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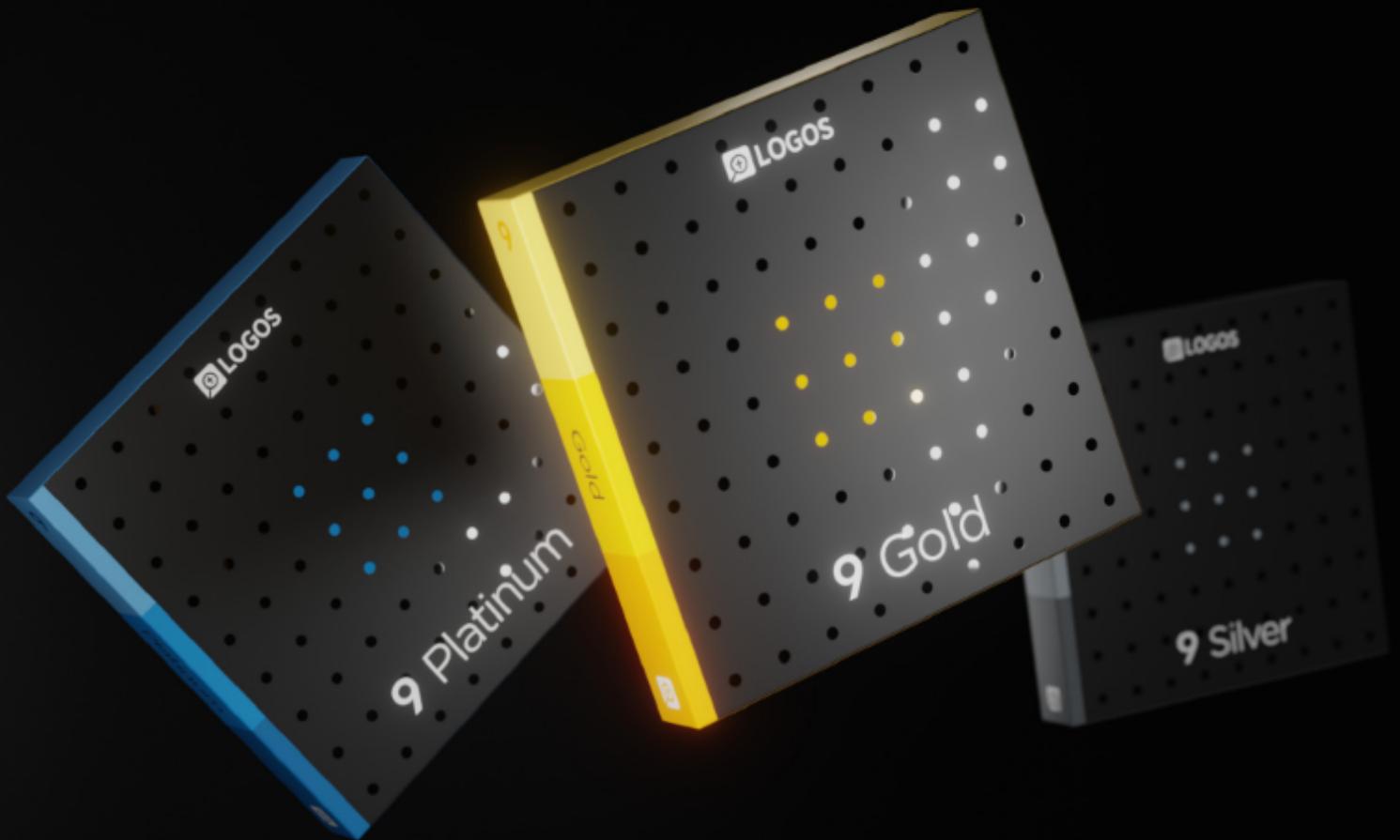
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Faithlife Launches Latest Version of
Logos Bible Software with New Features
Designed to Help Pastors Focus on Ministry
Includes New Counseling Guide, Sermon Manager, Factbook & More

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Oct. 26, 2020 - Faithlife, makers of integrated church technology products, today released its highly anticipated new version of Logos Bible Software, Logos 9. Designed to help ministry leaders spend more time serving the Church, Logos 9 includes multiple new features, many of which are specifically focused on helping pastors bring order to the chaos of busy modern ministry life.

"We are thrilled to release this latest version of Logos both to those who have used our software for years and to new users who will soon discover the joy of having their ministry work and Bible study simplified and amplified through technology," said Bob Pritchett, Faithlife co-founder and CEO. "We have listened to the needs of Logos users and adapted for the rapidly changing world in which we live where technology solutions are more key to ministry than ever before."

Logos 9 includes a number of new or improved features to help leaders build and deliver their weekly sermons, such as Sermon Builder, which is an update of the previous tool known as Sermon Editor and helps pastors to prepare messages by automatically insert Bible passages and populating slides as they write their sermon. Additionally, the new Sermon Manager tool allows users to plan their preaching calendar around seasons, holidays, and church and local events and to archive all previous sermons in one place, making it easier to find and reference old sermons. Preaching Mode takes sermons created in Sermon Builder and presents them in a format designed to help preachers communicate clearly and powerfully with built-in, seamless slide control that integrates with Faithlife Proclaim.

In an effort to help pastors minister to individuals in these unprecedented times, Logos 9 also now includes the Counseling Guide, a new feature that provides a plethora of resources on tough issues, including eating disorders, depression, anxiety and more.

To assist pastors with in-depth Bible study, Faithlife also created the Logos 9 Factbook, a one-stop-shop acting much like a Christian version of Wikipedia where users can find curated, trustworthy information on hundreds of thousands of people, places, events, passages, words, concepts, and much more.

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With Faithlife's recent acquisition of LifeWay Christian Resources' Wordsearch Bible software, Logos will integrate thousands of new books into its system, providing a rich library of Christian resources including dictionaries, commentaries and Logos-compatible resources from the B&H Publishing Group catalog.

In addition to these new features, Logos 9 is available in English, Spanish, German, Korean, Brazilian Portuguese, and Mandarin Chinese (Simplified and Traditional). The updated version also provides a comprehensive reading management system and improved tools for visualizing data, browsing commentaries, exploring the books of the Bible, sharing documents and adding images into notes.

"We cannot wait for Logos 9 to be in the hands of pastors and Bible students around the world and to see the way it changes their day-to-day lives," said Phil Gons, vice president of Bible study products at Faithlife. "Logos Bible Software was created to help ministry leaders spend their time on the work they were called to, and we are excited to see what new opportunities this updated version will unlock."

To learn more about Logos 9, visit https://www.logos.com/.

About Logos

Logos Bible Software is Faithlife's premier product and the preferred Bible study tool for pastors, scholars, students and lifelong learners worldwide who want to dive deeper into the intricacies of God's Word. Used by renowned faith leaders including John Piper, Beth Moore, John MacArthur, Bishop Charles E. Blake and Lisa Bevere, to name a few, Logos enables users to obtain seminary-level knowledge and training at a low cost. To learn more about Logos, visit logos.com.

About Faithlife

Faithlife, based in Bellingham, Washington, with offices in Arizona and Mexico, has been using technology to equip the Church to grow in the light of the Bible for more than 25 years. Since 1992, Faithlife has developed a full suite of church management tools, academic study resources, smart digital books, and Logos Bible Software, all part of its integrated ministry platform that automates tasks and simplifies workflows. For more information, visit faithlife.com.

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Logos Bible Software is the preferred Bible study software among Christian scholars, pastors, and students worldwide, including John Piper, Beth Moore and Matt Chandler, to name a few. Created by Bob Pritchett, co-founder and CEO of Faithlife, makers of integrated church technology resources, Logos is a robust ministry platform designed to help users grow in the light of the Bible.

Logos 9, released on Oct. 26, 2020, includes multiple new features that help pastors to do ministry more effectively. In light of the unprecedented events of 2020, which caused all ministry leaders to pivot to accommodate a rapidly changing ministry landscape, the creators of Logos developed its latest version with pastors and their grueling roles top of mind while still seeking to provide study solutions to its varied user base.

Logos 9 and its many new and enhanced features and tools will help users cut down on busywork so they can accomplish deeper, more focused study. All the resources needed will be in one digital location that users can access from anywhere at any time.

New or updated noteworthy features of Logos 9 include the following:

Factbook

Whether you're looking for more detail about biblical people and places, background on significant historical events, or insight into a theological topic, Factbook will get you started. Factbook, comparable to a one-stop "Christian Wikipedia," is one of Logos' most powerful features, and it makes almost any biblical or theological term easily searchable. It scours your library on your specific topic and connects you with additional info, so you can jump right into deeper study.

Sermon Builder

Logos Sermon Builder, an updated version of Sermon Editor, allows users to incorporate quotes, illustrations, outlines or other content from their Logos library into their sermon manuscript seamlessly. This powerful tool also simplifies creating slides, handouts and discussion guides. When users are ready to deliver their message, they can enter Preaching Mode for an easy-to-read view of the sermon.

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Preaching Mode

With a single tap, Preaching Mode gives users a simple view of their entire manuscript, ideal for when they're delivering a message. Through this feature, users can view their current slide at a glance and keep track of their timing as they speak. With the power of Logos, users can seamlessly prepare their sermon on their desktop and present it while reading from a mobile device. Preaching Mode seamlessly integrates with Faithlife Proclaim, making it easy to keep your message and your slides in sync.

Sermon Manager

Sermon Manager provides users the ability to plan for upcoming sermons and track the ones they've already preached. This powerful tool enables users to quickly filter their sermons according to what stage of preparation they're in, which series they're part of, or their primary passages or topics. Users can view all of their sermons in a weekly grid or radial view to get a quick glimpse of where they've been and where they're going. When it comes time to preach the sermon they've prepared, they can open their sermon in Sermon Builder and enter Preaching Mode with just a few clicks.

Reading Plans

With the newly improved Reading Plans, users can manage their reading with a new Read Later queue and a simplified reading experience that allows them to read at their own pace or on a schedule, by themselves or with a group. With the integration of reading management into the Library, Logos 9 helps users spend less time set up and managing their plans and more time learning and growing. Logos tracks a user's reading location and progress across their desktop, web and mobile platforms.

Counseling Guide

As users seek to walk through all of the joys and challenges of life in this world, they can quickly tap into the wealth of information contained in the new Counseling Guide to help find wise spiritual counsel. By entering a topic into the Counseling Guide, such as depression, loneliness or trust, users will instantly find resources and tools that will equip them to better understand the topic in question.

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Bible Books Explorer

The brand-new Bible Books Explorer allows users to browse and compare the books of the Bible by genre, group, author, length, and more. The feature provides a birds-eye view of the Bible's unity and diversity.

Charts Tool

New charts tell stories, attract attention and add impact to a user's study and presentations. With the Charts Tool, Logos does the creative work for users, instantly transforming a search into an eye-catching visual.

Dark Mode

Dark mode is a feature long-requested by Logos users. In Logos 9, users can easily switch between light and dark mode or set Logos to follow their system theme.

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What are Beta users most excited about for Logos 9?

Feedback from our beta users shows that the feature they are most excited about is Factbook because when searching, Factbook pulls up so much relevant information that it minimizes the amount of tools Logos users of previous versions needed.

How is Logos incorporating feedback from liturgical users?

While developing Logos 9 and it's tools for preachers, we gathered extensive feedback from users from liturgical traditions both internally and externally and incorporated it into Sermon Builder, Sermon Manager, and Preaching Mode to make sure what these critical tools are useful to users across the spectrum of denominations and traditions.

How has Sermon Manager improved for those who use the lectionary?

Users can now create groups of sermons from the lectionary, which also puts all information and passages needed into the radial calendar.

How will it impact the mobile experience?

Preaching Mode, Factbook, and Omni (search) box improved the search and reading experience significantly for mobile users.

What is Logos Bible Software creator Bob Pritchett's favorite part of Logos 9?

Bob's favorite feature is Sermon Manager and the sermon planning components that help pastors integrate their schedules and the yearly calendar into sermon planning.

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1. How does Logos 9 serve audiences differently than previous versions of the software?

2. What are some of the new, never-before-seen features included in Logos 9?

3. What aspects of Logos 8 were improved or updated for Logos 9?

4. Why does Logos 9 concentrate on serving pastors in particular?

5. One of the new features provided is the Counseling Guide; can you explain how it equips users to counsel others concerning different issues?

6. Another new and noteworthy feature of Logos 9 is the Factbook; can you describe how Factbook works and how it is beneficial to users?

7. What would you say to pastors who have not used Logos before and are on the fence regarding whether they want to use this software?

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