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**New Book, *God's Desire for the Nations: The Missionary Theology of John Piper***

Philip O. Hopkins has contracted with [Energion Publications](http://www.energionpubs.com) to publish his new book, *God's Desire for the Nations: The Missionary Theology of John Piper*. Hopkins looks at John Piper's background and thoroughly examines his written works to provide a clear and thorough discussion of Piper's missiology and its foundation.

John Piper is known for his support of missions. Many of his books devote sections to the advancement of missions, and almost all of his works have missions implications. Piper's understanding of missions is based on his understanding of God's glory, which flows from God's righteousness. He sees Calvinistic theology as amplifying the themes of God's glory and righteousness. Piper believes God glorifies himself in missions through individual, unconditional election. Piper states the "essential nature" of God is "to dispense mercy . . . on whomever he pleases, apart from any constraint originating outside his own will." Piper also believes that God glorifies himself in missions through universal love. He states that God's "righteousness demands that He be a God of love ... love is at the very heart of God's being."

*God's Desire for the Nations: The Missionary Theology of John Piper* will be released December 7, 2010.

**Philip O. Hopkins** holds a Ph.D. in Applied Theology from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, North Carolina. He is President and Managing Director of Academics in Culture and Tourism (ACT), an academic exchange company that seeks to bridge cultures from the western and non-western worlds. Additionally, he teaches online at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has spoken at several conferences dealing with Central Asian peoples, and published pieces for Brill and Broadman and Holman (upcoming). This book is derived from his dissertation. Hopkins, along with his wife, lives in Central Asia.

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**About Energion Publications:**

[Energion Publications](http://www.energionpubs.com) is located in Gonzalez, FL near Pensacola. *God's Desire for the Nations: The Missionary Theology of John Piper* will be the 37<sup>th</sup> entry in their growing and diverse catalog.

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