

## CURRICULUM VITAE: JAMES WELDON THOMPSON

### 1. *Personal Data*

- a. Born March 18, 1942, Overton, Texas
- b. Married Carolyn Roberts, Sept. 4, 1965
- c. Children: Philip (born 1967) and Eleanor Thompson Bryant (born 1970)

### 2. *Education*

Vanderbilt University 1970-74 (Ph.D.)  
Union Theological Seminary, 1967-70 (B. D.)  
Abilene Christian University, 1960-65 (B. A., M. A.)

Dissertation Topic: "'That Which Abides': Some Metaphysical Assumptions in the Epistle to the Hebrews"

### 3. *Employment Record*

2006-present. Onstead Professor of New Testament, Graduate School of Theology, Abilene Christian University

1998-2006: Associate Dean, Graduate School of Theology, Abilene Christian University

1992-present: Professor of New Testament, Abilene Christian University

1980-92: Biblical Studies Center/Institute for Christian Studies, Austin, Texas;

1985-1992: President, Institute for Christian Studies

1979-80: Director, Institute for the Study of Christian Origins, Tuebingen, Germany

1974-1979: Instructor of Bible, Institute for Christian Studies, Austin, Texas

1967-70: Minister, Queens Church of Christ, New York

1965-67: Assoc. Director, Texas Tech Bible Chair, Lubbock, Texas

### 4. *Memberships*

Board of the Corporation, *Restoration Quarterly* Society of Biblical Literature  
Society of Biblical Literature

### 5. *Offices Held*

Secretary-Treasurer, Society of Biblical Literature, SW Region, 2002-2008

President-elect, Society of Biblical Literature, SW Region, 2009-

### 5. *Courses Taught*

Introduction to Exegesis

New Testament Theology

Advanced Introduction to the New Testament Romans

Epistle to the Hebrews

Preaching from the New Testament

The Pastoral Epistles

6. *Lectureships and Lecture Series*  
Pepperdine Lectures, 2000  
Theme Speaker, ACU Lectures, 1998  
Ministers Renewal Workshop, ACU, 1993  
Harding University, Fall, 1992  
Harding University, fall, 1991  
Ministers Renewal Workshop, ACU, Summer, 1991  
Pepperdine Lectures, Spring, 1991  
W.B. West Lectures, Harding Graduate School, 1989 Inman Lectures, Ohio Valley College, 1989  
Pepperdine Lectures, 1986  
ACU Ministers Renewal Workshop, 1981 and 1982

7. *Editorial Work*

Editor, *Restoration Quarterly* since Feb. 1993-present

Editor (with Abraham Malherbe and Frederick Norris), *The Early Church in its Context*, Fs. Everett Ferguson (Leiden: Brill, 1998)

8. *Publications*

**Books**

Contributing editor, *The Transforming Word*, ed. Mark Hamilton (Abilene, TX: ACU Press, 2009)

*Commentary on Hebrews*. Paideia. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2008

*Pastoral Ministry according to Paul*. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2006

*God's Holy Fire* (with Kenneth Cukrowski and Mark Hamilton). Abilene: ACU Press, 2002

*Preaching Like Paul*. Westminster John Knox Press, 2000

*Equipped for Change*. Abilene: ACU Press, 1997

translator, *Exegetical Dictionary of the New Testament* (ed. H. Balz and G. Schneider) Vols. 1 and 2, 1990, 1992

*The Church in Exile*. ACU Press, 1990

*The Mark of a Christian* Tulsa, 1983

*The Beginnings of Christian Philosophy*. Washington: Catholic Biblical Quarterly Monograph Series, 1982

*Strategy for Survival*. Austin: Sweet Publishing Co., 1980

*Our Life Together*. Austin: Sweet Publishing Co., 1977

*The Letter to the Hebrews*. Austin: Sweet Publishing Co., 1972

*The Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians*. Austin: Sweet Publishing Co., 1972)

## Articles

“Revelation 21:9-27,” *Interpretation* 63 (2009): 62-64

“Interpreting Biblical Texts,” in *Teaching Preaching as a Christian Practice: A New Approach to Homiletical Pedagogy*,” ed. Thomas G. Long and Nora Tubbs Tisdale. Louisville: WJK, 2008

“Ministry, Christian,” *New Interpreter’s Dictionary of the Bible*. Nashville: Abingdon, 2008

“Paul’s Doctrine of the Law and the Stone-Campbell Restoration Movement,” *Restoration Quarterly* 50 (2008): 79-90

“‘Ephapax’: The One and the Many in Hebrews,” *New Testament Studies* 53 (2007): 566-81

“Preaching from Philippians,” *Interpretation* 61 (2007): 298-309

“The Epistle to the Hebrews in the Works of Clement of Alexandria,” in *Transmission and Reception: New Testament Text-Critical and Exegetical Studies*, ed. J. W. Childers and D. C. Parker. Piscataway, NJ: Gorgias Press, 2006

“Reflections on the Last Fifty Years,” *Restoration Quarterly* 46 (2004)

“Creation, Shame and Nature in 1 Cor 11:2-16,” in *Early Christianity and Classical Culture: Comparative Studies in Honor of Abraham J. Malherbe*, ed. John T. Fitzgerald, Thomas H. Olbricht, L. Michael White. NTSMS 110. Leiden: Brill, 2003

“Did Anything Happen? (Hebrews 12:18-29),”: in *Preaching Hebrews*, ed. David Fleer and Dave Bland. Abilene: ACU Press, 2003

“The Formation of an Academic Tradition in Biblical Studies at Abilene Christian University,” *Restoration Quarterly* 45 (2003)

“The Epistle to the Hebrews and the Pauline Legacy.” *Restoration Quarterly* 47 (2005).

“Reading the Letters as Narrative,” in Joel B. Green and Michael Pasquarello III, *Narrative Reading, Narrative Preaching*. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2003

“Narrative Preaching from Romans,” in *Preaching Romans*, ed. Dave Bland and David Fleer. Abilene: ACU Press, 2002

- “Paul’s Argument from Pathos in 2 Corinthians,” *Paul and Pathos*, ed. Thomas Olbricht and Jerry Sumney (SBL Symposium Series. Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2001)
- “The Holy Spirit in the Churches of Christ,” *Leaven* 8/3 (2000)
- “Reading Romans Today,” *Leaven* 8/4 (2000)
- “The Background and Function of the Beatitudes in Matthew and Luke,” *Restoration Quarterly* 41 (1999)
- “‘All Things to All Men’: Paul’s Motto for Missions?” *Leaven* 7/1 (1999)
- “What is Freedom?” *Leaven* 6 (1998): 142.
- “The Appropriate, the Necessary, and the Impossible: Faith and Reason in Hebrews,” in *The Early Church in Its Context*, Fs. Everett Ferguson (Leiden: Brill, 1998)
- “The Hermeneutics of the Epistle to the Hebrews,” *Restoration Quarterly* 38 (1996)
- “Meeting the Challenge of Public Education: Lessons from the Past,” *Leaven* 4/3 (1996)
- “Speaking Our Dialect.” *Image* 11 (1995): 30
- “The Rhetoric of 1 Peter,” *Restoration Quarterly* 36 (1994)
- “Authority and Leadership in the New Testament,” *Leaven* 2 (1992)
- “What Every Christian Should Know: Tradition in the Early Church,” *Christian Studies* 11 (1991)
- “Hermeneutics Then and Now,” *Christian Studies* 11 (1990)
- “Ministry in the New Testament,” *Restoration Quarterly* 27 (1984)
- “New Testament Studies in the Restoration Movement,” *Restoration Quarterly* 25 (1982)
- “The Odyssey of a Disciple,” *Restoration Quarterly* 23 (1980)
- “The Ethics of Jesus and the Early Church,” in *Christian Social Ethics*, ed. Perry Cotham (Grand Rapids: Baker, 1979)
- “Hebrews 9 and Hellenistic Concepts of Sacrifice,” *Journal of Biblical Literature* 98 (1979)
- “‘Outside the Camp’: A Study of Hebrews 13:9-14,” *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 40 (1978)

“The Conceptual Background and Purpose of the Midrash in Hebrews VII,” *Novum Testamentum* XIX (1977)

“The Structure and Purpose of the Catena in Hebrews 1:5- 13,” *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 38 (1976)

“‘That Which Cannot be Shaken’: Some Metaphysical Assumptions in Hebrews 12:27,” *Journal of Biblical Literature* 94 (1975)

“The Underlying Unity of Hebrews,” *Restoration Quarterly* 18 (1975)

“On Whose Terms: The Offense of the Gospel,” *Mission* (1976)

“The Gentile Mission as an Eschatological Necessity,” *Restoration Quarterly* (1970)

“Recent Studies on the Basileia,” *Restoration Quarterly* (1969)

“‘Be Submissive to Your Masters’: An Exegesis of 1 Peter 2: 18-25,” *Restoration Quarterly* (1966)

#### Lectures

“*There is no Condemnation*,” ACU Summit, Sept. 23, 2008

Thompson, James W. "New Testament Studies and the Restoration Movement." In *Christian Scholars Conference*, 1, 166, 1981.

"Ministry in the New Testament." In *Christian Scholars Conference*, 2, 197, 1982.

"From Text to Theology to Sermon." In *Christian Scholars Conference*, 4, 1984.

“Introduction to Hebrews,” Harding University Lectures, 1985.

“Renewal for a Weary Church (1-3),” Pepperdine University Lectures, 1985.

"Community, Ethics...Faith on Campus." In *Christian Scholars Conference*, 8, 1988.

“Church in Exile (God's Counter-Culture...) (1-3). Cassette. Pepperdine University Lectures, 1991.

"Faith of Our Fathers: Genesis in the Epistle to the Hebrews." In *Harding University Lectures*, 68, 320, 1991.

"Models for Imitation: Genesis in the Epistle to the Hebrews." In *Harding University Lectures*, 68, 311, 1991.

*“Exposition of Letters to the Seven Churches (Will the Church Survive?,”* Harding University Lectures, 1992.

*“Equipping the Church for the Future (1-3).”* Pepperdine University Lectures, 1994.

*“Ethics and Christian Life in Acts,”* Abilene Christian University Lectures, 1994.

*“Planting a Church (I Thessalonians 1,”* Abilene Christian University Lectures, 1994.

*“Shaping a Church (I Thessalonians 2-3),”* Abilene Christian University Lectures, 1994.

*“Speaking Our Dialect,”* Pepperdine University Lectures, 1994.

*“Sustaining a Church (I Thessalonians 4-5).”* Abilene Christian University Lectures, 1994.

"Holy Spirit in the Churches of Christ." In *Christian Scholars Conference*, 16, 1996.

*“Keeping the Faith: Studies in the Pastoral Epistles.”* Abilene Christian University Lectures, 1996.

*“Passing Judgement upon Evil Doers.”* Oklahoma Christian University Lectures, 1996.

*“The Sermon on the Mount 1-3.”* Abilene Christian University Lectures, 1998.

*“What is Freedom? (Galatians 4:1-7).”* Abilene Christian University Lectures, 1998.

*“Glorifying God with One Voice (I-III).”* Pepperdine University Lectures, 2000.

*“Preaching like Paul (1-2).”* Cassette. Pepperdine University Lectures, 2001.

*“Living and Active: The Ancient Book for Postmodern Times.”* Abilene Christian University Lectures, 2002.

*‘Now the Overseer must be...the Husband of but One Wife’ (1 Timothy 3:2)’.Pepperdine University Lectures, 2004.*

*“Paul and Spiritual Formation (Romans 7) (Pts. 1-2): Is Paul a Guide for Pastoral Care? Meeting the Challenges of Transformation.”* Abilene Christian University Lectures, 2004.

*“That I Might Win Some”’.Pepperding University Lectures, 2004.*