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# NEW

WINESKINS & THE SIMPLE WORDS OF CHRIST

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Have you ever felt you needed a seminary education to understand the Bible? Or been told that a basic command of Jesus like “Love your enemies” didn’t really mean to love your enemies?

In *NEW*, author and pastor Phil Baker reveals how the earliest believers approached the words of Jesus: seriously and simply. The Church grew rapidly during those first three centuries, as they filtered their understanding of everything else by His words. What impact would be felt today if Jesus’ followers again were to take his teachings at face value, allowing them to be the lens by which we view everything else?

Jesus said new wine must be poured into new wineskins. Whether a brand-new Christian or a long-time believer, you no doubt came to faith while wearing an “old wineskin”—presuppositions about Him, His teaching, the Holy Spirit, evil, and the Old Testament. *NEW* will help you shed those old filters that are obscuring your ability to interpret the Bible accurately, and hindering you from understanding and accepting the plain instructions of Jesus Christ.

God wants to adorn us in new wineskins, to receive Him correctly and to live victoriously.

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# What Others are Saying About

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*The prophet Isaiah spoke on behalf of God, “Behold I do a new thing!” I find great joy in watching the Spirit of God move in the lives of a new generation of Christian leaders. Watching Phil Baker grow as a man of God and vibrant leader has given me particular delight. I first met Phil as I taught him in a homiletics class at Houston Baptist University. Later, I saw how God used him as a gifted pastor. Through his writing in this book, I have come to know yet another dimension of his multi-faceted ministry. I commend this book to you wholeheartedly. You will profit greatly by reading it and taking the truth into your soul. In NEW, Phil demonstrates that the Spirit of our God is blowing with a new and fresh wind upon His church.*

**Duane Brooks, PhD**

**Pastor of Tallowood Baptist Church,  
Houston TX**

*Jesus delivered revolutionary teaching by asking great questions. In that same spirit, Phil is asking questions that modern Evangelicalism desperately needs to be asking. The beauty of NEW is that it takes us back to ideas that are very old, to bring biblical perspective to modern theological debates. It is refreshing to dive into the ancient Hebrew and Bible texts and also the writings of the earliest church fathers. Regardless of where you stand theologically, NEW is a helpful experience to process—not only what you believe, but why you believe it. As you dig in, you might find that familiar traditions and beliefs are actually old wineskins in need of bursting. NEW journeys through Phil’s own questions of spirituality and faith, offering a refreshingly honest narrative of pursuing the fullness of Christ.*

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## WINESKINS & THE SIMPLE WORDS OF CHRIST

*Phil Baker's message through his first book, and his literary contribution to the world, is not success which is temporal, money which can distract, or the pursuit of mirages which are counterfeit locals of fulfillment. His message is the mandatory need for God and God alone. To ensure his readers get that truth, Baker shares a transparent pursuit of God as our utmost necessity in life now, and life eternal, illustrated by the many destructive personal lifestyles (wineskins), which prevent us from embracing Him as we could. Join Phil Baker on this pilgrimage to live for what matters most. You'll be glad you did.*

**Mike Satterfield**

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**Arlington TX**

**Founder, Field of Grace Ministries**

*There are certain reminders believers need to hear again and again. One of the most important of these is to continue to check the filters through which we read and interpret Scripture. While this reminder predominates in seminary textbooks, Phil Baker demonstrates to a more popular audience the dangers of reading the Bible through the wrong lenses. Readers will enjoy the captivating topics and passages, and appreciate the pastoral tone in which Baker covers them.*

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# Suggested Interview Questions

For Phil Baker, author of  
*NEW, Wineskins & the Simple Words of Christ*

- What sparked your interest in the Ante-Nicene writings?
- How would you briefly explain the concept of wineskins?
- Please explain three of the main doctrinal differences between the early Church and the contemporary Church.
- What universally agreed upon subject of the Ante-Nicene writings has been the most difficult to accept?
- What was the biggest “Ah ha!” moment you experienced during the writing process?
- Do you have any practical advice on where or how to start effectively challenging our churches to break free from old traditions/worldviews that do not accurately reflect the Bible (apart from telling everybody to read your book)?
- Since you believe the Apostles continued living out Jesus’ ethic of nonviolence, how do you explain the deaths of Ananias and Sapphira in Acts 5 and the blinding of Elymas in Acts 13?
- What do you think are the biggest challenges for the American church today?

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