

***Charity and Its Fruits: Living in the Light of God's Love* - Jonathan Edwards edited by Kyle Strobel**

Charity and Its Fruits is a book that consists of fifteen sermons that Edwards preached on 1 Corinthians 13 in 1738. Sermon titles (i.e. chapters) include: "Love more excellent than extraordinary gifts of the spirit," "A Christian spirit is a humble spirit," "Charity contrary to a selfish spirit," and "Heaven is a world of love." Editor Kyle Strobel considers this sermon series to be the best place to begin reading Edwards and has included helpful outlines and summaries in an attempt to make Edwards more accessible. As expected with Edwards, it is dense and deeply theological, but it is also very pastoral. Strobel suggests, "reading this volume in a truly devotional manner. It would be much more fruitful to ponder the text prayerfully than to rush through it. Edwards will, without question, cause you to shift uncomfortably in your chair. Rather than moving on to escape your discomfort, turn to prayer. The matters Edwards explores are, I suggest, the very areas God may want to expose in you. Allow Edwards to reveal the reality of your heart, but don't stop with self-knowledge alone. Use these opportunities to rest in the grace of God and avail yourself of the power of his love alone to remedy the death that resides within you."