

Christian beliefs

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Christian Beliefs is a condensed version of the author's in depth *Systematic Theology*, and is definitely a 'must read' as it covers the ground work of what it means to be a Christian. It touches many

of the big and sometimes hard to grasp topics like election and justification in a very readable way. It is not 'all you need to know about...', but instead an opening into discovering more about what the Bible teaches.

The book is split into 20 chapters, each dealing with one aspect of Christianity - for example 'What is the Trinity?' Grudem explains what the different aspects mean, always using Scripture to justify his explanation. One of the most helpful aspects of the book is that each chapter ends with some questions to ponder, which really helps to solidify what you've read.

It is useful for both new Christians and for those not new to the faith as it covers areas that we sometimes don't engage with; with chapters on 'What Is the Final Judgement?' and 'What Are Angels, Satan and Demons?'. It is even a means to engage with friends who are interested in finding out more about Christianity.

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I could do that

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A brilliant book - at the same time both easy and challenging to read. The short chapters lend themselves to the busy student who's reading between lectures or clinics, and are written in an

engaging and personal style. With 15 short accounts there's bound to be a story that really touches you, or gives ideas either for working abroad or supporting overseas healthcare workers. It's a real challenge to read this book and not be inspired or stirred.

Qualifying and working abroad may seem far away now but this book has something to say to everyone; from students to qualified doctors and healthcare workers to those who've retired. As a student I feel pretty radical and adventurous, but it's very clear that God's plans are much more extravagant and daring than we imagine. Although I have a heart for working abroad, this book surprisingly also spoke to the part of me that is considering staying in the UK and showed how God can use people dramatically wherever they are. Each story is written by a different person, in a different style and with different adventures; however the recurring theme is that with God all things are possible!

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