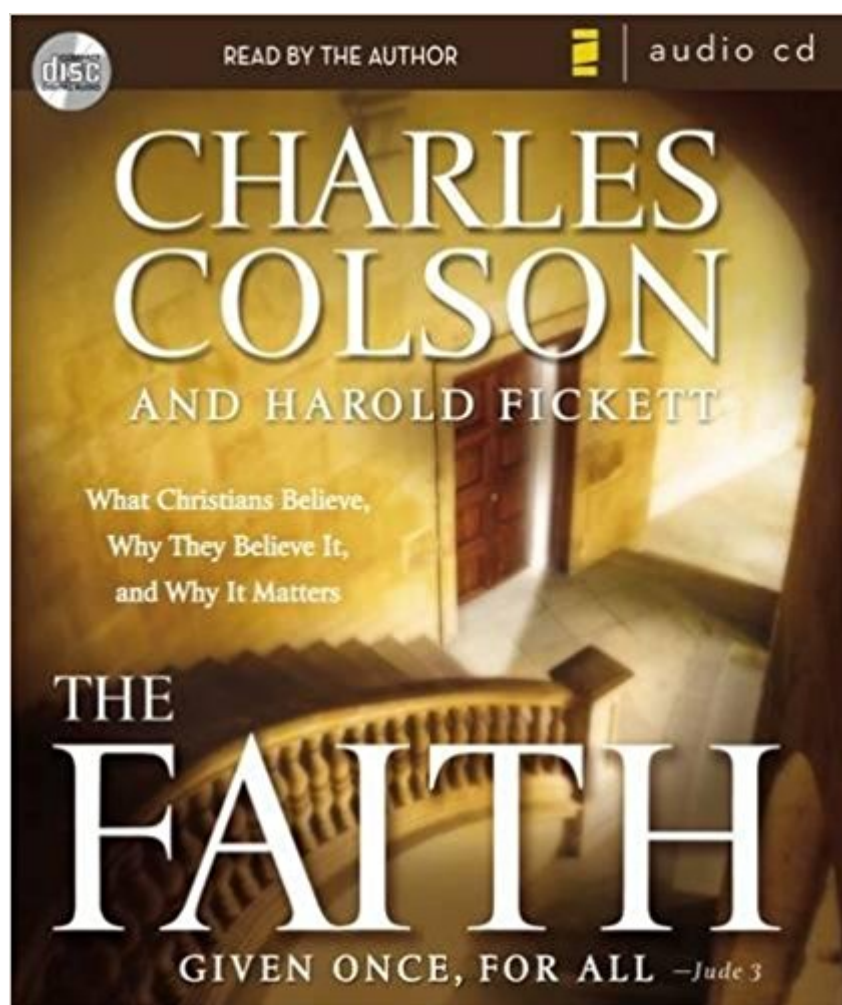




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The Faith: What Christians Believe, Why They Believe It, And Why It Matters



Synopsis

"I am seeking truth, not therapy, a real challenge to the church." Chuck Colson In this powerful book, Chuck Colson and Harold Fickett identify Christianity's two great contemporary threats—anti-theism and radical Islam--and a third challenge: Christians who no longer understand their faith or the biblical truths upon which it is founded. There has never been a time, they say, when we needed more the strong, culture-building, life-affirming influence of biblical Christianity. This book reconnects Christians with the unshakable tenets of their faith—truths that offer a ground for faith in uncertain times, hope and joy for those who despair, and reconciliation for a world at war with God and itself.

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Customer Reviews

Longtime collaborators Colson and Fickett address the very tenets of the Christian faith in order to renew ourselves as Christians and the Church as God's people. Generally they do this well, first offering an overview of challenges facing the church and then moving on to specific core issues. Chapter builds on chapter, from God Is to He Has Spoken to Truth and so on to Last Things. Especially thought-provoking is the question of why so many people accuse the Christian faith of being dry and brittle. One answer, the authors say, is the church's failure to teach what the faith is. Colson and Fickett call the church to rediscover the joy of orthodoxy, to renew the surrounding culture and to rethink how we live out faith. If there's ever been a time in which renewal was essential, it is today, they say. Those who know Colson's work will appreciate his pointed statements and bold words, while those looking for subtle shadings of doctrinal issues may be

aghast at the lack thereof. The book's strength lies not in minutiae but in opening the discussion on orthodoxy and what living as a Christian means by going back to faith's beginnings. (Mar.) Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

'...a winning combination of Christian apologetics and Christian doctrine -- a manifesto for looking at the world in a distinctly Christian way....'The Faith' is moved along by stories more than by systematic theology (though there's plenty of the latter in the book as well). Colson and Fickett bring together stories of courage and martyrdom from the annals of Christian history as well as riveting accounts of personal transformation from Colson's Prison Fellowship ministry. The contemporary stories help readers see what the Christian life looks like today. The ancient stories remind us that we are not the first generation of Christians to live this way. The stories aren't just inspirational. They're informative....[T]he book indeed works as both catechesis and as apologetic, a strong defense for traditional faith without sounding overly defensive. 'The Faith' is more a celebration of orthodoxy than a circling of the theological wagons. Its primary message is that Christianity is true, Christianity is good, and Christianity is beneficial for the world. Its primary method is to do so by explaining what Christianity is.' (Christianity Today)

I love Colson's writings! This book is another home run. He explains the essentials of my faith so clearly and at the same time challenges me to dig deeper into the awesome privilege of an intimate, heart-to-heart relationship that God so desires to have with each of us. This book gives a deeper understanding of what walking with Christ involves, every step, every day along life's path.

This is a must read. Mr. Colson is an excellent writer who masterfully explains the importance of Christian doctrine in an interesting and understandable manner. His Biblical knowledge is very impressive. All Christians need to be grounded in their faith and this book provides an excellent way to learn, review, apply what is important.

concise and well-written the basics of the Christian faith. Premise - how can we share and defend what we don't understand. Book reports a sad fact, most Christians cannot articulate the fundamentals of what we purport to understand. Highly recommend reading!

Few Christians understand their religion. Colson explains succinctly what Christians believe, why

they believe it, and why it is important. He presents Christian "orthodoxy" in the context of engaging true stories that educate, captivate and illustrate the real meaning of Church teaching on God, on individuals, and society. A must read for anyone looking for a brief but profound view of "The Faith"

Not my favorite Colson work but still worth getting.

I enjoy this book, which is why I bought it for another person--Charles Colson admitted to his sins, as we all should do--his work since his coming to Christ has been inspiring--I would recommend this book to anyone who professes to be a Christian.

Useful book.

I appreciate being exposed to the perspective of this brilliant man and his unique intriguing journey. He presents the problems of the world we live in and God's solution through faith in Jesus with motivating clarity!

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