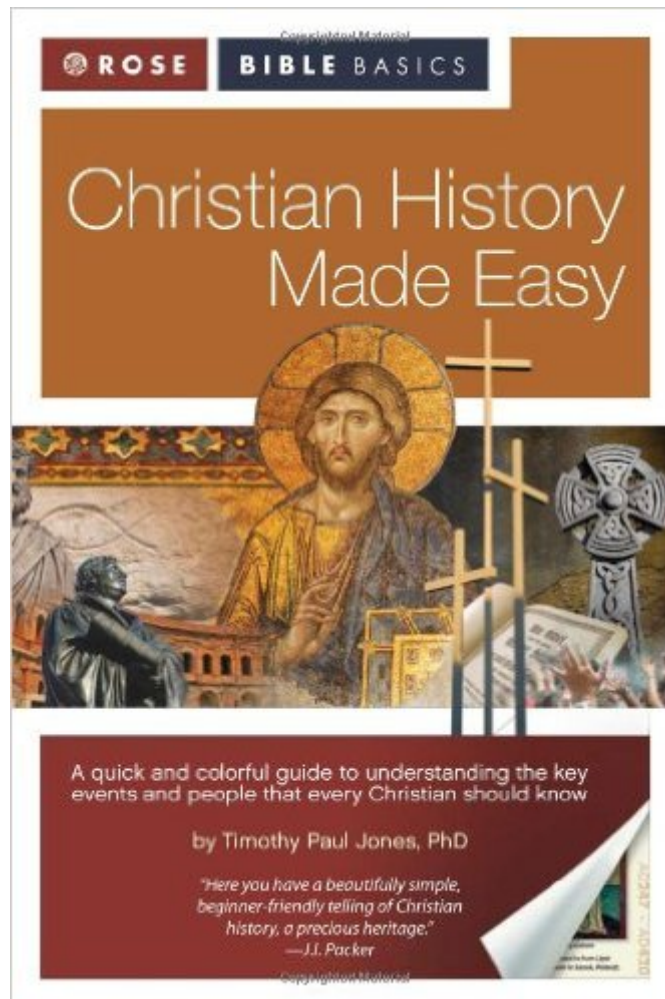


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Customer Reviews

I bought this book as a potential text for teaching a class at our church on church history. As the cover states, it is quite "basic", but it is ideal for use as a beginner-level overview of the history of Christianity: exactly what I'd hoped it would be. The twelve chapters -- each of which covers the main events, names, and terms of a time period -- read incredibly quickly, as each page contains colorful pictures, block quotes, and other graphics which present information in a variety of ways. The scope of the book is grand, covering the time of the apostles up through postmodernism and the Emergent Church, and everything in between. Obviously, nothing is covered in depth, but Jones provides readers with a "big picture" view of history, enough detail to have at least a basic familiarity with the most important aspects of church history, and resources for further study. I was personally most appreciative of the author's emphasis on the work of God in building the Church throughout history. He is honest about the many failings of the Church and its leaders, but highlights the ideas and contributions made during each era which ultimately led to the spread of the Gospel. This is most evident in Chapter 6 ("God Never Stops Working"), which covers the difficult period from 673-1295. Jones applies the words of Jesus in John 5:17 ("My father is always at his work") to show how God worked through the monastics, the Scholastics, and the mystics to preserve the Bible and a remnant of believers even through the Dark Ages. Taking that view of history helps us to remain optimistic at times when it is difficult to see how God is working. His final chapters are also helpful in

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