



REFORMATION TRANSLATION FELLOWSHIP (RTF-USA)

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



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NEW WEBSITE!

In recent years the website has risen as one of the primary ways to distribute our translated materials. In fact, the website saw 66,319 downloads in the past year! We are blessed to report that our site is still visible in mainland China.

Though currently we are unable to physically publish in China, we rejoice in the fact that all of our resources are digitally available. This has created both noteworthy challenges and blessings for the RTF-USA Board to navigate. More funds have been shifted to translation, which has exposed a shortage of translators to meet the increased demand. Through it all, the website has been a blessing to countless Christians around the world in need of Reformed resources.

Up until the update, the website primarily served as a simple way to house our translated files. The new website is designed more along the lines of a modern library setup, with a variety of menus and new ways to display information for the reader. The user-friendly layout allows the books to be displayed by cover design. This is necessary as our library continues to grow over time.

Though our printed quarterly Newsletter will always have an important place as an off-the-grid way of informing our supporters, the website will also feature a page for the posting of translation updates for the general public. Behind the scenes, we also receive frequent messages from the Contact Page at www.rtf-usa.com. Please visit and leave a comment! We'd love to hear from you!

We express our thanks for the hard work from www.reformationsites.com during this important update.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD

The annual RTF-USA Board meeting has concluded with good fellowship, safe travel, and a full slate of good work completed. The gathering included many weighty matters before the Board that consumed our time.

A significant question before the Board is how to handle the translation of books that have publisher restrictions against printing in mainland China. Since we cannot physically publish these volumes, are we willing to undergo the effort and expense to translate a book that would only be digitally available to our readers?

The 2023 Budget was approved, with thanks to our donors for providing the necessary funds to pursue a healthy slate of books for Chinese, Urdu, and Spanish translations of some fantastic Reformed classics to edify the church.

A growing list of books was approved to pursue over the next few years, with a good mixture of new and old books.

Included are Puritan classics, Bible commentaries, and works that expound on the Westminster Confession and systematic theology.

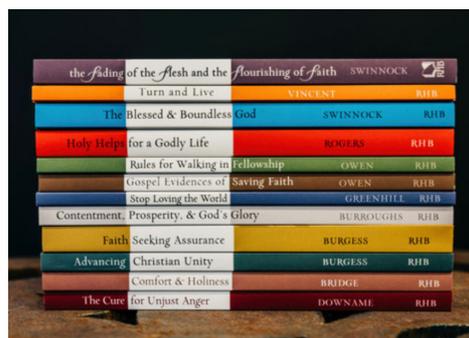
In addition to our pursuit of Chinese and Urdu translation, a few Spanish titles were approved to supply a request for confessional books on the sacraments. Several other languages are under review.



The RTF-USA Board meeting on Oct. 15, 2022

PURITAN TREASURES FOR TODAY

As an ongoing part of our Puritan Project, RTF-USA has contracted to translate twelve titles in the *Puritan Treasures for Today* series at Reformation Heritage Books (RHB). It is our hope that these titles will help to flame an interest in the Puritans and their love for Christ and his Word.



Puritan Treasures for Today from the RHB website

THE TITLES INCLUDE:

- The Blessed and Boundless God* by George Swinnock
- Stop Loving the World* by William Greenhill
- Rules for Walking in Fellowship* by John Owen
- Gospel Evidences of Saving Faith* by John Owen
- The Fading of the Flesh and the Flourishing of Faith* by George Swinnock
- Contentment, Prosperity, and God's Glory* by Jeremiah Burroughs

- Turn and Live* by Nathaniel Vincent
- The Cure for Unjust Anger* by John Downname
- Advancing Christian Unity* by Anthony Burgess
- Comfort and Holiness from Christ's Priestly Work* by William Bridge
- Holy Helps for a Godly Life* by Richard Rogers
- Triumphing Over Sinful Fear* by John Flavel

The great advantage of reading the Puritans is found in their rich knowledge of Scripture, their devotion to Christ, their piety, and their steadfast presentation of orthodox Reformed literature for the benefit of the church. Reading the Puritans vastly increases our knowledge of many timeless doctrinal truths.

Amazingly, these older titles deal with topics that are still major issues in our time: Contentment, fear, anger, unity, and worldliness. These titles also demonstrate how the Puritans were grounded in the real struggles of everyday life. Many of their writings deal specifically with the daily spiritual journey, battling sin, strengthening the family, and walking closer to Christ in our sanctification.

We are thankful for the generosity of RHB (www.heritagebooks.org) in providing these resources for translation!

URDU UPDATE

Worldwide, nearly 70 million people speak Urdu as a first language. In particular, Urdu-speaking Christians in Pakistan and India have few Reformed resources to build up the church and to fill the need for ongoing theological education. Throughout 2021-2022, RTF-USA's partnership with the Urdu Center for Reformed Theology (UCRT) has helped in the production of six volumes.

- Who is Jesus? by RC Sproul
- Can I Know God's Will? by RC Sproul
- What is Faith? by RC Sproul
- Developing a Healthy Prayer Life by James Beeke and Joel Beeke
- The Lord's Day by Joey Pipa
- The Kind of Preaching God Blesses by Steven Lawson

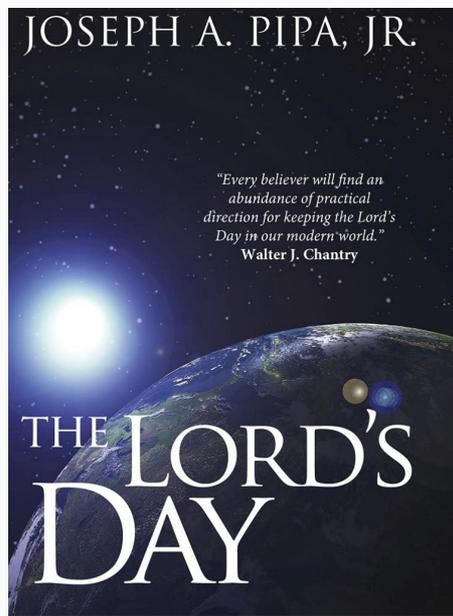


These volumes are targeted to fill the need in sharing the gospel, counseling new Christians, introducing Reformed Theology and piety, and training ministers in the particulars of their duties in shepherding and teaching the people of God. Please pray for this project and the translation team as the Urdu library is expanded in the years ahead.

THE LORD'S DAY

Among the many Reformed doctrines neglected in our day is a biblical understanding of the Lord's Day. This precious day is no longer viewed as a blessing to God's people (Is. 58:13), and few are hearing sound teachings on the Ten Commandments. The problem is especially present in various cultures around the world where the Christian Sabbath finds little to no support, and Sabbath-keeping has fallen into obscurity.

RTF-USA is excited to update our supporters regarding our role in funding an Urdu translation of *The Lord's Day* by Joey Pipa. This work was recently completed by the team at UCRT and is slated for publication in November. The project is particularly exciting because there is no other known Urdu work providing instruction on the Fourth Commandment. This is a first for the Urdu church! UCRT's current plan is to print 3000 copies for distribution to churches in Pakistan and to provide the volume for free download at www.ucrt.org. We'll also feature an Urdu page on our site with links to UCRT's library of Reformed books.



Please consider how you might help RTF-USA to encourage Sabbath-keeping in Urdu, Chinese, and American churches. This valuable work has also been translated into simplified Chinese and it has been published and made available on our website for several years. May the Lord be blessed to further this good work as we provide sound teaching to support the Lord's Day. RTF-USA is thankful for the generosity of Christian Focus Publications in providing this resource for translation (www.christianfocus.com).

NEW VOLUMES

We have a number of volumes currently in progress and many more on the agenda for future translation. Please pray for more translators! We currently do not have enough translators to do the work that is needed.

IN PROGRESS:

- Proverbs by Charles Bridges
- Love to Christ, the Piety of Robert Murray M'Cheyne by Jordan Stone
- What is Biblical Wisdom? by RC Sproul
- The Ruling Elder by Samuel Miller
- 2000 Years of Christ's Power (v. 1) by Nick Needham

UPCOMING:

- Following God Fully, Introduction to the Puritans by Joel Beeke and Michael Reeves
- The Psalms by David Dickson
- Expository Thoughts on John by JC Ryle
- Christ and His Church in the Book of Psalms by Andrew Bonar
- New Crucial Questions booklets by RC Sproul
- New Puritan titles from the Puritan Treasures for Today series at RHB
- Bringing the Gospel to Covenant Children by Joel Beeke

COMMENTARY PROJECT NEWS

One of the longterm goals of RTF-USA is a Chinese translation of a commentary on every book of the Bible. This would be a great treasure to the Chinese church and a blessing for pastors, teachers, and for every Christian who desires a deeper study of the Word of God.

Some may say that commentaries won't be popular to the readers of RTF-USA materials, but can you guess the most commonly downloaded book on our website? A commentary! RC Sproul on Acts was the most downloaded book of 2022. In fact, many of the top 10 were commentaries. Please pray for this project and for the ability to translate these books into other languages as well.

WAYS TO HELP

Please consider how your church, committee, or study group might help to raise funds for RTF-USA translation work. Many might consider how to add RTF-USA to their outreach budgets for 2023 and beyond. How can your group get involved?

Any fund raising projects are greatly appreciated! All of the funds given to RTF-USA are used for translation or related work. What projects can you think of? In what ways can you help RTF-USA meet its translation goals for 2023? Can you commit to praying for us? Can you add us to your church's prayer list? Can you help distribute our literature at your church? We ask all pastors to encourage their members to support the translation of Reformed books into the languages of the underserved churches of the world.

Would you like to receive more copies of *The Newsletter*? Just contact us and they'll be mailed to you. They serve well as bulletin inserts each quarter and this would be a great help to us in getting the news out to as many people as possible.

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