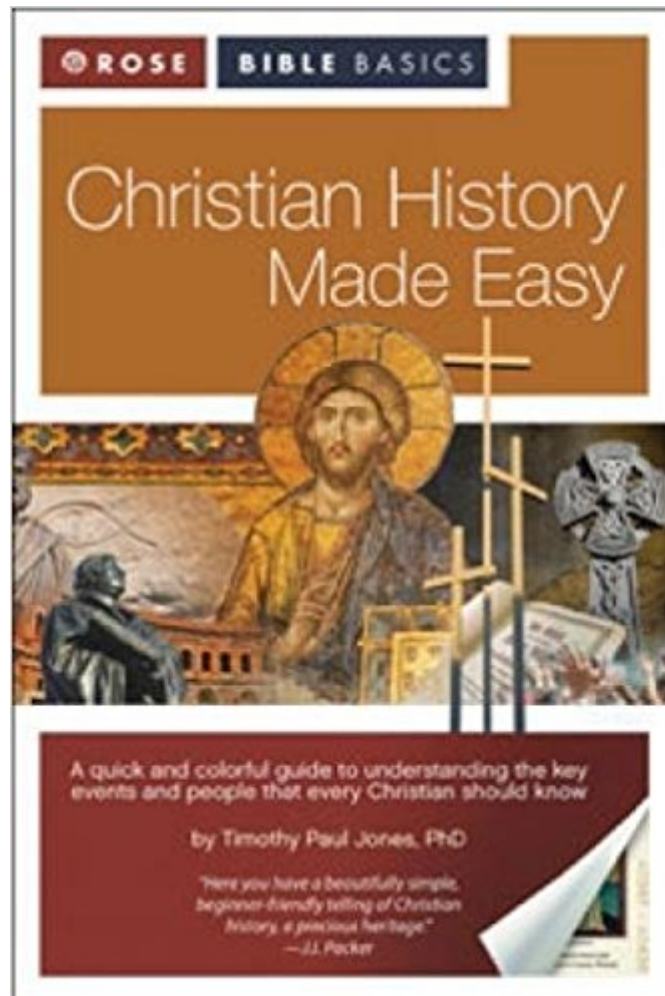


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We used "Christian History Made Easy" in our small group from church and had edifying discussions each week. We especially loved how the author emphasized humility as we studied some of the foibles of our spiritual forebears--realizing that we can't see our own blindspots. Our group also appreciated how the author made his wise choices of what to include--such the important contributions of women (often under-represented in re-telling of Christian history). There are so many things that could be discussed (and so little space to provide information!), but we felt that Jones picked the right things to expand upon. We held our last meeting tonight and all agreed that we understand better who we are from where we have come because we read this book together. Recommended.

This beautiful full-color book highlights the major personalities in Christian development over the last 2,000 years from A.D. 64 to 2009. It's a short book, so I confess I felt a little frustrated at the lack of depth. The book takes on a little too big a topic for 188 pages of text, and religion is a topic where oversimplifying by bouncing along the surface can distort as much as elucidate. Therefore, to get the full benefit of the book, treat it like an instruction course and take advantage of the internet research suggestions peppered throughout the text. But for my money (for a lot more money, I'm sure) I'd love to have 600 pages between the covers of this one. One other minor frustration: Jones is a Southern Baptist whose subtle preaching permeates the book. For example, Deism is at least twice referred to as a false doctrine. This is probably just a personal issue, but I find it easier to trust a scholar who does a better job of hiding his own religious bias. With my complaints out of the way, let me say that I thoroughly enjoyed reading the text! It's a fun read, full of tidbits from history and helpful explanations of Christian terms. Every Christian should know at least the basics of Church history, and I definitely recommend this book as

an entertaining stepping stone to whet your appetite for further in-depth reading.

Excellent book. We are using it in conjunction with a class at church, there is so much information which I would not have time to research myself, but the author has done it for me! Interesting, spans the years from Christ right to present day, with much salient historical information. I have learned much about the church's history and have a far better idea why we have so many branches to the Protestant church. Much explained about the rationale behind the crusades and other parts of history which are hard to understand.

We are reading it and watching the video. My wife and I are enjoying it.

Very easy to read with a lot of information, just like the title says. I've read it all the way through and have gone back for reference a few times since. I recommend this for people like me who want a quick history of the Christian religion that won't weigh you down with a lot of blah, blah. This is a good beginner book and it may even create interest to dig deeper into a more thorough examination of the history of Christianity.

Fast and the book arrived the way it was described.

This is a beautifully crafted book with many good illustrations, interesting facts, and helpful suggestions of places to search for more information. I keep this book on the coffee table, and my children have also been enticed to peruse the pictures and ask me about historical figures referenced. I feel like the information is true and credible; moreover, the information is arranged in a chronological fashion that is helpful.

All Christians should have a knowledge and understanding of Christ's church. This book is a very good introduction to that endeavor. Tracing and recapping how our fantastic God has worked throughout history has so much to help us with today. He is still sovereign and in control of the affairs going on in our world!

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