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In Church as It Is in Heaven
Cultivating a Multiethnic Kingdom Culture

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Patterned after a worship service, *In Church as It Is in Heaven* shows how multiethnic churches provide a unique apologetic for the gospel. Along the way, the authors tell the story of their own church—a majority-White congregation that is being transformed into a family that reflects the diversity of heaven.

Timothy Paul Jones and Jamaal Williams on Multiethnic Churches as Apologetics for the Gospel

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Jones has authored or contributed to more than twenty books in the fields of apologetics and family ministry, including *Why Should I Trust the Bible?*, *Perspectives on Family Ministry*, and the CBA bestseller *The Da Vinci Codebreaker*. His apologetics book *How We Got the Bible* received a Gold Medallion Christian Book Award in the Bible Reference category, awarded by the Evangelical Christian Publishing Association. Christian Retailing Magazine also awarded Jones the Book of the Year Award in the Christian Education category for *Christian History Made Easy*.

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In 2006, while attending Michigan State University and worshipping at Faith Fellowship Baptist Church, Williams accepted God's call to preach. At FFBC, he served as associate pastor and as a leader in the church's youth and college ministry. He also served as the student president in a local chapter of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship. After college, Williams moved to Louisville to attend The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary where he received his MA from the Billy Graham School of Missions in 2014 and his doctorate (DEdMin) in Black Church Leadership in 2018.

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