

Biographical Sketch of *John MacArthur*

John MacArthur is the pastor-teacher of Grace Community Church in Sun Valley, California, as well as an author, conference speaker, president of The Master's College and Seminary, and featured teacher with the Grace to You media ministry.

In 1969, after graduating from Talbot Theological Seminary, John came to Grace Community Church. The emphasis of his pulpit ministry is the careful study and verse-by-verse exposition of the Bible, with special attention devoted to the historical and grammatical background behind each passage. Under John's leadership, Grace Community Church's two morning worship services fill the 3,000-seat auditorium to capacity. Several thousand members participate every week in dozens of fellowship groups and training programs, most led by lay leaders and each dedicated to equipping members for ministry on local, national, and international levels.

In 1985, John became president of The Master's College (formerly Los Angeles Baptist College), an accredited, four-year liberal arts Christian college in Santa Clarita, California. In 1986, John founded The Master's Seminary, a graduate school dedicated to training men for full-time pastoral roles and missionary work.

John is also president and featured teacher with Grace to You. Founded in 1969, Grace to You is the nonprofit organization responsible for developing, producing, and distributing John's books, audio resources, and the "Grace to You" radio and television programs. "Grace to You" radio airs more than 1,000 times daily throughout the English-speaking world, reaching major population centers across the United States, Canada, Europe, the Philippines, South Africa, and beyond. It also airs nearly 1,000 times daily in Spanish, reaching 23 countries, including Mexico, Spain, Argentina, Chile, Peru, Venezuela, and Colombia. "Grace to You" television airs nationwide weekly on DirecTV, via satellite in the United Kingdom, and is available free on the Internet. All of John's 3,000 sermons, spanning more than four decades of ministry, are available for free download at the ministry's website, www.gty.org.

Since completing his first best-selling book *The Gospel According to Jesus* in 1988, John has written nearly 400 books and study guides, including *The MacArthur Study Bible*, *Our Sufficiency in Christ*, *Charismatic Chaos*, *Ashamed of the Gospel*, *The Murder of Jesus*, *A Tale of Two Sons*, *The MacArthur New Testament Commentary* series, and recent bestsellers such as *Twelve Ordinary Men* and *The Truth War*. His newest releases include *Daily Readings from the Life of Christ* and *The Jesus You Can't Ignore*. John's titles have been translated into more than two dozen languages. *The MacArthur Study Bible*, the cornerstone resource of his ministry, is available in English, Spanish, Russian, German, French, and Italian, with Chinese and Arabic translations underway.

John and his wife, Patricia, live in Southern California and have four grown children: Matt, Marcy, Mark, and Melinda. They also enjoy the enthusiastic company of their fifteen grandchildren.