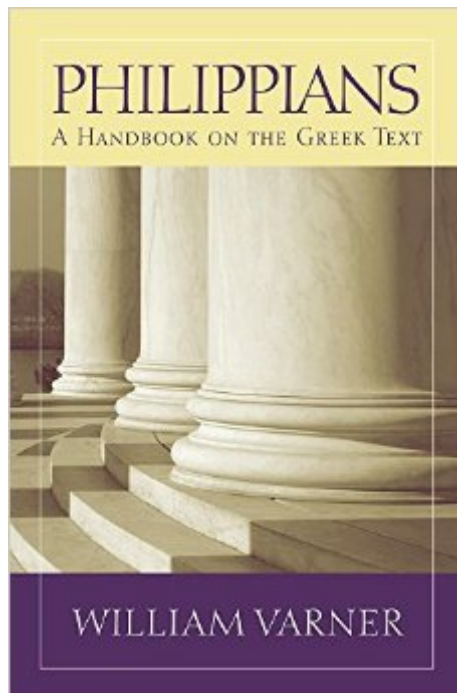


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The Baylor Handbook on the Greek New Testament (BHGNT), edited by Lidija Novakovic, is now in its fourteenth book in the series with the recent addition of Philippians by William Varner. The BHGNT series is designed to guide new readers and seasoned scholars alike through the intricacies of the Greek text. (v) The rationale for this series is to fill the often neglected focus of traditional exegetical commentaries when it comes to the mechanics, intricacies, and grammatical challenges the Greek text can often present. While there are established rules for Greek grammar (though allowing for various schools of thought on certain issues), readers will be

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