



## PETER DAVIDS

Born in Syracuse, New York, into a devout Plymouth Brethren family, Peter H. Davids grew up in the faith, becoming active in the church and starting to preach in 1963. He graduated from high school in Lynchburg, VA, and went on to Wheaton College (BA 1968), Trinity Evangelical Divinity School (M.Div. 1971), and the University of Manchester (England; PhD 1974).

His first teaching position was in Germany, but he left in 1976 to become founding faculty of Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry in Pittsburgh, PA, and was eventually ordained as an Episcopal priest in 1979. Afterwards he taught in Berkeley, CA, Vancouver, BC (Canada), Regina, SK (Canada), Mittersill, Austria, St. Stephen, NB (Canada), and Houston, TX, as well as in a variety of European theological institutions on a short-term basis. Most recently Peter taught at Houston Baptist University and Houston Graduate School of Theology.

He is known for his expertise in the Catholic Epistles, on which he has written most of his 10 books, but he has taught the whole of the New Testament as well as the Old Testament, History of Christian Spirituality, History of Christian Worship, and many other topics. He has also been able to minister in several Christian denominations and churches.

His interest in Christian community and spirituality eventually led him to become a domestic member of the Brothers and Sisters of Charity, which triggered his entry into the Catholic Church, where he became a priest in 2014.

Peter has been married for 51 years to Judy, whom he met and married at Wheaton College. Together they have three married children and 9 grandchildren, all of whom live in Canada. Judy is a spiritual director and pastoral counselor with her ministry based in St. Clare Monastery in Houston.

Peter has authored/co-authored several books, including: *The Epistle of James (The New International Greek Testament Commentary)*, Eerdmans, 1982; *The First Epistle of Peter (New International Commentary on the New Testament)*, Eerdmans, 1990; *Hard Sayings of the Bible*, with Walter Kaiser, F. F. Bruce, and Manfred Brauch, InterVarsity Press, 1996; *The Letters of 2 Peter and Jude (The Pillar New Testament Commentary)*, Eerdmans, 2006; *2 Peter and Jude: A Handbook on the Greek Text*, Baylor University Press, 2011; and *Theology of James, Peter, and Jude: Living in the Light of the Coming King (Biblical Theology of the New Testament Series)*, Zondervan 2014. He is also the New Testament editor of the *Word Biblical Commentary* series.

