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## Upsetting the Status Quo

*Popular Blogger Shows How to Share Christ More Effectively Using a Whole-Bible View of the Gospel*

**GRAND RAPIDS, MI** – The first Christians didn't have any power base whatsoever. They didn't control the local media. They had no big name celebrities. They didn't have massive popular numbers. They didn't have PR firms shining their image. They didn't have lines of clothing, entertainment, nor holy hardware. They didn't control any institutions—religious, educational, or political. They didn't have money, equipment, or rapid-transport vehicles. They couldn't even Twitter! Yet they created something like blind panic virtually everywhere they went. *How did they do it?* What's more: *Why can't today's Christians have the same impact?*

First-century Christians were more effective because they preached scripturally, thoroughly . . . *and upsettingly*. The first generation of Christians turned the world upside down. But the church today is being turned upside down by the world.

Why? Early church leaders preached from the Word of God. Modern evangelical pastors, too often, don't. Early followers believed the Word of God *as* the Word of God. Modern evangelicals, too often, don't. Converts to Christ had a biblical worldview that explained the need for and nature of the Gospel. Modern evangelicals, too often, don't. Christians in church fellowships made the instant and necessary connection between believing and obeying. Modern evangelicals, too often, don't.

Today's Christians spin marketable stories of salvation that make people leap for an experience, but fall short of truth. New believers may feel inspired at first but have no idea who they really are, who God is, what His plan is, or what difference the Gospel makes in their everyday lives. This has to change.

In his debut book, *The World-Tilting Gospel*, popular blogger Dan Phillips (Pyromaniacs) goes back to the beginning to show that a whole-Bible approach to the Gospel is the only effective way to win others for Christ. Starting in Genesis 1:1, Phillips lays out the biblical basis for

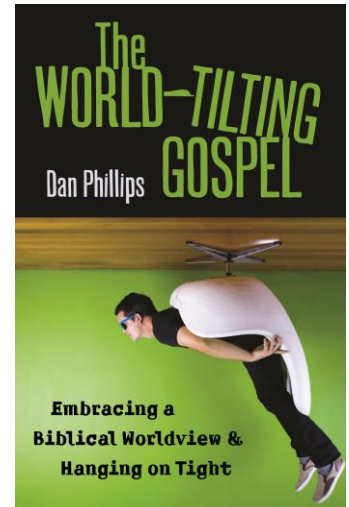
**Who We Are:** What happened in the Garden and how did it shape our relationship with God?

**What God Has Done for Us:** How will God's rescue operation be executed?

**How We Get In:** How does God deal with our bad record and our bad nature?

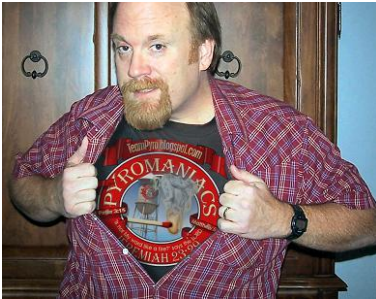
**How We Get Going:** How do we upend the status quo and turn the world upside-down again?

That Gospel (not programs nor tricks nor gimmicks) is what will still turn the world upside down, as surely as it did in the first century. After decades of studying the Bible's Hebrew and Greek texts, Dan Phillips offers an easy-to-understand, conversational, and engaging challenge to embrace a biblical worldview—and hang on tight.



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**Dan Phillips** (M.Div., Talbot Theological Seminary) has served as pastor in four churches and has taught seminary and college classes in New Testament studies, Hebrew, and Old Testament theology. He has preached and presented seminars on Proverbs and the Sovereignty of God, written biblical newspaper columns and tracts, and hosted a radio talk show. With an ongoing conference and pulpit ministry, Dan is most broadly known for his writing on the Pyromaniacs blog, with Phil Johnson and Frank Turk (<http://teampyro.blogspot.com>), and at his own blog, Biblical Christianity (<http://bibchr.blogspot.com>). Dan lives in Sacramento with his amazing wife, Valerie. They have four children and around six cats.

### What People are Saying about *The World-Tilting Gospel*:

“Pithy, pointed, perceptively biblical. Dan Phillips unpacks the gospel’s practical implications in this wonderfully readable and supremely helpful handbook.”—**John MacArthur**, Bestselling author; Grace to You Ministries

“Pick this book up, flip to any page and start reading. You won’t want to put it down.”—**Robert L. Plummer**, PhD, Associate Professor of New Testament Interpretation, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, author of *40 Questions About Interpreting the Bible*

“Dan Phillips has produced a work that is part Gospel tract, part systematic theology, and part blog-post. We believe this book has potential to be very helpful for those in need of the Gospel’s bigger picture and who prefer a 21st century mode of presentation.”—**Brian and Janet Rickett**, The Bible Church of Beebe and The Baptist Missionary Association Theological Seminary

“Who would have thought that tilting the world would set it right? The gospel turns us rightside up, and this book uses sound teaching to cure worldly vertigo.”—**James M. Hamilton Jr**, Associate Professor of Biblical Theology at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky

“This book is a great tonic for the postmodern tendencies that poison so many young minds today.”—**Phil Johnson**, Executive Director of Grace to You Ministries and cofounder of the *Pyromaniacs* blog

“Dan Phillips is both easy and edifying to read... This book hits on all cylinders. I will use it in discipleship in my own congregation and recommend it widely.” —**Ligon Duncan**, President of the Alliance of Confessing Evangelicals and Senior Minister at First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, Mississippi

### Suggested Interview Questions for Dan Phillips:

- Explain the title of your book, *The World-Tilting Gospel*.
- Why were the first-generation Christians more effective in sharing Christ than today’s Christians are?
- What do today’s Christians need to do to be as *unsettling* as first-generation Christians?
- Why is understanding a whole-Bible view of the Gospel so important for new Christians?
- What advice can you give to Christians for standing firm in a tilting world?
- How has your work with the Pyromaniacs blog and Biblical Christianity blog influenced the writing of this book?

To request additional review copies or to schedule Dan Phillips for an interview, please email [publicity@kregel.com](mailto:publicity@kregel.com).

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