficiency of Scripture; responds to RC objections.]

**C. Providence and Predestination**

   [A classic exposition of the doctrine of providence by a Reformed philosophical theologian.]

   [A four-way debate over the doctrines of providence and foreknowledge between a classical Calvinist (Helm), a fuzzy Calvinist (Ware), a classical Arminian (Olson), and an Open Theist (Sanders). Unlikely to change anyone’s mind, but still useful for understanding the basic differences between the positions and the typical rationales for holding them. Not as exegetical as one might wish.]

   [A four-way debate over the doctrine of providence between a Calvinist (Paul Kjoss Helseth), a Molinist (William Lane Craig), a quasi-Calvinist (Ron Highfield), and an Open Theist (Gregory A. Boyd). Useful for understanding the key differences between the positions represented. Helpful introductory and concluding essays by Jowers.]

   [A practical and encouraging (and deceptively profound) introduction to the theology of prayer by a Reformed scholar, powerfully illustrated from personal experience.]

   [A classic treatment by a Reformed Anglican theologian.]

   [A collection of essays from a broadly Reformed perspective based on talks given at the 2005 Desiring God National Conference. Not sophisticated treatments, but
for the most part theologically sound and pastorally sensitive. The book can be read online at the Desiring God website.

D. The Doctrines of Grace (Calvinism)

   [Various essays targeting “Five-Point Calvinism”—yes, even Total Depravity.]

   [A thorough biblical defense of the doctrine of efficacious grace.]

   [A helpful little study on the love of God and its relation to God’s sovereignty and wrath, from a broadly Calvinist perspective. PDF available online here.]

   [An impressive multi-author defense of the doctrine of definite/limited atonement.]

   [A winsome and articulate defense of Calvinism, pitched at the popular level. Note also the companion volume, *Against Calvinism*, by Roger Olson.]

   [Not so much a defense of Arminianism against Calvinism as an attempt to correct common misconceptions and misrepresentations of classical Arminian theology and to clearly present its disagreements with Calvinism. Probably the best book of its kind.]

   [Olson is one of the most prominent Arminian critics of Calvinism writing today, although I find many of his criticisms to be quite superficial. Note the companion volume, *For Calvinism*, authored by Michael Horton.]

   [A solid and workmanlike defense of unconditional election; rather dry in style.]

   [An influential collection of essays in defense of (versions of) Arminianism.]

    [A defense of Arminianism from historical, systematic, and exegetical perspectives.]

    [A lucid and thorough case for the doctrine of unconditional election.]

    [A responsible case for classical (Wesleyan) Arminianism; stronger philosophically than exegetically.]