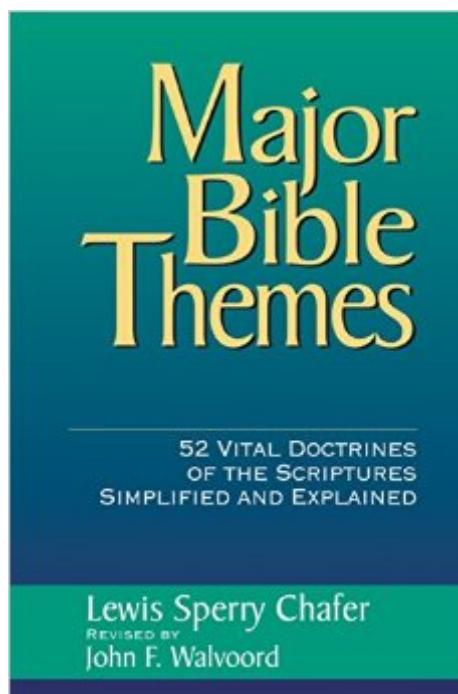


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Lewis Sperry Chafer is one of my all time favorite theologians. Dr. Chafer was a champion of conservative dispensational-premillennial and "Free Grace" theology, and this work is nothing less

than a delightful treatment of many of the major themes in the Bible. For many who do not have the luxury of reading Chafer's eight volume Systematic Theolgy (in which I must confess, I have a long way to go), Major Bible Themes can serve as a helpful substitute. But, because this book represents a systematic theology, I must split a few hairs. Though Dr. Chafer was the original writer who helped me to understand that my assurance of salvation is based solely on Christ's promises, he does confuse the issue a bit in this work. He does not go so far to say, as many Reformed scholars do (in strong disagreement with Calvin who said assurance is of the essence of saving faith), that assurance cannot be had apart from a radically changed life, yet he does say that works do play a small role in assurance. The problem here, is that if works of any kind play any role in assurance, then assurance must necessarily be less than sure. In fact, the closer one walks with the Lord, the worse his life will seem to himself. Only by then comparing ourself to others can assurance be regained (which is clearly a faulty idea, since a Christian's standard of holiness is much higher than anyone we can observe [Matt 5:48]). The inconsistency here is minor but it does put a foot in the door for all kinds of mess. Along the same lines, there are related passages such as Hebrews 6:4-9 where I disagree with Dr. Chafer (see Kem Oberholtzer's articles on the warning passages in Hebrews in *Bibliotheca Sacra* for a view similar to mine), but this is bound to be the case for nearly any author. I commend Dr.

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