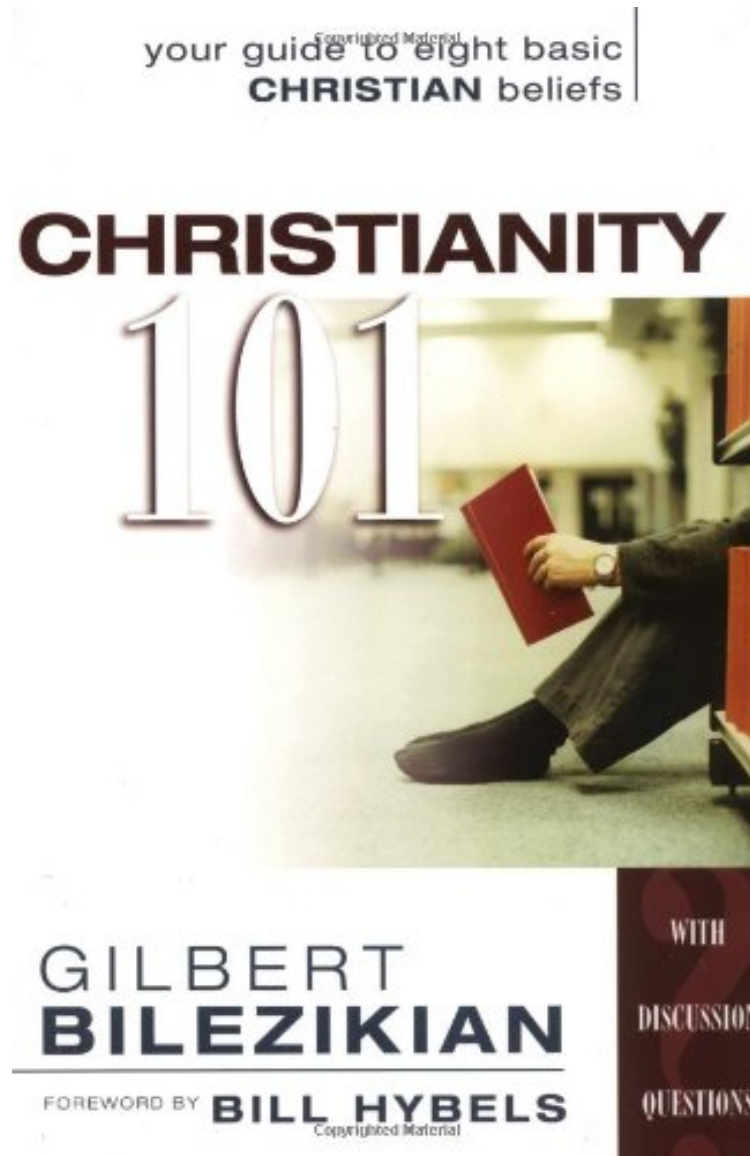


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the markBy Laurence T. BaxterGilbert Bilezikian has undertaken a very difficult task indeed in writing Christianity 101. His goal is to explain eight very important doctrine in plain language in a way that is helpful to new and seasoned Christians alike. The book finds itself at the intersection of a introductory systematic theology (in far fewer pages than others) and an advanced primer for the Christian faith. As such, it's not clear that it did an outstanding job for either audience.From the very title of the book, Christianity 101, the reader might expect a Dummies' Guide of sorts, explaining what Christianity is all about in a basic way. That reader will be disappointed. Although the back cover suggests this book is written for people who hate feeling frustrated about seeing terms like Monophysitism, Hypostatic Union or Infralapsarian. Yet in chapter one there are terms like Testamental Differentiation and the Principle of Hapax Identification. This book in not basic in the same way Mere Christianity or Know What You Believe are.On the other hand, as a first-time introductory textbook in systematic theology, there are other problems. The brevity of the text means that a ton of questions are left unanswered, and several important topics must be left out. The main problem, however, is that Bilezikian's style is authoritative, allowing for no discussion (or in some cases mention) of alternative views. While this is sometimes the case for lengthier theology books, it's a glaring (almost dangerous) omission for something aimed at new Christians or those reading about theology for the first time. (Some would add that the author is a proponent of some fairly controversial views within the evangelical camp.) For a short systematic theology primer you may also want to consider Christian Beliefs: Twenty Basics Every Christian Should Know (just 160 pages); or for something just a bit more in depth without reaching for a 1000-page tome there is Basic Theology: A Popular Systematic Guide to Understanding Biblical Truth (560 pages) or Salvation Belongs to the Lord: An Introduction to Systematic Theology (382 pg).Still, the book does provide a lot of very useful and well-written information and may spur significant understanding and growth for a number of readers. It's a decent introductory-intermediate book, but it probably shouldn't be the only one you read either for the basics of Christianity or for beginning an exploration of systematic theology.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Christianity 101By T. LitchfieldThis is a great book. An invaluable reference for bible teachers, students and everyone who wants a down to earth explanation of heavenly things. I love the authors liberating view on Predestination, On Baptism of the Holy Spirit, on Community in the church, on the role of women in the church, the end times made simple, and a view of hell that makes sense. The author has a high regard for scripture but yet is able to bring much liberation to the church in the this age. The references to further reading throughout the book are also great in that they lead to works that give further light on specific subjects. I've read numerous books on Christian Belief and this is the one I keep coming back to.

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