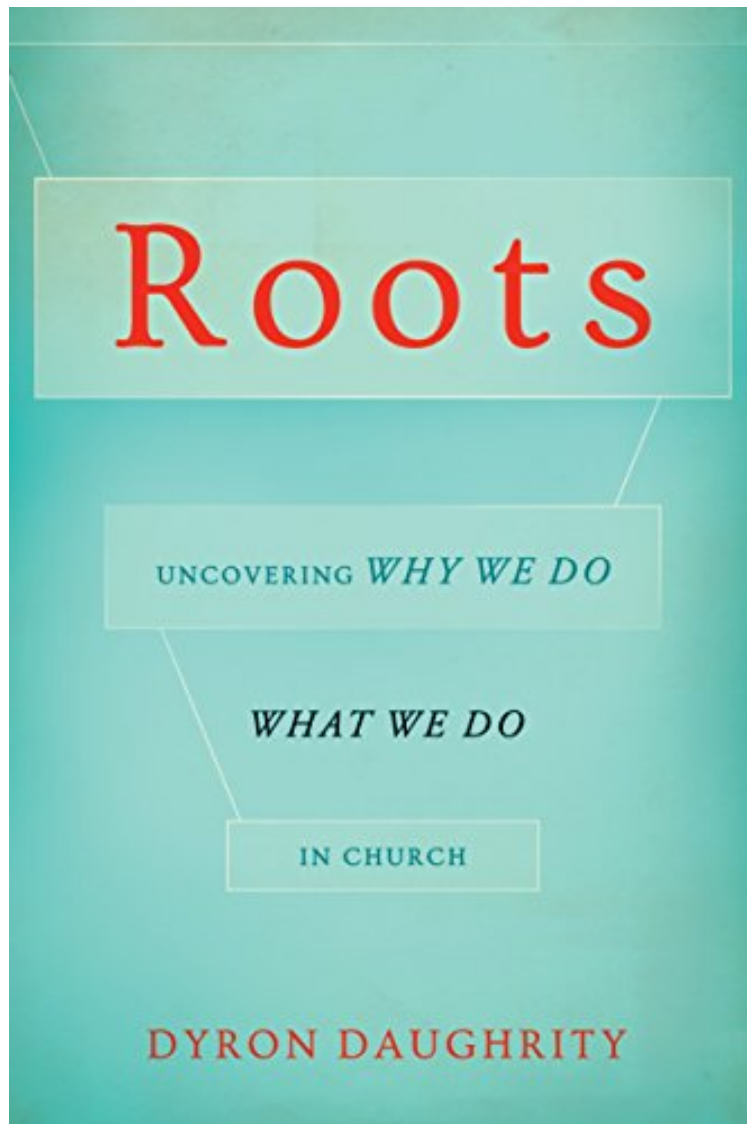


## Roots: Uncovering Why We Do What We Do in Church

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**Dyron Daughrity : Roots: Uncovering Why We Do What We Do in Church** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Roots: Uncovering Why We Do What We Do in Church:

1 of 3 people found the following review helpful. It is a good book basic bookBy ericIt is a good book basic book. I like the almost Irenic approach and readability with minimum technical terms for the lay person. High grade for " not everything we do is rooted in Scripture." This is significant especially if one has behind his mind the difference between Sola Scriptura and Solo Scriptura. The section on music also deserve high points. Author was reflective about

his own background and gave reasons why it would be better to move away from acappella due to "seismic change." Low grade on section of Baptism. One of the distinctness of Church of Christ is the term: Baptismal Regeneration. No baptism, no salvation. It is easy to "bash" Roman Catholics especially from Protestant point of view. Harder to reflect upon one's own Restorative Movement. This is where the author did poorly on the topic -- Bible. In conclusion: A good easy read with some information. However, lacking more substantive substance if one is looking for that .

By uncovering why we do what we do in church, Christians can make more informed decisions about where they should take their churches in the future. Why do we do what we do in church? Roots answers that question. Readers will discover for themselves the history of seven important topics that are at the very heart of what it means to be a Christian. Bible: Who decided on what the Bible should include? Baptism: Why do some baptize infants and others baptize believers? Eucharist: How did a supper turn into a tiny wafer and a sip of juice? Church buildings: How did we get from meeting in homes to attending megachurch arenas? Pastors: How did church leadership become so professionalized and hierarchical? Sermons: How did we get from Love thy neighbor to a 30-minute rhetorical performance? Church Music: Early Christians chanted Psalms, but now we have Chris Tomlin. Why? Every Christian needs to know these things . . . and decide what they believe.

**FROM THE BACK COVER** This is a truly remarkable book. Dyron Daughrity provides a detailed guide to the numerous expressions of the Christian faith, combined with readability and even humour. For those who are unacquainted with the Christian traditions, it is an outstanding introduction, and committed Christians will discover much about their own roots as well as those of other traditions. It should be welcomed by students of religion as well as the general reader. --George D. Chryssides, York St John University, UK When you first open Roots, you might initially think you are getting a simple primer to Christian life and practice. Only when you delve a little further do you realize just how smartly the author identifies and confronts the key questions facing all denominations, and how deep and wide-ranging are the scholarly resources with which he tackles them. This is a truly deceptive book, and admirably so. And an enjoyable read throughout. --Philip Jenkins, Distinguished Professor of History, Institute for Studies of Religion, Baylor University **MORE PRAISE FOR ROOTS** Dyron Daughrity, a recognized scholar of global Christianity, turns his attention to the sweep of Christian history, deftly surveying basic features of church: the role of the Bible, baptism, the Lord's supper, pastors and bishops, church buildings, preaching, and music. Solidly rooted in the best scholarship. Wonderfully clear and readable. Generous in spirit yet firm in conviction. Dive into this fascinating book and be enlightened, humbled, and more deeply rooted in the rich, diverse stream of Christian faith across the ages. --Leonard Allen, Lipscomb University; author of *Distant Voices: Discovering a Forgotten Past for a Changing Church* Dyron Daughrity has written a well-documented and delightfully illustrated book providing the theological and historical roots of common Christian traditions. As a professor of Christian history, I tell my students that church history includes historical theology and practice. Dr. Daughrity skillfully weaves biblical truth, arguments from early church fathers, reformation practices, and contemporary developments to demonstrate Christian liturgy and customs through the ages. Roots is an important read for all interested in the traditions of Christianity. --Terry G. Carter, Professor of Christian History and Ministry, Ouachita Baptist University Evangelical Christians care deeply about the Bible and Christian faith, but they sometimes treat the two thousand years since Jesus walked on earth as if they are thoroughly inconsequential. That is unfortunate. The thoughts and actions of Christians today are rooted in holy habits that have been nurtured, refined, criticized, and reformed over centuries. In this winsomely written volume, evangelical scholar Dyron Daughrity shows how much can be gained when the historic roots of today's Christian faith and practice are unearthed and examined. --Douglas Jacobsen, Distinguished Professor of Church History and Theology, Messiah College **Roots: Uncovering Why We Do What We Do In Church** by Dyron Daughrity answers the most frequently asked questions on Christian practice. A renowned scholar and a former minister, Dyron Daughrity has a gift for presenting potentially complex topics in a way that is theologically impeccable, amiably concise, and pastorally wise. The brief book addresses seven questions including baptism, Eucharist, and preaching people are asking about the Christian practice in a deeply personal, fact-based, narrative style. His book is a wonderful bridge between the real world of practice and the rigor of academic scholarship. A great book for students, practitioners, clergy, and educators. --Enrico Beltrami, PhD, professor of theology, Santa Clara University Reading church history can be a dry and boring experience unless it is history written by an author who loves it passionately and understands it intimately. Dyron Daughrity is just such an author. Roots is a dramatic and revealing flight through centuries of religious history that is both illuminating and, dare I say, entertaining! Dyron shares something new and interesting in every chapter. If you love the church, you'll want to read this book! --Jeff Walling, Director, Youth Leadership Initiative, Pepperdine University; Teaching Pastor, Shepherd of the Hills Christian Church, Porter Ranch, CA **From the Inside Flap** Why do we do what we do in church? "Roots" answers that question. Readers will discover for themselves the history of seven important topics that are at the very heart of what it means to be a Christian. - Bible: Who decided on what the Bible should include? - Baptism: Why do some baptize infants and others baptize believers? - Eucharist: How did a "supper" turn into a tiny wafer and a sip of juice? - Church buildings: How did we get from meeting in

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