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—**Philip Graham Ryken**, President, Wheaton College; author, *Loving the Way Jesus Loves*

“*1 Corinthians: The Word of the Cross* is not only a journeyman’s exposition of 1 Corinthians; it’s also a demonstration of a culturally astute pastor at work. Stephen Um combines his pastor’s heart, his disciplined mind, and his communicator’s gifts to bring us a commentary that will remind the Church of the gospel Paul preached to us.”

—**George W. Robertson**, Senior Minister, First Presbyterian Church, Augusta, Georgia; author, *Deuteronomy: More Grace, More Love*

“Stephen Um demonstrates the intellect of a scholar, the heart of a pastor, and the experience of the city to relate the truths of the gospel for city dwellers of the apostles’ time that were no less cultured, urbane, or sophisticated than we imagine ourselves to be.”

—**Bryan Chapell**, President Emeritus, Covenant Theological Seminary; Senior Pastor, Grace Presbyterian Church, Peoria, Illinois

“Stephen Um’s pastoral and preaching ministry has been a bright spot in the evangelical world. I have benefited from his wisdom and insights for a long time, so I am glad to see the arrival of this volume. Pastors will benefit from Um’s ability to apply the Biblical text to the human heart and the idols of our culture. Stephen is a wise exegete and good pastor.”

—**John Starke**, Pastor of Preaching, Apostles Church, New York City, New York; coeditor, *One God in Three Persons*

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