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Man, Sin, and Salvation

Excerpt from *Man, Sin, and Salvation*, Book 2 in the "Growing in the Word" Series

Man as we know him is a wreck. Look around; you see selfishness, hatred, murder, wars, lying, oppression, thievery, and every conceivable sin and evil—all coming from the human heart. The world of sinful man presents a bleak picture, at best.

But man was not always this way. Once he was perfect, sinless, and godly.

What happened? Sin happened. Man fell—and great was his fall. So great, in fact, that he has stayed fallen ever since. Every person born since Adam (save One) has had a sinful nature. Every child since Adam who reached the age of being able to choose . . . chose sin. Every child of Adam (save One) came under this condemnation: "The soul that sinneth, it shall die."

Death! Eternally dying—in torment, removed from the presence of God, in the place not created for man, but for the devil and his rebel angel followers. Every person is bound for that terrible, eternal destiny. And, with no hope for escape—if it were not for two words, oft repeated in the Scripture:

But God.

"But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). "But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) and hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: that in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus" (Ephesians 2:4-7).

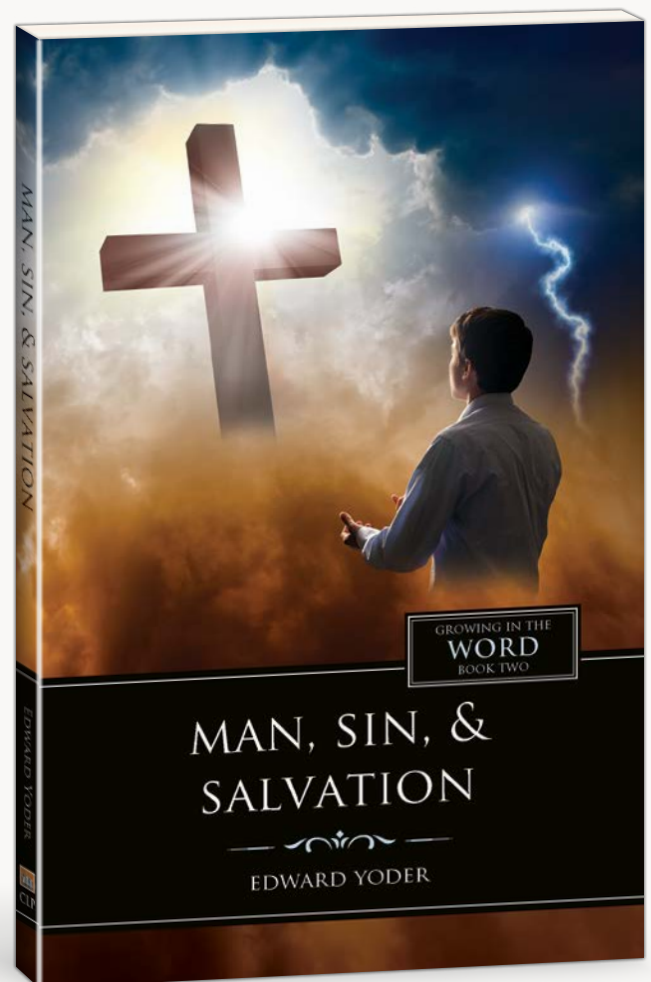
Yes, God the Father was not willing to let men perish, so He worked—amazingly, gloriously, lovingly worked—and through the Lord Jesus

Christ and His Holy Spirit wrought a great salvation for mankind.

As you study these Scriptures, grieve for man's loss because of sin but rejoice in the inexpressible love of God and the glorious past, present, continuing, and future salvation He provided for you.

*Oh, the love that drew salvation's plan!
Oh, the grace that brought it down to man!
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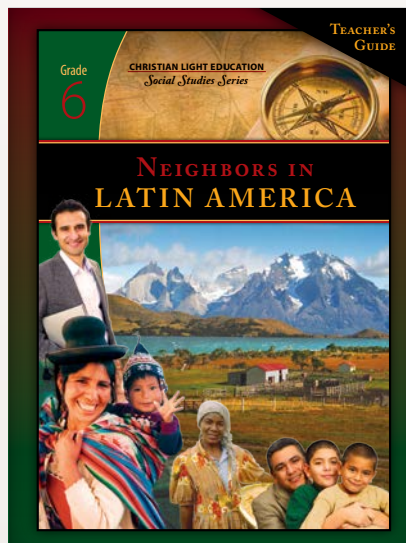
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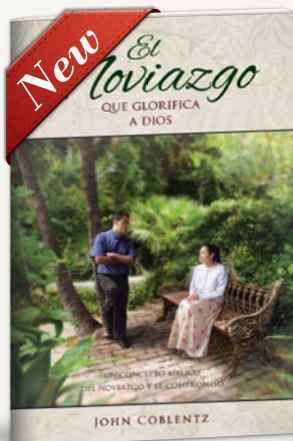
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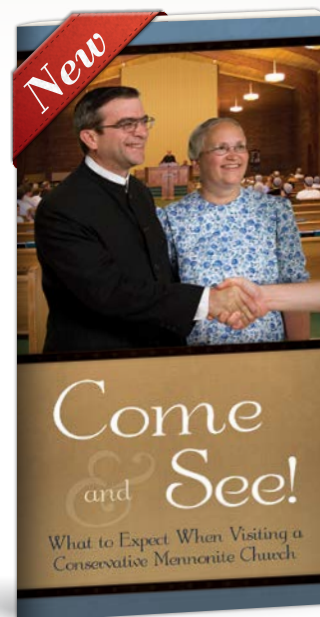
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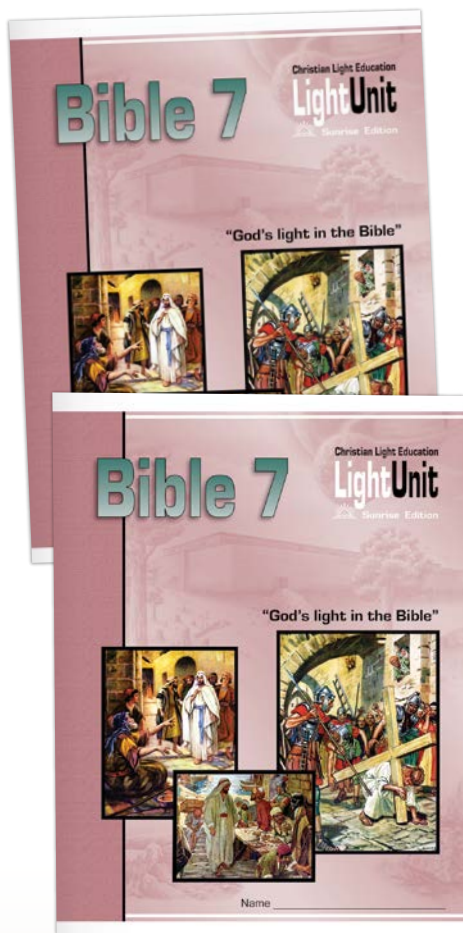
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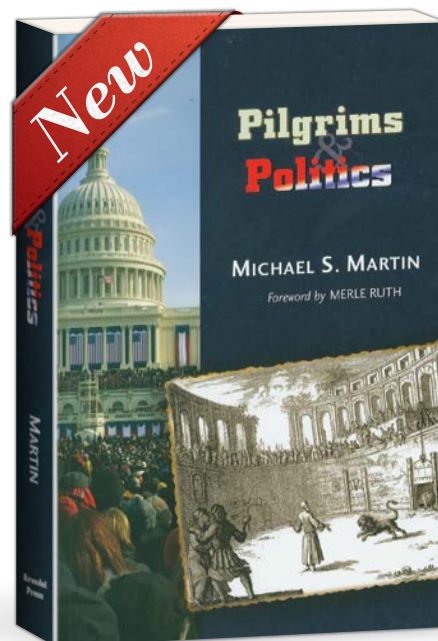
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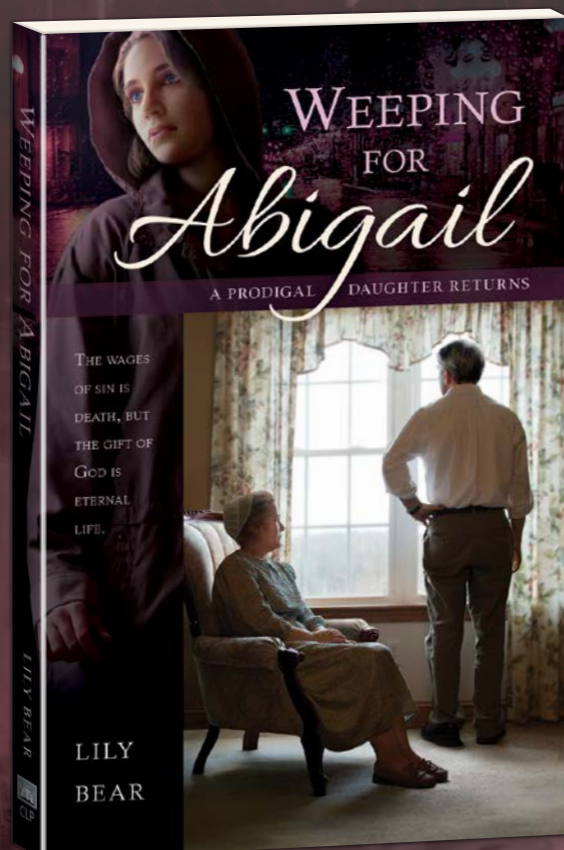
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