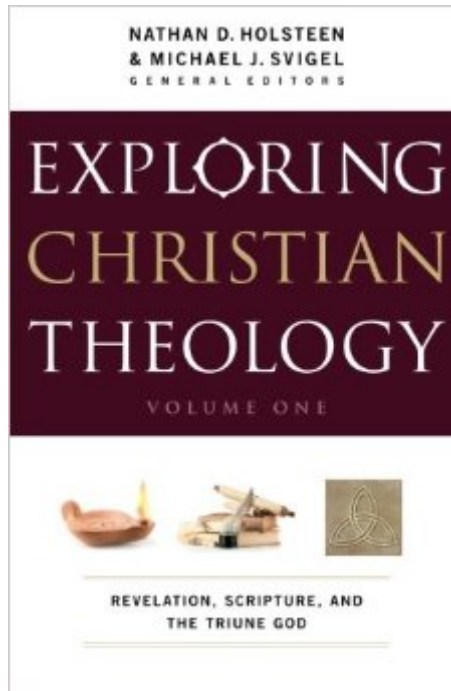


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Customer Reviews

This book is a solid work. The authors are both graduates from Dallas Theological Seminary (DTS) and so I expected there to be a solid evangelical emphasis with a dispensational leaning. This was not so (at least in the areas of theology they covered). In this book, the authors cover the doctrines of revelation (how God has revealed Himself), Scripture (the inerrant and infallible Word of God given to us by inspiration of the Spirit), and the Triune God. While I was going into this book thinking that the book would be written on a simple level (too simple were my thoughts going in), the book was actually very well done and the language, while not deeply theological for those who are just studying theology, was solid enough for even seminary level students to enjoy. The authors do a good job at exploring two main areas in this book. First the authors explore what the Bible says about a given subject. For example, the authors first show what God has said in His Word about His own revelation. Then the authors explore what Church history and others have to say about the subject at hand. I appreciated the biblical background being the heart for the disciple of Christ. The Bible is how we can speak for God (2 Timothy 3:16-17) and the Bible is faithful to reveal the truths we need for the Christian life. One cannot begin theology or anything else in life without a solid foundation from the Word of God (Psalm 119:142). The chapters are full of knowledge. I appreciated the Scripture memory sections in each chapter that highlighted various passages of Scripture on the

subject. A disciple of Christ would do well to memorize these passages (John 8:31-32). The authors also include charts throughout the book.

Book Review â€œ Exploring Christian Theology Volume 1 EXPLORING CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY Volume 1, Bethany House, Minneapolis, 2014. by Nathan D. Holsteen, Michael J. Svigel. This is not your normal Theology book. It is more of a primer. A primer is a small book providing an introductory book on a subject; a short informative piece of writing. This is a reader friendly and easily understandable work. It is ideal for a beginning student or a layman who wants to gain a basic understanding of Christian Theology. It would be an ideal teaching text, or guide for personal Bible study. This volume centers upon three subjects: Revelation, Scripture, and the Triune God. It presents these truths in a concise relevant matter that is completely evangelical. The essence of Christian history is brief, but gives one a good sense of the history of the doctrine. The book is divided into sections that are the same in each heading. This includes a survey of the subject; passages to master; the subject in retrospect giving the history of the subject; facts of the subject; dangers to avoid in the subject; principles to put into practice; quotes from past voices; and recommendations for your library on the subject. There are four features of this book I like. First, in addition to the subjects are a number of charts that are helpful. Second, are the practical aspects of the book, including helpful principles, and the suggestions for your library. I especially like that the suggestions are given descriptions and a general rating (beginner, intermediate, or advanced). Third, it has a glossary of terms that will help clear up terms that one might not clearly understand. Fourth, scattered throughout are memory verses on the subject. Overall, I highly recommend this primer.

This is what drew me to the book when I started reading it... Think that doctrine and theology are irrelevant? Or that all you want is Jesus, not religion? Consider these words from the book: "Have you ever talked with people, maybe even other Christians, who think theology doesn't matter? 'I want Christ, not Christianity!' they might say. 'Don't give me doctrine, just give me Jesus.' Yet no matter how right such sentiments might feel, they ultimately ring hollow, for the question arises, which Jesus do these people want? ... The Jesus of Mormonism? Of Islam? Of Buddhism? Of rugged American individualism? ... What distinguishes the actual Jesus from all counterfeits is that ... He is 'the Christ, the Son of the living God' (Matt. 16:16). This truth is undeniably doctrinal, unmistakably theological. Not all supposed 'Jesuses' are equal.... To have a fruitful Christian life, we need an accurate Christian faith" (page 31). Volume 1 is focused on â€œThe Church, Spiritual Growth, and the End Times.â€• The book is not a quick read, but it is easy to understand and

in-depth. For me this a book that you read at a slower pace so that you can digest it and go back to. The authors did use some metaphors when explaining, some which I didn't really care for but at the same time, it puts it in an easier way to relate too. So the book wasn't dry, as I was thinking reading about theology would be. This book features important biblical texts, facts to know and dangers to avoid, helpful charts and diagrams, a brief history of the doctrine, Bible verses to memorize, recommended books for further study along with their accessibility (beginner, intermediate, advanced), summaries of key ideas, a glossary of unusual and significant terms, practical implications, and more.

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