

John MacArthur Answers His Critics, Part 1

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Earlier today, part one of a new interview with John MacArthur was posted at Tim Challies's website. In the interview, John responds to several questions regarding the Strange Fire conference and *Strange Fire* book—all of which came directly from readers of Challies's blog.

Here's a quick summary of the issues tackled in part one:

- What was the purpose of the Strange Fire conference, and why weren't any Reformed continuationists invited to defend their side of the debate?
- If this is a secondary theological issue, why are you taking such a strong stand? And why does God allow secondary issues to remain unclear to the church?
- Can you explain the biblical case for cessationism?
- If Scripture is clear on these issues, how do you explain the continuationist theology of many well-respected pastors and theologians, including some men you would consider friends?
- What danger does continuationist preaching and practice represent to the church?
- How do you respond to critics who say you used too broad a brush in your criticism of the charismatic movement?

You can read the interview [here](#). We'll be sure to link to the second part when it becomes available.

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