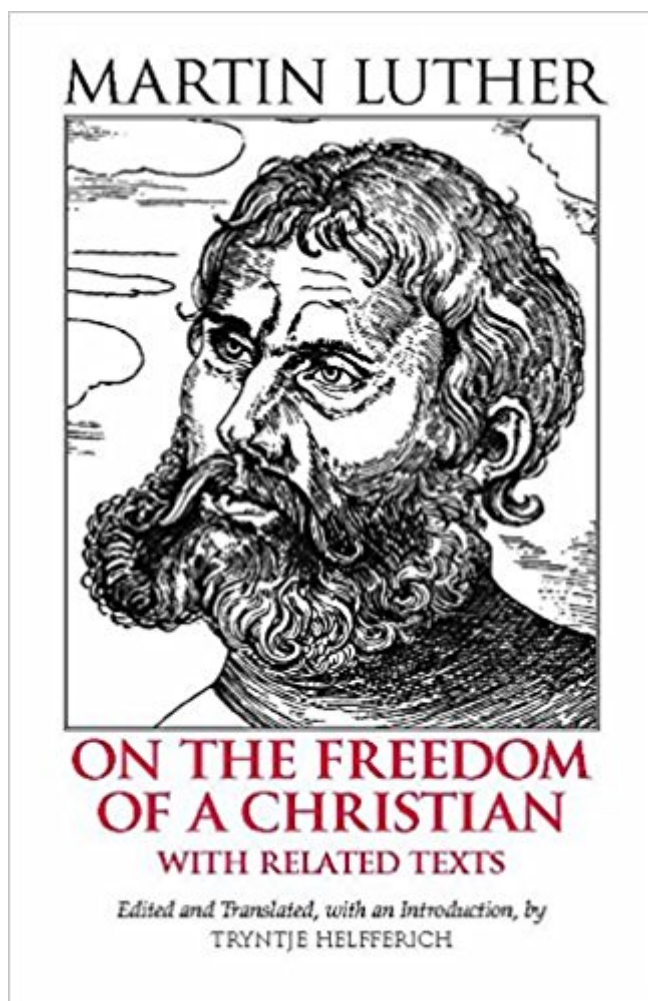


The book was found

On The Freedom Of A Christian: With Related Texts (Hackett Classics)



Synopsis

Perhaps the clearest and most influential statement of the principles driving the early Protestant reformers, Martin Luther's *On the Freedom of a Christian* (1520) challenged the teachings and authority of the old Church while simultaneously laying out the blueprint for a new one.

Book Information

Series: Hackett Classics

Paperback: 160 pages

Publisher: Hackett Publishing Company, Inc. (September 13, 2013)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0872207684

ISBN-13: 978-0872207684

Product Dimensions: 0.8 x 5.5 x 8.5 inches

Shipping Weight: 6.4 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 5.0 out of 5 stars 3 customer reviews

Best Sellers Rank: #463,124 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #200 in [Books > Christian Books & Bibles > Christian Denominations & Sects > Protestantism > Lutheran](#) #202 in [Books > Christian Books & Bibles > Theology > Anthropology](#) #568 in [Books > Christian Books & Bibles > History > Historical Theology](#)

Customer Reviews

With a few key primary sources, [Helfferich] introduces the Reformation in all its complexity. While emphasizing the centrality of religion and belief in the Reformation movement--including key theological concepts of Luther and the mainstream Reformation, of Catholic theologians, and of Mu ntzer and the more radical elements in the Reformation--the texts collected in this volume also introduce readers to its social, cultural, and economic aspects, topics of so much of the recent scholarship on the Reformation. The work includes an excellent general Introduction that, in a lucid and systematic manner, presents the reader with those key aspects of the period's Christian thought and practice against which Luther would react in *On the Freedom of a Christian*. And although individually brief, the cumulative effect of the various introductions [to each related text] is to provide the reader with a broad range of information about the Reformation in general.--Robert J. Christman, *Luther College* The translations are accurate and clear, and the introductory essay does a wonderful job of distilling complicated theological controversies into terms that are comprehensible by an undergraduate audience. The edition's greatest asset, though, is the range of texts that

it includes. By including works by Luther's Catholic opponents and his erstwhile allies, this edition demonstrates that On the Freedom of a Christian represented not only a high point in Luther's thought, but also a starting point in a debate that spanned Christendom and had massive social and political implications.--Philip Haberkern, Boston University
A highly readable translation, with excellent contextualization and annotation.--Joel F. Harrington, Vanderbilt University

Tryntje Helfferich is Associate Professor of History, The Ohio State University at Lima.

The initial distinction Luther draws between the soul and the body dissolves as soon as he discusses Christian love towards other human beings. If faith alone is sufficient to save the soul, then all the works of the body are useless unless directed towards the fellow humans in love. The soul is necessary to be made right with God in faith, the body is necessary to serve others, and thus "become a Christ" for their sake. The good man does the good works and not the other way around, as Luther puts it. Having been freed from condemnation, we are free to love others. Thus freedom from the economy of works and production leads to the freedom of love. For Luther, freedom enables love. This is the soul transcending the body in the Levinasian sense.

To be reminded of these truths is wonderful. Of course the language *À Á* takes some getting used too.

A scholarly and well done redo of Luther's work.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

On the Freedom of a Christian: With Related Texts (Hackett Classics) A Vindication of the Rights of Woman: Abridged, with Related Texts (Hackett Classics) The Secret History: with Related Texts (Hackett Classics) Wieland; or The Transformation: with Related Texts (Hackett Classics) Books of Breathing and Related Texts -Late Egyptian Religious Texts in the British Museum Vol.1 (Catalogue of the Books of the Dead and Other Religious Texts in the British Museum) Loving God: Krsna and Christ: A Christian Commentary on the Marada Sutras (Christian Commentaries on Non-Christian Sacred Texts) The Essential Spinoza: Ethics and Related Writings (Hackett Classics) The Grand Inquisitor: with related chapters from The Brothers Karamazov (Hackett Classics) On the War for Greek Freedom: Selections from The Histories (Hackett Classics) Beyond Freedom and Dignity (Hackett Classics) Unearthing the Changes: Recently Discovered Manuscripts of the Yi Jing (I

Ching) and Related Texts (Translations from the Asian Classics) Classics of Analytic Philosophy (Hackett Classics) Crs Computer-Related Syndrome: The Prevention & Treatment of Computer-Related Injuries Innovative Teaching Strategies In Nursing And Related Health Professions (Bradshaw, Innovative Teaching Strategies in Nursing and Related Health Professions) Nutrition and Diagnosis-Related Care (Nutrition and Diagnosis-Related Care (Escott-Stump)) Laser Interaction and Related Plasma Phenomena (Laser Interaction & Related Plasma Phenomena) How to Read a Christian Book: A Guide to Selecting and Reading Christian Books as a Christian Discipline A Christian Girl's Diary: The everyday happenings of an average christian teenage girl. (Christian Books For Life Book 4) An Account, Much Abbreviated, of the Destruction of the Indies With Related Texts Observations upon Experimental Philosophy, Abridged: with Related Texts

[Contact Us](#)

[DMCA](#)

[Privacy](#)

[FAQ & Help](#)