

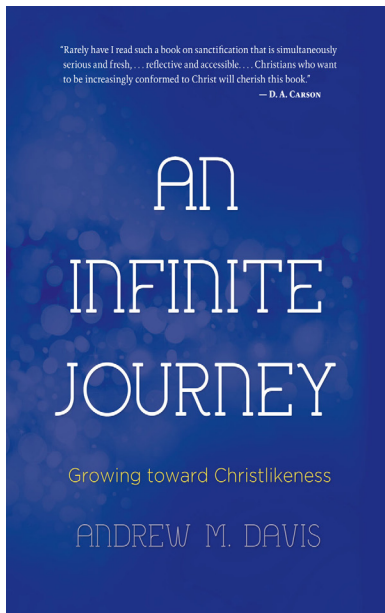


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NEW BOOK GIVES PATHWAY TO CHRISTIAN MATURITY DR. ANDREW DAVIS GUIDES READERS THROUGH RADICAL TRANSFORMATION



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For immediate release: Every Christian embarks on two journeys: The external journey of sharing Christ with the world and the internal journey of personal salvation from sanctification into glorification. In his new book *An Infinite Journey: Growing Toward Christlikeness*, (Ambassador International; January 2014; \$19.99, paperback) Dr. Andrew Davis provides a road map for the internal journey, laying out how we are to grow in four major areas: knowledge, faith, character and action. “The modern evangelical movement has been far more concerned about evangelism than about discipleship,” writes Davis. “It should be unsettling when there is so little spiritual maturity, so little sacrifice for Christ, so little hunger and thirst for righteousness, so little suffering for his glory.”

Packed with informative illustrations and relevant scripture, *An Infinite Journey* takes readers through an in depth look at what kind of people we should be, as described in scripture. Dr. Davis explains the radical transformation that happens through sanctification in five specific areas of character:

1. Affection: What you love and what you hate
2. Desire: What you seek
3. Will: What you choose and what you reject
4. Thought: What you think
5. Emotion: What you feel

Dr. Davis says it shouldn't be surprising that the church is suffering from such “profound spiritual immaturity.” He believes the church needs focus on both infinite journeys-- internal and external-- by reclaiming the Bible and focusing on the power of the Holy Spirit. “It is impossible for the Church to make progress externally to the ends of the earth if there are no Christians mature enough to pay the price to go as missionaries and martyrs,” he says. “And it is impossible to make genuine progress in sanctification if the people only read good Christian books and stay in classrooms, but refuse to get out in the world as witnesses.”

About the Author: Dr. Andrew Davis has been Senior Pastor of First Baptist Church (FBC), Durham, NC, since 1998. He came to faith in Christ his junior year in college. In 1984, he graduated with a BSME from MIT, and worked for ten years as a mechanical engineer. Davis received his Master of Divinity degree from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in 1990 and his PhD in Church History from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1998.

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Suggested Interview Questions for the Author:

1. What led you to write *An Infinite Journey*?
2. How does *An Infinite Journey* provide a pathway to Christian maturity? p. 81
3. How is faith often wrongly emphasized? p. 130
4. You describe faith as a two-sided coin with a sweet, attractive side and a fearful, negative side. How do these sides develop as we mature as Christians? p. 154
5. God desires purity in the human heart, but our hearts are naturally wicked. So how can we make radical changes in our own hearts? p. 199
6. How are knowledge and wisdom connected in scripture? p. 247
7. Many people think that we cannot control our emotions. How does the Bible reveal the opposite? p. 253
8. You write that the mature Christian life involves an increasingly healthy display of many emotions. Why do you choose to focus on joy, sorrow, compassion, fear and zeal? p. 260
9. When we find ourselves in a pattern of wrong emotions, how can we rectify the situation? p. 261
10. How does habitual obedience erase our sinful nature? p. 276
11. How do we present our bodies to God as instruments of righteousness? p. 300
12. What does it mean when you say a mature Christian deal with sin both vertically and horizontally? p. 325
13. You say there are two disciplines that a mature Christian will not let a day go by without accomplishing. What are those two activities? p. 345
14. What is the three-fold prayer you pray every day regarding evangelism? p. 381
15. Most of us think of stewardship as how we handle money and material possessions. What else does stewardship encompass? p. 394

Endorsements/Reviews:

“Rarely have I read a book on sanctification that is simultaneously serious and fresh, at once reflective and accessible. Andy Davis combines analytical astuteness with pastoral passion. Those who think of themselves as Christians but who have no desire to grow in holiness need this book; Christians who want to be increasingly conformed to Christ will cherish this book.”

Dr. D. A. Carson

Research Professor of New Testament
Trinity Evangelical Divinity School

“We can be grateful to Andy Davis for writing a much needed book on sanctification. The book is biblically grounded but also pastorally warm and wise. Readers who desire to grow in Christ or who long to teach others about spiritual maturity will find this book to be an invaluable resource.”

Dr. Thomas R. Schreiner

James Buchanan Harrison

Professor of New Testament Interpretation and Associate Dean of Scripture and Interpretation
The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

“*An Infinite Journey* is a labor of love from the heart of a faithful pastor who dearly loves his people. It is a marvelous treatment of the doctrine of sanctification and a call to grow in Christlikeness. It is biblically grounded, theologically rich, and practical in application. It felt like I was reading a modern Puritan. Do not be hesitant to delve into this treasure because of its size. The precious nuggets of truth that leap from its pages will make the investment a wise one indeed.”

Dr. Daniel L. Akin

President Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary

“I love Andy Davis’ extraordinary mind. I love the breadth of his reading. Most of all, I love his terrific understanding of the Christian life and his grasp of the gospel. He is a faithful brother, and this book is a gift to the church.”

Dr. J.D. Greear

Lead Pastor of The Summit Church and author of *Stop Asking Jesus Into Your Heart* and *Gospel: Recovering the Power that Made Christianity Revolutionary*

“Besides the Bible, it would be difficult to find any other single resource with more biblically sound, theologically rich, pastorally helpful, and practical insight about Christian growth than this book. Moreover, it’s not just a book about progress in Christlikeness, for I know Andy Davis and I can affirm that there’s a life of growth in grace behind the book. I recommend it to anyone on the Infinite Journey.”

Dr. Don Whitney

Associate Professor of Biblical Spirituality
Senior Associate Dean for the School of Theology
The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

“Now this is a good book. A really good book. It is exactly the kind of book a reviewer loves to discover: A title from a minor publisher that arrives with little fanfare and completely blows him away. And that is what I found in *An Infinite Journey: Growing Toward Christlikeness* by Andrew Davis.”

Tim Challies

Pastor at Grace Fellowship Church and author of *The Next Story: Life After the Digital Explosion*

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