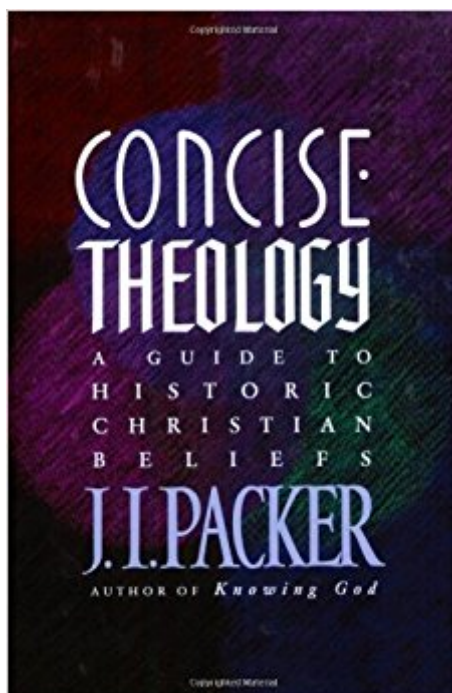


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# Concise Theology: A Guide To Historic Christian Beliefs



## Synopsis

Theology matters! At last it can be understood easily, thanks to this layman's language • approach to biblical belief. Authored by J. I. Packer, one of the premier theologians of Christianity, this summary of Christian teaching covers nearly 100 major Christian beliefs from a Reformed perspective. Brief, easy-to-understand chapters offer precise descriptions without sacrificing depth. Thoughtfully arranged and refreshingly readable, this is a book that belongs on the shelf of every Christian.

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How can I know God better? "If only I had the time to study theology. . . ." If only someone could explain the essentials of theology in bite-sized portions. If only there were a resource that went deeper without drowning the reader in page after page. J. I. Packer has done it! Finally, there's a book that explains the essentials of theology in a style and length that busy readers can appreciate. J. I. Packer, noted theologian and author of *Knowing God*, offers 94 concise studies. Each focuses on our great God and his wonderful plan for us. Where does the Bible say that? Each study is just a couple of pages long. That means you can find the answers you need quickly. But don't be fooled--there are plenty of Scripture references on every page. You can go as deep as you want at the pace you want. Short studies on the essentials. In these chapters, you'll find what Packer calls the "permanent essentials of Christianity." The essentials are summarized so that you can find them quickly and easily. The essentials are expressed in such a way that you can both understand and

appreciate the greatness of God. So jump right in. Discover for yourself how Christian theology is not just a system of beliefs, but a way of life.

So many questions I have, so many answers I need. The Bible is the #1 place to go for answers, but sometimes translations are confusing or not clear. Everyone has their interpretations and this is so with this book too (Reformed Theology view), however one thing I appreciate about this book is that Packer points you right back to scripture. His statements and views are backed up with the soundness of the Word of God. He uses clarity when he writes and shows you directly in scripture where to look. I need that. I am often referring to this book on different topics because I have so many questions about Jesus, the church, and Sovereign election. Packer splits the book up into sections: God revealed as Creator, God revealed as Redeemer, God Revealed as Lord of Grace, and God revealed as Lord of Destiny. Within each of these sections is topics relating to the section. Topics like "Fall of Man", "Election", "Baptism" and "The Unpardonable Sin" are just a few of the many topics he covers. You don't have to read this front to back, you can simply find a topic you are trying to learn more about and read the few pages which contain huge amounts of wisdom from God's word. This book doesn't cover these topics in-depth, but it does give you plenty to understand the foundations of the Bible.

This book is exactly what it claims to be: complex theological ideas presented concisely. It is immensely helpful as a source for clarification, expansion of understanding, and solidification of the fundamental principles of reformed theology. I first read part of it as a rising freshman in high school, and again as a rising freshman in college, and each time I have gleaned more from Packer's brilliant summary of these complex ideas. Because of the nature of the book, if you unpack each sentence of each chapter, there is just a wealth of knowledge to be gleaned. And most importantly as Packer states in his introduction, a solid theological base leads to a richer doxology.

Clear, concise and a helpful list of essential doctrines of the faith!

All was as promised....pleased with the transaction.

This is my kind of study resource. It is a primer for guys like me that need to start with the basics before going deeper (and this book then makes me want to dig deeper). I tend to give up too quickly when theology books try to feed me too much at the beginning. This one provides just two or three

pages on each subject covered, which is perfect for me.

Good, concise, need to know Christian theology.

Exceptional product. Highly recommend

Great! Would buy again.

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