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Manuscript Preparation and Submission

Westminster John Knox Press and Geneva Press publish books in various trim sizes and specifications. Regardless of how your book will appear in print, we ask that you follow these formatting rules as you prepare and submit your manuscript. Please follow *The Chicago Manual of Style*, 17th edition, and the *Merriam-Webster.com Dictionary* (<https://www.merriam-webster.com>). You may also wish to refer to *The SBL Handbook of Style*.

Guidelines for Files and Manuscripts

1. All files must be
 - a. created in one file using Microsoft Word, preferably on a Windows operating system;
 - b. saved using author's last name followed by "main text" as the file name;
 - c. backed up for safe keeping before submitting it to the Press.

2. All manuscripts must be submitted:
 - a. double spaced (all text including notes, bibliography, front and back matter, extracts, etc.).
 - b. with 1" margins on all four edges, ragged right (no justified text).
 - c. with 12-point Times font (a.k.a. Times New Roman, Times Roman) for all text, even headings, extracts, and notes.
 - d. with extracts set off from the main body of text by changing the margins (*do not* use a smaller point font or extra spacing above and below the excerpt).
 - e. using **bold**, *italic*, and underlining to set off various level heads and *italic* for purposes recommended by *The Chicago Manual of Style* (CMS).
 - f. with page numbers sequentially from beginning to end and appearing in the upper right-hand corner of the header. Use lowercase roman numerals for the page numbers in the front matter, and arabic numerals for the page numbers in the main body text and back matter. The introduction should be placed at the beginning of the main body of the book.
 - g. completely—including all parts that you want in the book (front matter, back matter, artwork) and in the proper order (see CMS, section 2.3). List any index(es) and their corresponding type (i.e. Scripture, name, etc.) on the contents page. (Please refer to your contract for details regarding index preparation and costs).

3. Notes must be
 - a. formatted as double-spaced endnotes (not footnotes), gathered at the end of the document (regardless of whether they will eventually appear at the end of the book, end of the chapter, or bottom of the page), using arabic numerals with the numbering restarting at 1 for each chapter or section.
 - b. formatted using Word's Reference/Notes features and linked in the document. Select Word's References menu and choose Insert Endnote.
 - c. separated by chapter. The numbering of the notes will automatically restart at 1 for each chapter when a "Next Page Section Break" is inserted between chapters.
 - d. labeled with a header giving the number and title of the chapter: for example, Chapter 1: Chapter One Title.
 - e. written with full bibliographic information provided for each source the first time it is cited in each chapter, unless there is an exhaustive bibliography—then list full bibliographic information only the first time the source is cited in the book.
 - f. formatted with subsequent source references citing author last name, book title, and page number. Instead of using *Ibid.*, *Chicago* recommends including only the author last name and page reference, even if it's the same page as quoted in the previous note (please refer to CMS, section 14.34).
 - g. written in strict accordance with *The Chicago Manual of Style*. Authors must give very close attention to *Chicago's* prescriptions on documentation styles, whether in notes or in bibliographies.

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 - b. listed with their abbreviation and credit lines on the copyright page.
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 - b. Line art drawings—1200 dpi at the size to be reproduced.
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What to Avoid When Typing the Manuscript

- a. Do not type heads in ALL CAPS.
- b. Do not insert an extra paragraph return between paragraphs.
- c. Do not put two spaces after a period or other terminal punctuation.
- d. Do not use the space bar to align or indent. Use tabs or an indent feature instead (i.e., use the first-line indent feature for the beginning of each paragraph).
- e. Do not use Word's Styles formatting features.

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