

The Single Issue

Al Hsu

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Being a Christian isn't always easy. The same is true for being single. Surely it's just bad luck to find yourself both single *and* a Christian – double the difficulties some may say. It can feel that marriage is the expected

within church, and with that comes pressure to settle down and find 'the one'. This book dispels all those pressures and sets the record straight.

Hsu tackles a range of issues surrounding singleness including sex and romance, what the Bible has to say and what the Christian society says today. Each chapter deals with these topics sensitively whilst firmly reminding us that what we want may not be the same as what God has planned for us. Hsu goes on to tackle the somewhat controversial topic of whether singleness is a gift and how this should affect our attitude towards being single.

What I like about this book is that it is grounded in Scripture, constantly turning to the Bible for advice and guidance. Each chapter ends with a short Bible study to reinforce the theme which makes it very practical and further roots its teaching in God's Word.

Overall this is a great book for any Christian, not just those of us who find ourselves single. Easy to read and grasp, *The Single Issue* will help you to understand God's heart and view of singleness and provide encouragement and guidance to those who are single and struggling with it.

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Well-organised into accessible sections, this book is rooted in the Bible and is full to the brim with quotations, allowing further study of the

topics discussed. It sets out what the gospel is, why personal evangelism is important, and how we should go about it.

Tough theological issues surrounding evangelism are examined – such as looking at how God's sovereignty affects our evangelism. However this is no dry textbook of theology – topics like God's sovereignty are directly applied to how we share the gospel with our friends.

The God-Man-God framework for the gospel is set out - this will be familiar to those who've been to a CMF Confident Christianity course, or avid readers of *Nucleus*. By remembering just five headings (God, Man, God, What if I don't? What if I do?), it is possible to organize the key facts of the gospel in our minds. We can then present the whole gospel in a minute or two if needed, or answer questions like 'so do you really believe in hell, then?', or 'why did Jesus have to die?' in the context of the whole gospel. Though easily read, this book will transform how we talk about Jesus.

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