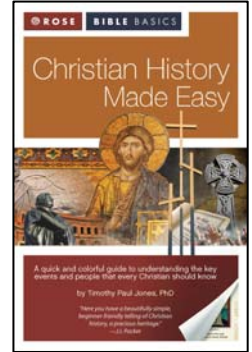


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The Importance of Christian History Why Christians Need to Know the History of Their Faith

Louisville, KY – Ever wonder, "When did conflicts about Christian beliefs begin?", "Who was the first Pope?", "What caused the splits in Christianity?", "What are the differences between Roman Catholicism, Eastern Orthodoxy, and Protestants?". **Dr. Timothy Paul Jones**, a professor at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, believes Christians are lacking the historical knowledge of their faith.



"The history of the Christian faith affects our lives - how we read the Bible, how we view our government and how we worship. Church history is our family history. By looking at God's providential workings in the past, we become more keenly aware of how God may be working in the present. By weighing heresies of the past, we learn to identify what constitutes orthodoxy here and now. By considering the rich heritage of theologies past, we are freed from the faddishness of pragmatism that idolizes the present moment," says Jones.

Jones, a historian and Bible teacher, recognized that many Christians are unaware of the history of the church and unable to intelligently answer questions about their faith. In response, he's written, ***Christian History Made Easy*** (Rose Publishing, September 2009), a colorful, fact-filled resource that takes readers back in time to ancient centuries and cultures, historical landmarks, and people who forever shaped the Christian faith. Readers will quickly familiarize themselves with some of the following facts:

Events: The Council of Nicaea (AD 325), Children's Crusade (1212), Persecution of Japanese Christians (1596-1643), Methodist Conference Formed Within the Anglican Church (1784), Formation of the African Methodist Church (1816), Rev. Barton Stone and Cane Ridge Revival (1801), Pope Pius IX and the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception (1854), Azusa Street Revival (1906), Edinburgh Conference (1910) and The Dead Sea Scrolls Discovered (1947).

People: Emperor Nero, Augustine of Hippo, Patrick of Ireland, Francis of Assisi, Joan of Arc, John Bunyan, Karl Barth, John Calvin, William Tyndale, Charles Finney, William Carey, Charles Spurgeon, Sojourner, Frances Willard, Dwight L. Moody and Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

Terms: Heresy, Gnosticism, Transubstantiation, Pietists, Separatists, Dispensationalism, Roman Catholicism, Postmillennialists, Premillennialists, Amillennialists, Fundamentalists, Theological Liberals, Evangelicals and Postmodernity.

Christian History Made Easy is filled with easy-to-understand historical facts, stories and time-lines from AD64 to the present. Pages are filled with notes, trivia, photos and artwork of historical people, places and events. Jones has also included a 13 week bible-study for small groups or churches. Jones advocates that Christians should engage history and look at the facts in order to provide an educated conversation when sharing their faith. Additional information is available at www.timothypauljones.com.

About *Christian History Made Easy*:

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Suggested Interview Questions

For Dr. Timothy Paul Jones, author of *Christian History Made Easy*

1. What is the value of Christians understanding and sharing the history of their faith?
2. What is the deep relationship between Christianity and Science? How have so many people become misinformed over the years?
3. Why is the study of Christian history so important?
4. Why are so many Christians uninformed about their own religious history?
5. Who are some of the important founders of the Christian faith?
6. What are some terms that every Christian should be familiar with?
7. What are some early historical events that started the Christian faith?
8. What period in the history of Christianity do you think should be studied more by Christians today, and why?
9. How did Christianity impact the end of slavery?
10. How did baptism, communion and denominations originate?
11. How did the Roman Catholic, Christian and Protestant faith all originate?
12. What stirred the rise of Evangelical Christianity?
13. How has the church changed since it began and where is the modern day church heading?

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Bio: Dr. Timothy Paul Jones

Author, *Christian History Made Easy*

Timothy Paul Jones holds a bachelor's and master's degrees in biblical literature and pastoral ministry, and has earned a doctorate in educational leadership from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

In addition to *Christian History Made Easy*, Dr. Jones has written numerous books, including *Answers to The Da Vinci Code* (Rose Publishing) and co-authored *The Da Vinci Codebreaker* (Bethany House), Dr. Jones has authored *Prayers Jesus Prayed* (Servant Publications), *Praying Like the Jew, Jesus* (Messianic Jewish Publications), *Finding God in a Galaxy Far, Far Away* (Multnomah Press), *Hullabaloo: Reflections from the Intersection of Faith and Life* (Cook Communications), and *Misquoting Truth: A Guide to the Fallacies of Bart Ehrman's "Misquoting Jesus"* (InterVarsity Press).

Nearly one-half million of his books and pamphlets are in print around the world, while Dr. Jones' articles have appeared in numerous magazines, including *Discipleship Journal*, *Preaching*, *Biblical Illustrator*, *Perspectives in Religious Studies*, *Religious Education*, *Christian Education Journal* and *Bibliotheca Sacra*. Dr. Jones has also contributed more than 200 entries to two popular reference works, *Nelson's New Christian Dictionary* and *Nelson's Dictionary of Christianity* (Thomas Nelson).

Dr. Jones served as the Senior Pastor of First Baptist Church of Rolling Hills, a growing congregation on the outskirts of Tulsa, Oklahoma. In 2007, he became the Assistant Professor of Leadership and Church Ministry at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. He has also served Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and Oklahoma Baptist University's Ministry Training Institute as a visiting professor of biblical languages.

He has also received the Baker Book House Award for excellence in theological scholarship as well as the North American Professors of Christian Education Scholastic Recognition Award for his doctoral research in the field of spiritual formation.

Dr. Jones has been married to his wife, Rayann, since 1994. They also are the adoptive parents of Hannah, a girl from Romania.

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