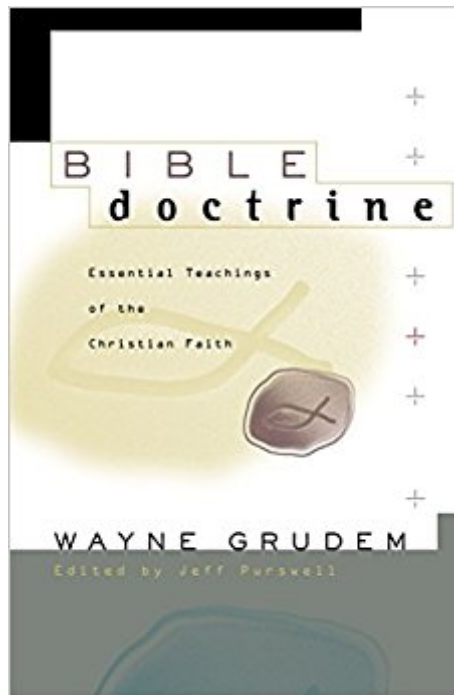


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Systematic theology can be an intimidating subject to tackle. But Bible Doctrine makes it accessible to students and laypersons who want to understand more about the Bible, God, Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, Mankind, Redemption, the Church, and the Future. An abridgment of Grudem's classic text, Systematic Theology, this book meets a need expressed by many who value his scholarship and writing ability but want a theology book that is understandable on a non-graduate-student level. Thorough without being overbearing, Bible Doctrine is a user-friendly book that covers all the main topics in systematic theology.

It seems that Theology as presented in this book and many others, is more about what each author thinks about what the Bible says, than what the Bible says. The presentations are "Here's what I think the Bible teaches about this or that doctrine, and here's my interpretation for these various Bible passages that I use to support my opinion." If that appeals to you, then you may well enjoy this book. If you prefer exegesis of the Bible that instead starts with what the Bible says, then seeks to understand what it reveals, without speculation about what it does not reveal, as do, then this book will not likely appeal to you either. The biblical text must superimpose truth on ones understanding, and not vice versa.

If you want to know why Christians believe what they believe then this book is the one to explain it all. This is an abridged version of Grudem's book Systematic Theology but it still has plenty of detail to answer why we believe in the Trinity, angels, heaven, hell, humankind. It covers every major Christian doctrine in a layperson's terms. With the questions at the end of each chapter it also makes for excellent Bible study.

I call this the "Mama Bear" version of Grudem's systematic theology. Not the Papa Bear volumes read in seminary nor the very helpful Baby Bear version "Christian Beliefs" that give a great introduction to basic doctrines, this book is for those who want to go deeper in understanding the significant Biblical Doctrines of the Christian life without getting a Masters Degree.

I have a seminary degree. This is the most helpful doctrine book I own. It is my practice to buy a copy for every person in my church who leads a small group. It's easy to read and understand. I trust it. I use it myself. I have had the privilege of knowing Dr. Grudem as I took several classes with him in school. He's as humble as he is smart. Buy one for yourself and buy one to give away to a friend.

I purchased this for a class at church. It will be a valuable resource.

I am teaching adults in EFCA church a course on Bible Doctrine. I was so pleased to learn Dr. Grudem had produced a smaller version of the huge and detailed seminary textbook to be used in local church classes for laypeople. The explanations are clearly presented in terms laypeople will understand. I was surprised at the number of people who wanted a book to follow along with my lectures and the various Bible passages. All the feedback I am getting from the class would indicate this is a good book to buy for any student of Scripture who wants clear explanations of the essentials of the faith. The adults I am teaching also are mostly age 60 or older too, just in case you are wondering if it is only for younger people. With all their Bible knowledge, these adults are enjoying this Bible doctrine book.

I teach Systematic Theology at an undergrad school. We had felt the need for some time to find a book that was thorough but not exhaustive, while still treating all the major doctrines openly and conservatively. Grudem came through. I have long been a fan of his larger, more exhaustive work. But this volume provides just the right amount of insight, leaving plenty of room for expansion by the professor. That said, this is hardly a classroom only text- this is perfect for any believer or teacher seeking a text that will engage without overwhelming, inform the mind and transform the heart.

Mr Grudem organized the topics of Christian Doctrine in a meaningful way and it's very illuminating even to a student of Christianity for many years. Thumb's up!

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