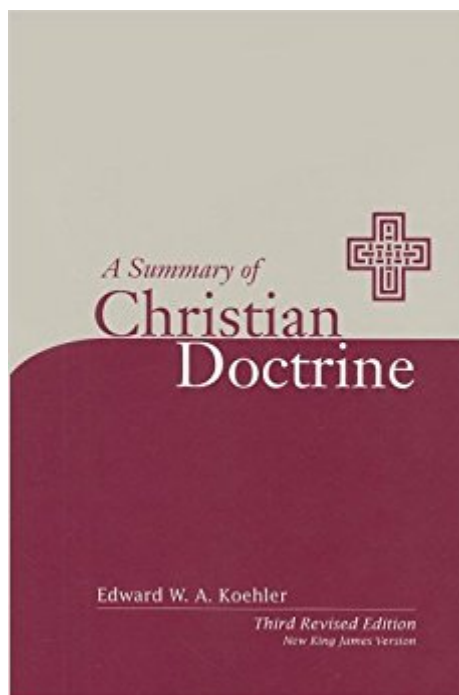




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While the name of the book does sound a little dry to me, once I started reading I developed an enthusiasm for the content. The Bible has layers and layers of information so that it can be appreciated by children or theologians. This book does the same thing. Seemingly common topics like PRAYER, WORKS, CIVIL GOVERNMENT or CONVERSION NOT THE WORK OF MAN BUT OF GOD are written about in such a way as to give you new insight into the 56 specific topics of this book. Each area is explored using about 7 to 12 pages of information at a college level text so that the pace of the text moves along and you'll find yourself moving to another area to see what new information is revealed in the next interesting question. Every item is carefully noted by specific scripture references. Also, you may want to know that this book is published by CONCORDIA PUBLISHING which is a Lutheran entity.

I bought 16 used copies (revision II and III) of this book for the purpose of starting a small group

study at my church. The author is very clear in his explanations of very specific theological topics. While being a text book it is definitely not a "dry read" in my opinion. The book is divided into 11 larger areas of exploration and then subdivided from there into maybe 2 to 7 sub groups as necessary while using about 10 pages total to complete a study. The author covers each topic with enough depth to improve the understanding of most lay people which can then lead them to deeper study by other sources if desired. The author explains his topics from throughout all of scripture and these sources are cited for you to see for yourself.

This book provides an excellent and solid understanding of the Christian faith and the author gives ample proof from the Holy Scriptures of his points. The book is broken out easily enough to make each section a family devotion if desired. The author stresses the core at the foundation of Lutheran theology. That core is Christ (the Triune God) who is the Word made flesh- given for the life of the world. The section of faith and justification by faith is comforting. Koehler stresses that it is the Triune God who gives the gift of saving faith in grace. Although many reject the truth, justification is from God and He declared the whole world to be justified in His sight. He alone is responsible for the conversion act. Justification in the believer is complete and perfect. Those who believe by the power of the Holy Spirit personally receive the complete forgiveness of sins. Koehler is clear in noting the biblical text that if one desires faith, let him read the Holy Scripture and listen to the preaching of the true Word of God. God will work his salvific gift according to His will. It is God who works the divine gift of saving faith; not man. He also mentions that Christ is active in the life of the believer as He continually gives Himself in Word and Sacrament. In the Sacraments of Baptism and the Eucharist, believers are joined with Christ in his life, death, and resurrection and are also joined with saints of all time. By His strength, by His Word, and precious gifts- the believer will endure, remain faithful and penitent. Christ preserves and sustains the believer in His divine gift of faith until the end; where the believer will join with the Triune God once and for all eternity. This is the book to own if you want a readable version of solid apostolic Christian doctrine. This book is suitable for every person who desires to learn the basics of accurate Christian doctrine. If you're not Lutheran, buy this book. For anyone else, BUY this book! Thank you sellers for making this book available on .

It is excellent for me in that I need to refer quickly to doctrinal issues when in a conversation with others when I can not quickly bring to mind the exact scripture I need. The doctrine is sound and has numerous scripture references to support the commentary.

Very clear, understandable by anyone with an 8th grade or better reading level. Well documented, full of references. Best presentation ever on The Trinity, Life and Death, and the Book of Revelations. Old but totally up to date, could not be improved upon

Awesome book! It really helps you to understand the bible.

Please note that as of 10/3/10 it is not the third edition that is downloading in the Kindle format but the 2nd edition. I notified customer service and hopefully this will be corrected in the near future. So if you want the most current edition you'll have to get the paper version!

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