



# REFORMATION TRANSLATION FELLOWSHIP (RTF-USA)



“BUT THE WORD OF GOD IS NOT BOUND” 2 TIMOTHY 2:9

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## ANNUAL UPDATE

As we close out 2025, RTF-USA is especially thankful for the the Lord's sustaining hand upon our small ministry. Our donors have been so helpful in helping us to reach our translation goals for the year. Overall we were able to complete 19 books across all of our language groups! This is lower than our 2024 total of 32 books, but many of our efforts this year were larger books that involved more time and labor. Seven new commentaries were added to our library and many new Puritan books were completed. We currently feature 209 different works on our website across seven languages, all with free digital access for use by the church.

We are proud to report that our ministry has been able to continuously provide solid Reformed resources over the past seventy-three years, including an expansion to additional languages in 2022. There are also new languages to consider for further expansion in the coming years.

The RTF-USA Board recently approved our 2026 Budget with the following translation goals totaling \$80,000.00: (\$58,000.00 Chinese, \$8,000.00 Nepali, \$2,000.00 Urdu, \$2,000.00 Japanese, \$10,000.00 Hindi). Overall, our projected work is slightly decreased from 2024 and 2025, though we have the ability to add more books if donations increase. Along with our low overhead expenses, we were able to take advantage of a grant and an estate gift in 2025 to maximize our output. Would you consider supporting our work through your church or presbytery? Would you pray for the success of our work and the labors of our many translators?

Our strongest partners were Reformation Heritage Books, Ligonier Ministries, and Christian Focus Publishing. We are so thankful for their generosity in joining with us in our translation work in seven languages.

## MEDIEVAL CHURCH HISTORY

RTF-USA has completed the second volume of Nick Needham's expansive history of the Christian Church, aptly called *2000 Years of Christ's Power*. Picking up after the Early Church period in Volume One, Needham provides a wonderful guide for understanding the path of the church through an often overlooked period.

“Exploring the hardship, oppression, crusades, and clergy of the Middle Ages (7th to 15th Century), Needham brings to light another side of the Middle Ages where Christ's power shines through. Christ's kingdom continues to be built through key figures such as Anselm of Canterbury, Thomas à Kempis, and John Wycliffe.”

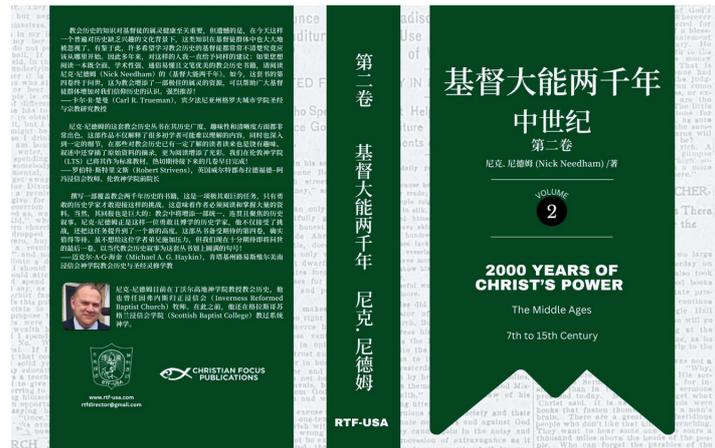
We are particularly excited about the forward progress of this history series, primarily because so few church history resources are available in the Chinese language. In fact, several of our contacts have informed us that they have had great difficulty in finding needed books for study. Our contribution has the potential for a tremendous return among pastors and teachers who take up and read. In addition, Needham's readable style is accessible for any church member to learn more about church history in the Middle Ages. We believe this resource strengthens every part of the church, from family leaders to pastors and teachers with wider spheres of influence.

translated series to teach church history in China. Please pray for these efforts as they are underway and progressing.

As *2000 Years of Christ's Power* helps us to see, church history is actually a beautiful canvas to witness the outworking of Christ's power and glory in the real world. When properly considered, events and dates aren't dry and uninteresting, but instead they are viewed as having a connection to Christ's work in the created world. All Christians need to consider history in relation to the work of Christ, and especially how church history has a special place in that development.

Needham's book series has recently been expanded to five volumes: The Early Church, The Middle Ages, Renaissance and Reformation, The Age of Religious Conflict, and The Age of Enlightenment and Awakening. Each period has brought specific challenges to the church, and each is worthy of study for serious students of church history. Please pray for the students in the current courses using this material, and for good translation progress on the final three volumes.

It's beyond dispute that church history is neglected in most church traditions. History in general is unpopular because it is perceived to be boring or irrelevant. RTF-USA desires to fill in this gap and to provide resources for personal growth and group teaching. We know of one course already using this



The second volume of Needham's *2000 Years of Christ's Power*

**“THE DOUBTING BELIEVER” BY OBADIAH SEDGWICK IS CURRENTLY THE MOST DOWNLOADED BOOK ON THE RTF-USA WEBSITE**

## NEW OPPORTUNITIES

1) New Puritan titles: Through our fruitful partnership with Reformation Heritage Books we anticipate many new Puritan titles over the next few years. The *Puritan Treasures* series is expanding and our translators will be working on simplified Chinese texts.

2) New Church History titles: Needham's *2000 Years of Christ's Power* now includes five volumes, with more translation work ahead for 2026.

3) Japanese Translation: We are blessed to add a new seasoned translator to our Japanese team in 2026. This allows us the ability to add many new titles if we can find the funding for needed translation work in the coming years. The church faces many challenges in Japan, primarily because of secularism and an indifference toward Christianity and

the gospel message of Jesus Christ. There are very few Reformed books, though Reformed churches are scattered and struggling. We have the potential to begin a large library of books if we can find the resources to support the work. Please pray that this opportunity would become more clear to us in the coming months.

4) Nepali Translation: Similar to our Japanese potential, our Nepali team is ready to pursue new books if we can find support to continue the work. The Nepali church desperately needs printed Reformed books, but our resources cannot keep up with need. New churches are expanding without needed theological books for training. Please pray for the safety of our Nepali team and for several new students preparing for ministry.

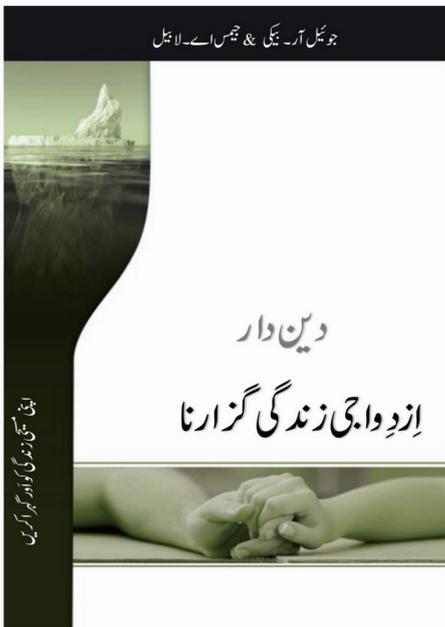
## TWO NEW URDU BOOKS

Our Urdu team has continued to produce new material throughout 2025. The Urdu Center for Reformed Theology (ucrt.org) has partnered with us to complete two new books in recent weeks.

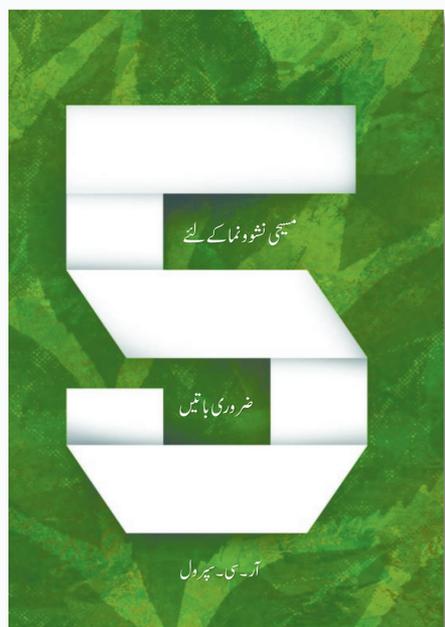
1) *Living in a Godly Marriage* by Joel Beeke was recently completed. "Out of the wealth of material available to us from the seventeenth century, Joel R. Beeke and James A. La Belle have gathered together insights from the past and summarized them in a contemporary form in order to encourage modern day couples to glorify God in marriage."

2) *Five Things Every Christian Needs to Grow* by RC Sproul has also been completed by our Urdu team. "In this series, Dr. R.C. Sproul addresses the spiritual disciplines of prayer, worship, Bible study, service, and stewardship in order to help Christians mature in their faith."

These resources are desperately needed by Christians in Pakistan. According to our partners at UCRT, "The Urdu language is spoken by more than 137 million people around the globe. It is the official language of Pakistan, and also widely spoken in India. There is a great need for biblical theological resources in Urdu for pastors, teachers, lay leaders, church planters and missionaries in both physical and digital formats." These books are essential in building up the defences of the church against false teaching. "Postmodernism, relativism, liberalism, socialism and many ancient and modern heresies are an equal challenge worldwide for the Urdu speaking church." Please consider helping us with this publishing work.



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## PRAYER ITEMS

RTF-USA always desires your prayer for our important work:

1) Please pray for the health of our translators. Several have reported many struggles with ongoing health issues that are keeping them from pursuing more translation work.

2) Please pray for some potential printing projects that might open up in 2026. We have the possibility of printing in Malaysia for an upcoming conference.

3) Please pray for the safety of our translation and distribution teams. As our work has expanded, our partners now extend to many countries with harsh penalties for Christian translation work.

4) Please pray for more ministry partners for the extensive translation work that is needed. Will you help us reach these financial and prayer goals in 2026 and 2027?

## WAYS TO HELP

Please pray for our ministry! Since 1949, RTF-USA has translated the best Reformed literature for the church. We would like to express our sincere gratitude for your many years of faithful support! Because of your help we have been able to expand into many new areas.

Would you like to support our ministry? Or fund a project? Scan the QR code to find more ways to help or to donate to the good work of RTF-USA!



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