

## Talking About Our Faith

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the greatest challenge for the twenty first century church is the lack of catechesis training in biblical and doctrinal knowledge as j i packer states where wise catechesis has flourished the church has flourished and where it has been neglected the church has floundered it is increasingly apparent that we are raising up generations of christians who often have little idea what they should believe and why they should believe it grounded in the faith takes up that challenge with twenty four low prep in depth sessions that will ground believers in the basics of their faith this new innovative guide is a transformational disciple making tool that leaders can immediately use to activate discipleship in the church it presents individuals small groups and sunday school classes with a cohesive understanding of historic sound biblical

theology that serves as a catalyst for deeper intimacy with christ it is a user friendly guide to growth in the christian faith that covers important topics such as justification overcoming temptation sanctification evidence for the inspiration of the bible the value of prayer the guidance of god the trinity the uniqueness of christ and the attributes of god

when you have questions about your faith turn to explore your faith it provides concise biblical answers to 75 common questions about the christian faith this easy to understand guide to faith addresses topics from how can i know god exists and how can i figure out what god s will is to why do we have to keep praying for the same thing each entry also includes discussion questions that are great for further study explore your faith will encourage you to dig deeper into your faith and enhance your spiritual growth

i do not hope to convince you so that you will believe that is to be left to the holy spirit i write to you because you share the faith by which i live i write so that you may share my joy in seeking to understand better this truth that our hearts believe and love in knowing our faith justo gonzález introduces the christian faith in direct contemporary language that does not assume prior knowledge while recognizing the existence of various denomi nations and theological positions gonzález focuses on the core faith of the christian church through the centuries covering all the key topics revelation god jesus christ the spirit the church christian hope and others knowing our faith is an ideal resource for both individual reading and small group study with questions for discussion included at the end of each short chapter this accessible resource will help readers understand the christian faith better and more importantly live it better

addresses modern world questions about the christian religion and its tenets drawing on historical events and present day anecdotes to illustrate its joyful aspects while explaining the faith s embrace of the example and message of jesus

many of us believe what we do because we were raised in a particular church under a particular view in the faith with particular traditions that being the case as we get older we tend to stick with this belief system or drop it all together this however is no reason to believe in a particular doctrine or subscribe to a particular denomination it simply is no answer and is less of a reason in and of itself to believe in or serve under some religious pretense we should not base our beliefs on some emotional experience we had which we cannot really explain with any substance other than to attribute the experience to something we want to be lieve was spiritual or god inspired this choice belief and faith should not be an unexplainable gut feeling or some thought shrouded in a cosmic concept of god that is neither specific nor

explainable neither should we hide behind peer pressure that makes us feel guilty if we denied having any real belief in the existence of god at all none of these aspects are the basis to knowing anything let alone foundations of a faith the question then becomes how do we know what is true and what to believe on the ground where we live what are the facts behind the faith and what is folklore how can we know for certain many attribute their belief based on some life experience but these experiences are often clouded because of some traumatic emotional circumstance any answers we tend to get for these moments are either vague or wrapped in some traditional antidote leaving us unsatisfied in many cases we would be better off making something up to believe on our own at least that way it would be more personal in the christian faith finding these and other answers to even harder questions are relegated to the scriptures of the bible the challenge there is that we can get answers that may be couched in religious doctrine there are over 2300 evolving translations of the bible which have been used by millions over time to manipulate billions of people for thousands of years the bible has been used to justify countless evils and atrocities how then can we trust a writing that has been so manipulated over the ages if the bible and all that it represents is not real and not the absolute literal truth our faith on any front is without merit and we have all been played the fool there have been many books written about the bible examining and criticizing even supporting the scriptures this effort will attempt to answer a simple yet compelling question what is behind the faith

the fundamental misunderstanding of faith herbert e douglass writes is one of the crucial reasons not only for the multiplicity of christian churches but also for the wide variances interpreting almost every biblical doctrine for example seventh day adventist discussing the issue of righteousness by faith focus their attention on such terms as justification sanctification and even righteousness and make the too often erroneous assumption that everyone understands the nature of faith itself what is faith it is intellectual assent a deep conviction a trust in something or someone or what revelation 14:12 declares that god's people before his return will have the faith of jesus what is the faith of jesus

many christians today neither know the full content of their faith nor could articulate the historical doctrines of the church remembering the faith offers help by providing a brief and highly readable introduction to the basic teachings of the christian faith douglas brouwer canvasses the full range of christian belief from the nature of revelation to the doctrines of god the trinity creation jesus the holy spirit sanctification and the meaning of the sacraments discussing each as it developed historically and showing why such fundamental statements of faith continue to be important today throughout each chapter are excerpts from the historical confessions creeds and catechisms as well as selected quotes from theologians and poets brouwer pastor of first presbyterian church in wheaton illinois organizes the book thematically

with chapters on where we find god who jesus is three persons one god and last things among other topics his careful and gentle reasoning and pastoral tone he understands those who doubt and wonder makes the book a pleasurable and informative read and another useful book for group study christianity today

many of us have our go to verses the ones we memorize post on social media and hang on our walls but sometimes we need a fresh word or promise for the season we find ourselves in something that ignites our faith in the face of fear doubt loneliness insecurity or overwhelming circumstances in this powerful accessible new book author and speaker laurie short mines the scriptures revealing insights and promises from 40 verses we often overlook digging in to these in between verses she unearths fresh wisdom guidance and encouragement that will help you seek and experience god in new dynamic ways from trusting god s timing to not worrying about the future to holding on to faith when things look dark the hidden insights found in these verses will help you navigate the challenges that cross your path breathe new life into your weary soul and ignite your faith once again

a clear and frank exploration of the future of christianity and whether it needs to be saved we live in confusing times our society has shifted on its moral axis and many are asking whether christianity needs to be reinvented or even reimaged in order to save it with newswk declaring the decline and fall of christian america on its cover and the daily beast questioning does christianity have a future bloggers and christian commentators are discussing whether we need a new of kind of christianity in saving christianity dr michael youssef explores this train of thought and its pitfalls he describes how similar discussions in christianity s recent past explored the very same question saving christianity will help you discern what is going on within the church while it reviews the essentials of the christian faith as described in the bible we dare not abandon this mere faith as dr youssef describes it because it is the light for all humanity and especially for those of us living in today s chaotic times after reading saving christianity you ll have a renewed confidence in the future of the church and the central place it will occupy for generations to come

have you ever wondered what it takes to be saved is it truly by faith alone does our salvation rest solely on our feeble faith these and many more questions are addressed in oliver rogers new book the faith of christ rogers uses precise exegetical methods in pulling out the true meaning of scripture his scholarly style is sure to challenge readers everywhere as they explore the faith of christ oliver rogers study of romans and galatians is new and different from the many existing commentaries on paul s epistles he gives us a fresh and enlightening interpretation of the meaning of the faith of christ not only does he add to our knowledge of paul s letters but his approach is uplifting and edifying in our personal faith as an educator i believe that students will find his in depth analysis easy to read and grasp gene rainey phd

professor emeritus of political science university of north carolina through all the centuries of christian history we can observe the challenge of grasping the impact of the incarnation early church councils debated the nature of christ because they had no pre existing category for the word of god becoming flesh in this book oliver rogers carefully studies another dimension of the same gospel story a the faith of christ that justified all humanity finding our place in that story defines our relationship with god and motivates the author to engage in this vital study of justification everett w huffard vice president dean harding university graduate school of religion oliver rogers a senior minister for two congregations of the church of christ for forty years presently serves as an elder for a church in indiana rogers married to norma crosby rogers has four children and nine grandchildren

things were different in the church jesus started we sing songs to jesus we pray to jesus but do we really know and understand what jesus preached before you say yes and move on consider these shocking facts most messages preached today have nothing to do with jesus core message christian universities that train pastors missionaries and priests dont have courses that teach what jesus taught and its been this way for hundreds of years the majority of believers in christ have little or no understanding of what jesus said or what he meant when he said it god is realigning his church with the message jesus preached and hes doing it to prepare us for jesus return get ready for a journey through the bible that will help you challenge your christian experience and knowledge of jesus teachings learn the true heart of christs teachings as recorded in gods word discover the kingdom life jesus provided for exemplified and taught shed any belief barriers that have inhibited your spiritual life to this point embrace and renew a walk with god that is alive growing fresh and purposeful

focus is important the better your focus the more clearly you can see but it is important that your focus be on the right thing because your direction will follow your focus when your focus is clear and on the right thing then you will be heading in the right direction the gospel of our faith is the good news that the kingdom of god has come and jesus is the messiah god s anointed king he is the focus of our faith not only the one upon whom we fix our attention but also the one through whom we view the whole world to see more clearly and understand god s purpose with greater wisdom that is what paul s letter to the jesus believers at colosse is about this book is a study of that letter in it you will learn about the blessing and inheritance god has for you the divine power trio faith hope and love a walk that is worthy a life that is pleasing and fruitful knowing god more and more how all things hold together where all divine fullness dwells the reconciliation of heaven and earth the good news of god s pleasure the revelation of divine glory in you being rooted and built up in jesus the powers that have been disarmed living from a higher realm the word that qualifies us clothes for your new life new life at home and in the community of faith the spiral of watchful thankful prayer walking in wisdom and more these are

bite size studies to help guide you through paul s letter a little at a time at the end of each study are focus questions to help you think further about the truths paul brings they are open ended questions to allow for maximum personal reflection and group discussion

does your faith seem stuck do you ever feel like you re not growing in your faith the way you re supposed to it turns out there are forces working against you threats to your faith trying to keep you from flourishing in your relationship with god one of jesus parables in fact the one that gets the most space on god s sacred pages deals with this very issue it s the story about the sower the seed and the soil matthew 13 just as a farmer doesn t toss seed on the ground to get rid of it god never brings you into contact with his word for no reason a farmer wants fruit and god wants to help you experience more joy peace love etc this book is structured around the six threats jesus lists in the parable of the sower and the seed pride pain worries wealth wants and not waiting and the corresponding strategies to overcome them if you re wondering why your faith isn t working in some aspects of your life the message of this book may be what you ve been looking for mike novotny is one of those rare writers who is a real joy to read and his new book what s big starts small is no exception if you ve ever struggled with your christian life or been frustrated with god this is the book for you phil cook phd media producer and author of the way back how christians blew our credibility and how we get it back

is great teaching a gift that only a few of us are born with or is it a skill that can be learned in never work harder than your students robyn jackson makes a radical assertion any teacher can become a master teacher by developing a master teacher mindset the master teacher mindset can be achieved by rigorously applying seven principles to your teaching until they become your automatic response to students in the classroom the more you practice these principles the more you begin to think like a master teacher the seven principles are 1 start where your students are 2 know where your students are going 3 expect to get your students to their goal 4 support your students along the way 5 use feedback to help you and your students get better 6 focus on quality rather than quantity 7 never work harder than your students using these seven principles jackson shows you how to become a master teacher no matter where you are in your practices each chapter provides a detailed explanation of one of the mastery principles the steps you need to take to apply them to your own practice and suggestions for how you can begin practicing the principle in your classroom right away jackson offers stories from her own teaching practice as well as from other teachers she has helped to show you how each principle works teaching is a hard job but using jacksonÆs principles will help you and your students reap the rich rewards of that hard work book jacket

now more than ever before pastors and ministers should make sure the word of god goes forth in a world that has lost its moral and spiritual way in america we are

living on the edge when we go to the marketplaces schools churches outside activities we don t know if a mass shooting might take place we don t know what to expect in public places because violence and killings have become commonplace many of our youth are dying from drug poisoning gun shootings and suicide racial hatred is on the rise and kids are taking guns to school causing lockdowns and distress all around us is sorrow sadness and senselessness the only hope light and transformation is god s word and its application these thematically arranged bible lessons can help in the process of humanity finding their way back to god through jesus christ

in choosing your faith mark mittelberg helps you investigate six faith paths and twenty reasons to believe and explains why they matter so much from inside jacket

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