

**THE DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF CHRISTIANITY:
REDISCOVERING THE LOVE AT THE HEART OF THE TRUTH**

OVERVIEW AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR ONLINE REVIEWERS

Goals for the Book Project

1. To complete the writing of a book over the next 8-12 months.
2. To write it in collaboration with the spiritual community of which I am a part.
3. To engage interested reviewers both from my spiritual community and from the larger Church in feedback and discussion.
4. To write it in such a way that is both theologically sound and practically applicable.

The focus and process of online feedback

1. I would like the primary focus of feedback to be on:
 - a. What difference does this make?
 - b. What might be the practical applications in a congregation?
2. Process
 - a. I will place a chapter on the website for discussion and send a link to the chapter to all reviewers for download.
 - b. Reviewers read the chapter and respond using the following questions as a guide:
 - i. What do you see as the key points or issues raised?
 - ii. Assuming you agreed with these points or took seriously the issues raised, what impact would this have on your thinking, attitudes, actions about “Church”?
 - iii. Assuming your church agreed with these points or took seriously the issues raised, what impact would this have they way it “does Church” (or “is Church”)?
 - iv. If more Christians and their churches adopted this kind of thinking/being or took seriously the issues raised, what impact would this have on the whole Church?
 - v. Meditation Scripture: What Scripture text would provide an adequate meditation text for this chapter/section?
 - vi. Discussion Questions: What discussion questions would help readers “open up” or “unpack” this chapter/section?
 - vii. Applications: What might be some appropriate suggestions for applying these points or seriously exploring these issues in a congregation?

Process and instructions for online discussions

1. In addition to the in-person discussion groups, I would like to involve reviewers in providing feedback and invite them to engage in online discussion.
 - a. This might be either blog-based or via listserv or both.
 - b. I am investigating this and hope to have the process in place soon.
2. Ground rules for on-line discussion:
 - a. Participation is encouraged.
 - b. Varying opinions are O.K.
 - c. Respect is mandatory.
 - d. Everyone gets “air time.”