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EDUCATION

Degree Earned	School	Year
Ph.D.	The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary	2000
M.Div.	Westminster Theological Seminary, CA	1997
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EMPLOYMENT

Date	Position	Place
2008–Present	Professor of NT & Greek Theological Seminary	Southeastern Baptist
2002–2008	Professor of New Testament Theological Seminary	Malaysia Baptist
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1995–1997	Lecturer in New Testament Greek	Cathedral Bible College

PRIMARY PROFESSIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Books (authored)

The Elder and Overseer: One Office in the Early Church. Ph.D. diss., Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, 2000.

The Elder and Overseer: One Office in the Early Church. New York: Peter Lang, 2003.

40 Questions about Elders and Deacons. Grand Rapids: Kregel, 2008.

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Exegetical Gems from the Greek New Testament. Grand Rapids: Baker (forthcoming).

Books (co-authored)

Merkle, Benjamin L. and Alan S. Bandy. *Understanding Prophecy: A Biblical-Theological Approach*. Grand Rapids: Kregel, 2015.

Merkle, Benjamin L., Andreas J. Köstenberger, Robert L. Plummer. *Going Deeper with New Testament Greek: An Intermediate Study of the Grammar, Syntax, and Exegesis of the New Testament*. Nashville: B&H, 2016.

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- 40 Questions about Creation and Evolution* by Kenneth Keathley and Mark Rooker. Grand Rapids: Kregel, 2014.
- 40 Questions about the Historical Jesus* by Marvin Pate. Grand Rapids: Kregel, 2015.
- 40 Questions about Baptism and the Lord's Supper* by John Hammett. Grand Rapids: Kregel 2015.
- 40 Questions about Church Membership and Church Discipline* by Jeremy Kimble. Grand Rapids: Kregel (forthcoming).
- 40 Questions about Salvation* by Matthew Barrett. Grand Rapids: Kregel (forthcoming).
- 40 Questions about Calvinism* by Shawn Wright. Grand Rapids: Kregel (forthcoming).
- 40 Questions about Heaven and Hell* by Alan Gomes. Grand Rapids: Kregel (forthcoming).
- 40 Questions about the Text and Canon of the New Testament* by Daniel Wallace. Grand Rapids: Kregel (forthcoming).
- 40 Questions about Christians and the Environment* by Adam York, Mark Liederbach and Seth Bible. Grand Rapids: Kregel (forthcoming).
- 40 Questions about the Great Commission* by Daniel Akin, Benjamin L. Merkle, and George Robinson. Grand Rapids: Kregel (forthcoming).
- 40 Questions about Spiritual Warfare* by John Gilhooly. Grand Rapids: Kregel (forthcoming).
- Hammett, John S. and Benjamin L. Merkle, eds. *Those Who Must Give an Account: A Study of Church Membership and Church Discipline*. Nashville: B&H, 2012.
- Merkle, Benjamin L. and Thomas R. Schreiner, eds. *Shepherding God's Flock: Leadership in the New Testament and Beyond*. Grand Rapids: Kregel, 2014.

Chapters in Books

- “Ecclesiology in the Pastoral Epistles.” In *Entrusted with the Gospel: Paul's Theology in the Pastoral Epistles*, 173–98. Edited by Andreas J. Köstenberger and Terry L. Wilder. B&H, 2010.

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- “Paul’s Ecclesiology.” In *Paul’s Missionary Methods: In His Time and Ours*, 56–73. Edited by Robert L. Plummer and John Mark Terry. Downers Grove, IL: IVP Academic, 2012.
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- “Ecclesiology & Missions.” In *Missiology: An Introduction*, 2nd ed. Edited by John Mark Terry. Nashville: B&H, 2015.
- “Leadership in Early Church Polity.” In *Biblical Foundations of Leadership*. Grand Rapids: Kregel (forthcoming).
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Articles

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2000 National Conference (Nashville, TN), “Romans 11 and the Future of Ethnic Israel.”

2005 Regional Conference (Louisville, KY), “Paul’s Arguments from Creation in 1 Corinthians 11:8–9 and 1 Timothy 2:13–14: An Apparent Inconsistency Answered.”

2008 National Conference (Providence, RI), “Who Will Be Left Behind? Rethinking the Meaning of Matthew 24:40–41 and Luke 17:34–35.”

2009 National Conference (New Orleans, LA), “Did Jesus Go to Church? evkklhsi,a in Matthew 16:18 and 18:17.”

2010 National Conference (Atlanta, GA), “1 John 5:21 as an Interpretive Key to John’s First Epistle.”

2012 Southeastern Regional Conference (Wake Forest, NC), “Biblical Theology and Prophecy.”

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2013 National Conference (Baltimore, MD), “Hermeneutical Challenges for a Premillennial Interpretation of Revelation 20.”

2015 National Conference (Atlanta, GA), “Wifely Submission or Mutual Submission: Does Paul’s Instruction to Wives and Husbands Begin in Ephesians 5:21 or 5:22?”

2016 National Conference (San Antonio, TX), “Verbal Aspect and Imperatives: Ephesians as a Test Case.”