

September 2025 Newsletter

August has been an **incredibly busy** month for CORE, and we want to emphasize to our financial partners that they are a crucial part of this ministry. They are not just donors, but a vital part of the ministry as they give their gifts and talents to help accomplish these works! We are very thankful and pray continually for you! Here are some, *just some*, of the exciting things we were all able to do in August (with one exception):

1. Event at **Laurel Baptist Church (NC)** teaching on “Dealing with Doubt” and “Mental Health in a Chaotic World.” This one was in July, but we were unable to include it in our last newsletter.
2. Our 6-week **“Worldview and Discipleship” webinar ended**. It was a fantastic time of growth, fellowship, and learning about biblical discipleship and what it looks like in our families, finances, and work.
3. We shared our mission and vision with the **International Family Fellowship (VA)** and were invited back to speak again in November.
4. We completed an **in-person series on NT Reliability** at Berean Baptist Church (VA).
5. There was a men’s breakfast called **Fight Club (AL)**, which we attended and are currently trying to think of ways in which we can be a blessing to this group (and others like it) in the future.
6. We visited **Reasons to Believe (CA)**, which is primarily a science-oriented ministry. However, we were able to help equip them and their staff with core components of Christian history and theology.
7. We visited the **Tim Tebow Foundation (FL)** and learned more about their ministry. We were very pleased to meet some of their staff in person.
8. We published a [blog for Pure Encouragement](#) on how we use apologetics every day, especially in sports(!), and its importance for discipleship and evangelism.
9. **ASK ME!** update: Writing complete! Videos recorded! Working with a design team to develop logos, marketing materials, and more.



10. Podcasts

- a. We completed an in-person podcast on the ***Clear Thinking Podcast (CA)*** with Dr. Ken Samples. We were able to share about CORE Apologetics, dealing with doubt, and the role of apologetics for discipleship.
- b. We visited Brett Seybold of ***KAPOL Ministries Podcast (TN)***, who invited us for an in-person podcast. We highlighted about the importance of NT Creeds for connecting believers to the earliest teachings of the church and highlighting a deeper appreciation for the NT (and its reliability).
- c. We joined the ***Truthful Hope Podcast***, which has a lot of interaction on TikTok, where we shared why the NT is trustworthy and highlighted the arguments of various skeptics in the process!
- d. Lastly, we were on ***The Apologetics Guy Podcast***, where we discussed various issues related to who Jesus is and Christology.

If you want to [join us](#) in this and other ministry work, please consider becoming a donor or a CORE Project Partner today! These are projects that take all of us working together to help equip disciples and minister to those with doubts to stand firm in their faith!

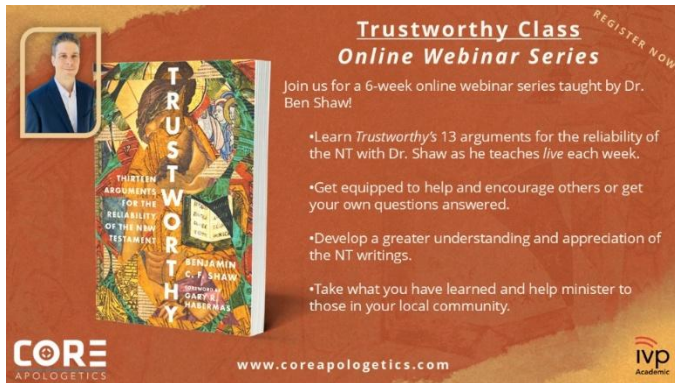
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In an effort to help keep our donors better informed moving forward, we are working on adding an “Insider” Letter each month that will give additional material, more information about events, early access to various projects, and more!

Upcoming Webinars!

As people hear various objections or questions on the internet, these classes will help you to equip, disciple, and answer important questions that your children, family, or friends may ask. We have two upcoming webinars that will help strengthen your own faith so that you will be encouraged to stand firm in your own life. These webinars offer live instruction, additional resources, and time for Q/A. Registration will be ending soon, so make sure to sign up as soon as possible. **Click on Picture for more information!**



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Online Webinar Series REGISTER NOW!

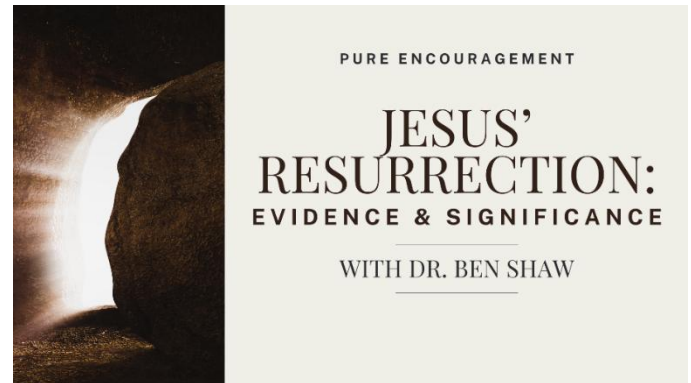
Join us for a 6-week online webinar series taught by Dr. Ben Shaw!

- Learn *Trustworthy's* 13 arguments for the reliability of the NT with Dr. Shaw as he teaches *live* each week.
- Get equipped to help and encourage others or get your own questions answered.
- Develop a greater understanding and appreciation of the NT writings.
- Take what you have learned and help minister to those in your local community.

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Future Events

Dr. Davis and Dr. Shaw will be part of a CORE Apologetics Conference at Crosspointe Church in Suffolk, VA (September 20-21). The event is open to the public and if you are in the area, we would love to see you there!

Dr. Habermas, Dr. Shaw, and Dr. Davis will all be at...the National Apologetics Conference hosted by Southern Evangelical Seminary in October! [Click here](#) to register. Immediately

following the SES conference, on October 12, they will all be at Cramerton Church for fruitful Sunday Services!

Dr. Habermas and Dr. Shaw will be in Roanoke, VA (October 26th) to host an apologetics conference. This event is open to the public, free to attend, and has multiple sessions!

We are making progress on Dr. Shaw's visa for the trip to **Ghana**. He recently received a vaccination so that the process could move forward! Please continue to pray for logistics, safe travels, and a fruitful event! Again, this will be our *first international event* and a *great opportunity* to help equip those in Ghana with these core truths.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 26TH 2025


Apologetics / Resurrection

Conference




DR. GARY HABERMAS
Guest Speaker


Dr. Gary Habermas has dedicated his professional life to the examination of the relevant historical, philosophical, and theological issues surrounding the death and resurrection of Jesus. His extensive list of publications and debates provides a thorough account of the current state of the issue. He has written 50 books about half of which are on the subject of Jesus' resurrection.



10:00 A.M.
11:00 A.M.
2:00 P.M.
3:00 P.M.



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DR. BEN SHAW
Guest Speaker

Dr. Ben Shaw has been working with Dr. Habermas for over a decade doing philosophical, historical, and theological research while also publishing multiple works together. He has authored or co-authored over two dozen publications. Additionally he has taught at Liberty University and Colorado Christian University and ministers to people who have doubts about Christianity & more.

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Here's How You Can Help!

We sincerely appreciate prayer for this ministry to be effective and fruitful in building disciples and ministering to those with doubts as we work to equip believers. We are immensely thankful for those who support this ministry and continually pray for you.

1. **Financially:** this can be done through our website as a recurring *monthly donor* or as a *one-time* gift. We also have the *CORE Project* for donors who can receive scholarships for our webinars that they can use or give to others.

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2. **Energy:** you can give of your time and energy by *volunteering* to help with various needs that we may have, by *praying* for us, or by *sharing* this ministry with churches, organizations, and individuals.

Prayer Requests

As we continue our efforts, please pray for the following:

1. Please pray for **strength, wisdom, and discernment** for Dr. Davis and Dr. Shaw.
2. Please pray for the upcoming events, activities, and projects mentioned above would be **fruitful, effective, and for safe travels!**
3. Please pray especially for the logistics and preparation regarding the **Ghana event** in the Fall.

CORE Encouragement!

We hope you had a wonderful Labor Day Weekend! While it is important to recognize the relationship between being a disciple and our jobs, we want to start this newsletter with a *problematic view of work*. Throughout history, many have thought that they can *work* their way to heaven if their good works outweigh their bad deeds (occasionally expressed as “I’m a good person” or “good people go to heaven”).

Yet the afterlife is not like the scale at the doctor’s office or a mere mathematical formula and this view fails to account for true justice. Imagine if someone who was guilty of murder before the judge and said, “Yes, I did do it, but what about all the good actions I have done, don’t they outweigh this one crime?!?” We can all recognize how unjust the judge would be if he let this person go!

Paul reminds us in Romans 3:23 that “for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” We have all broken God’s laws and long for mercy and forgiveness. This Labor Day, we do well to reflect on God’s grace and the gift of the gospel! In Ephesians 2:8-9, Paul also reminds us that:

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, *it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.*

As a result of God’s work, we are now “created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them” (Eph. 2:10). Our good works are not what get us into heaven, but are an outward reflection of who we are in Christ! What kind of works (or fruits) are you producing?

Thank you for reading this and if there is anything we can do to help, if you have any questions, or if you want to introduce us to anyone, please do not hesitate to reach out to us!

Helping disciples and doubters live in the reality of the resurrection,

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