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### Textbooks

#### **Living in the Balance of Grace and Faith Paperback**

**– by Andrew Wommack**

**Grace and Faith** are often seen as opposing forces. Many of those who emphasize God's grace believe once we are saved, His blessings, (peace, healing, prosperity) are then distributed sovereignly as He wills. Many of those who emphasize faith believe that what we receive from God is up to us; our willingness to study the Word, pray and fast, attend church, and even pay our tithe all determine God's blessings in our lives.

The real truth lies somewhere in between. Grace and faith are both essential ingredients in our walk with the Lord. However, emphasize either to the exclusion of the other and the imbalance will make it difficult to receive from God. This lack of understanding has led to much confusion, frustration, and disappointment in the Body of Christ.

#### **Pagan Christianity?: Exploring the Roots of Our Church Practices Paperback**

**– by Frank Viola**

Have you ever wondered why we Christians do what we do for church every Sunday morning? Why do we “dress up” for church? Why does the pastor preach a sermon each week? Why do we have pews, steeples, and choirs? This ground-breaking book, now in affordable softcover, makes an unsettling proposal: most of what Christians do in present-day churches is rooted, not in the New Testament, but in pagan culture and rituals developed long after the death of the apostles. Coauthors Frank Viola and George Barna support their thesis with compelling historical evidence and extensive footnotes that document the origins of modern Christian church practices. In the process, the authors uncover the problems that emerge when the church functions more like a business organization than the living organism it was created to be. As you reconsider Christ's revolutionary plan for his church—to be the head of a fully functioning body in which all believers play an active role—you'll be challenged to decide whether you can ever do church the same way again.

#### **Reimagining Church: Pursuing the Dream of Organic Christianity Paperback**

**– by Frank Viola**

Author Frank Viola gives readers language for all they knew was missing in their modern church experience. He believes that many of today's congregations have shifted from God's original intent for the church. As a prominent leader of the house church movement, Frank is at the forefront of a revolution sweeping through the body of Christ. A change that is challenging the spiritual status quo and redefining the very nature of church. A movement inspired by the divine design for authenticity community. A fresh concept rooted in ancient history and in God Himself.

Join Frank as he shares God's original intent for the church, where the body of Christ is an organic, living, breathing organism. A church that is free of convention, formed by spiritual intimacy, and unbound by four walls.

1. WATCH: watch each video and write a 1-page paper with personal reflections for each video.
  - True Discipleship: <https://youtu.be/HZM7tciplCs>
  - Pulpit Transparency: <https://youtu.be/W326g6tM1q0>
  - Focus: <https://youtu.be/JSXyLcbpdY4>
  - Kingdom Model : <https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PL6I-nZKm-u1UzCjNc4Li4EJWd7zHLxTdo>
2. PRECIS: write two papers. The first should discuss the content of the course. Discuss how the authors of the books and videos agree and where they differ specifically addresses strengths and weaknesses. The second paper should discuss your strategic church model from a 5 year perspective. Pages according to degree work per degree for book report requirement:
  - Master: 6 (each)
  - Doctorate: 9 (each)

\*In this course there are some aspects of the books (and possibly videos) that CTS (and you) may not completely agree with ideologically. Part of this class is to review the differences in opinion and formulate your own views conceptually clarifying what to take with you into your strategic vision of personal ministry and what to leave behind. This should come out clearly in your writing.

## Class Summary

The purpose of this class is to learn how to effectively live in harmony or balance. By this point in your educational journey, and life experience, you have likely become glaringly aware of the lopsided positions on “church”, scripture, doctrines, theology and philosophy that have taken many good people off-course or possibly even destroyed their lives, ministries and families. There is likely no person who has ever been seduced into a “cult” who woke up that morning with a desire to get into error and apostasy... No... it was a gradual process that required biblical concepts to be taken to unbalanced extremes.

There is a heavenly designed highway that our Good Father has prepared for all of humanity to travel. The problem is there are “ditches” on both sides of that roadway. The tension and pull towards one ditch of revelation or the other will be a gravitational constant throughout the rest of your ministry and life. Those that are successful over a lifetime have discovered this necessary truth and exercise it regularly. Far too often we find that when a minister gets into error, they tend to overcorrect their ministry vehicle and inadvertently wind up in the other ditch. The ditch on either side of the road will damage and eventually destroy the vehicle... which is why our adversary wants us unbalanced, disharmonized or out of sync. One glaring example is too much faith will make one a legalist in works of the flesh, but too much grace will make one embrace adopting unholiness and an attitude of lethargic emotional brokenness.

In this class we will also be looking at a better more biblically balanced view of “church.” You will glean from servant shepherds who have been in the trenches of ministry for years, church planting, building disciples, and encouraging people to better live for King Jesus in His Kingdom. As Frank Viola puts it so well, our “purpose is to steal your heart for the Lord Jesus Christ and blow your mind to the heavenlies, bringing you into those intangible things of Christ and the deeper things of God.” We believe that you are an intricate part in building a better, and more harmonized, expression of what our Lord Jesus had in His heart when He declared that the gates of Hades will NOT prevail against His ekklesia.