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Piper is the founder and senior teacher of desiringGod.org, named for his book *Desiring God: Meditations of a Christian Hedonist* (1986), and has written a number of award-winning books, including ECPA Christian Book Award winners *Spectacular Sins*, *What Jesus Demands from the World*, *Pierced by the Word*, and *God's Passion for His Glory*, as well as bestsellers *Don't Waste Your Life* and *The Passion of Jesus Christ*.

☞ "The task of all Christian scholarship—not just biblical studies—is to study reality as a manifestation of God's glory, to speak and write about it with accuracy, and to savor the beauty of God in it. It is a massive abdication of scholarship that so many Christians do academic work with so little reference to God."

(John Piper, *The Pleasures of God*, p. 298)

THEOLOGY

Seven-point Calvinist,¹ Credo-Baptist, Historic Premillennialist, Leans to Covenant Theology, not dispensationalism

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH²

"The ministry of preaching is the central labor of my life. My prayer is that through that ministry and everything else I do the great glory of our God and Savior Jesus Christ would be magnified as more and more people come to live out the obedience of faith more and more deeply." — John Piper.

¹ <https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/what-does-piper-mean-when-he-says-hes-a-seven-point-calvinist>

² This Biographical Sketch was first published at <https://www.monergism.com/john-piper> and retrieved on July 30, 2022.

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Piper was born in Chattanooga, Tennessee to Bill and Ruth Piper January 11, 1946. When John and his older sister were still young, the Pipers moved to Greenville, South Carolina where John spent the rest of his youth years. His father was an itinerant evangelist who ministered through international radio and Bible courses. John has written a tribute to his mother, who died in 1974, in the booklet, *What's the Difference?* (Crossway Books, 1990) which is also chapter one of the book, *Recovering Biblical Manhood and Womanhood* (Crossway Books, 1991).



At Wheaton College (1964-68), John majored in Literature and minored in Philosophy. Studying Romantic Literature with Clyde Kilby stimulated the poetic side of his nature and today he regularly writes poems to celebrate special family occasions as well as composing story-poems (based on the life of a Biblical character) for his congregation during the four weeks of Advent each year. At Wheaton, John also met Noël Henry whom he married 1968. Following college he completed a Bachelor of Divinity degree at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California (1968-71). While at Fuller, John took as many courses as he could from Dr. Daniel Fuller, the most influential "living" teacher in his life. Through Dr. Fuller he discovered the writings of Jonathan Edwards, his most influential "dead" teacher.

John did his doctoral work in New Testament Studies at the University of Munich, Munich, West Germany (1971-74). His dissertation, *Love Your Enemies*, was published by Cambridge University Press and Baker Book House. Upon completion of his doctorate he went on to teach Biblical Studies at Bethel College in St. Paul, Minnesota for six years (1974-80).

In 1980, after what he described as an irresistible call of the Lord to preach, John became the senior pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church in Minneapolis, Minnesota where he ministered for 30 years until his retirement in 2013. John is also a contributor to *WORLD Magazine*.

John and Noël have four sons, a daughter, and twelve grandchildren.

John Piper regularly [writes articles](#), helps us [read and study the Bible](#), and [answers your questions](#). He also serves as chancellor of [Bethlehem College & Seminary](#). He is the author of over 50 books, continues to write more, and frequently travels to preach.

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