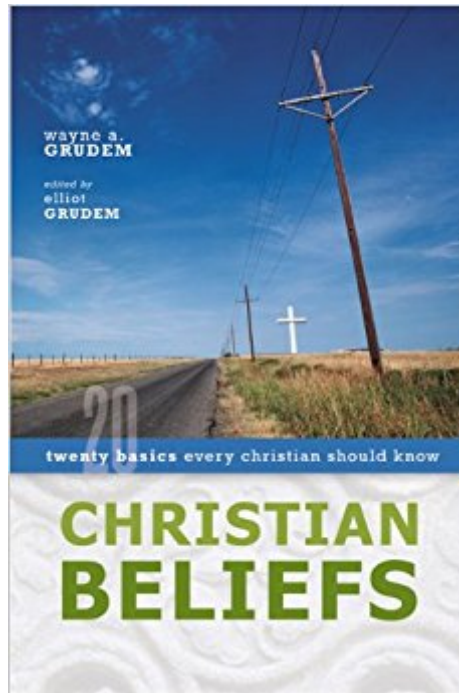




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Have been walking through this book with my son and have really enjoyed it. It provides very good explanations for some very hard to grasp concepts. This is a book I hope to go through with each of my children in order to strengthen their understanding of God and His plan. I hope they keep their own copies of the book as a reference for the future. I have very much enjoyed that this is not a

book of personal beliefs, but it is a book that clearly shows what the Scriptures teach on a given topic. I feel like I have grown in my understanding of God as I have walked through this with my son. I have used the Systematic Theology text to delve deeper into a few of the topics, and it is nice that those two books match up so well. Highly recommend.

An extreme abridgement of Grudem's systematic theology, we will be using this as a text for bible studies in our church, as a kind of discussion starter, with the teachers doing full preparation to guide the discussion and to be equipped to answer questions. Thoroughly orthodox, It is a good tool for bible studies, discipleship, and especially for evangelism to those who profess faith in Christ, but show no evidence of repentance or the new birth. My one knock on it is that Grudem's son, who did the abridgement, is a little more charismatic than his father and that bleeds through into some areas of theology that are entirely unrelated to the gifts. Notably there seems to be a presuppositional expectation of extra-biblical leading from God that leaks through in many places. That said this is not enough to prevent me from heartily recommending this work. (As always and with all things test it against scripture.) This is also a helpful study guide available for free download from the Acts 29 Network (just google it).

This book is a very condensed version of the original book. As a new believer, it is necessary to know the foundations of the faith. This book lays out those foundations clearly and in easy to understand for any believer new or old.

A great overview of basic Christian beliefs. Not a ton of depth, but it's not designed to have that. If you want that, find Grudem's Systematic Theology, but this book provides a very good look at some of the major theological beliefs in Christianity.

I have read the Bible cover to cover three times. I read everyday, but I have not taken any systematic theology courses. This book was very helpful. It is well written and well organized. It clarified several concepts for me. I also found it inspiring. However, I read it as part of a group and some of my friends found it to be dry. It is easy to read. I recommend it to someone who wants to nail down the basics. A few years ago I read New Christians Handbook. I liked Christian Beliefs a little better.

This is a decent introduction to digging deeper into what the bible presents us. Some parts were

surface level explanations which could be good for its intended use, others felt a bit forced or slightly contradictory. I would encourage people to read this, especially new believers, but only with a keen understanding that they should always follow the biblical references and explore them further with the rest of the biblical context.

This book is for the next stage of Christian journey. To understand why we are chosen and what God expects from us

A great concise book of Orthodox Christian beliefs. I highly recommend this for any Christian, whether a babe in Christ or a seasoned believer, to gain a good understanding of the beliefs they hold true and right. The book is written in such a way that the majority of believers will be able to understand and grasp the concepts presented.

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