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- *Made in the Image of God: Understanding the Nature of God and Mankind in a Changing World*
- *The Christian Faith: A Quick Guide To Understanding Its Inter-Workings.*

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## Title of Presentation

The Christian Faith: A Quick Guide To Understanding Its Inter-Workings

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## Length of Presentation

This seminar can be designed around a one or two day weekend or divided into four 60 to 75 minute talks over four nights.

## Summary of Presentation

There is a great deal of confusion over the subject matter of Christianity. This talk is designed around my book "*The Christian Faith: A Quick Guide To Understanding Its Inter-Workings*", which was written to help alleviate that confusion. If you are a new Christian or a Christian who has made new commitments to know more about your faith or just someone looking to know more about the Christian faith in general, then you're invited to come join the author in a discussion about the inter-workings of the Christian faith.

( This presentation is designed to be informative not indoctrinating, which is also true of my book. I try not to take sides on any given doctrine, even though I do have my own views and do share them if asked and provide the reasons why. The only two dogmatic doctrines proclaimed within this presentation are: The doctrine of the Trinity and the doctrine on Jesus Christ. Without these two major doctrines, there would be no such thing as Christianity.)

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## Audience

This talk is designed for: New Christians, Christians wanting more foundational information about their faith or those looking into the Christian faith for answers.

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## Outline of Presentation

### I. Introduction

- A. Provide personal biography.
- B. Interaction with audience.
- C. Talk Introduction and summarizing the content of the talk.
  - 1) The Historical Beginning
  - 2) The Gospel from beginning to end
  - 3) The Historical Teachings of the Christian Faith

- 4) The Canon and Its Translations
- 5) The Inter-Workings of the Church
- 6) A Summary
- 7) Questions and Answers

## II. The Historical Beginning

- 1) The Historical Sources
  - a) The Scriptural Record
  - b) The Record From Church History
- 2) The Protestant Makeup of the Church.
- 3) The Unifying Teachings of the Christian Church.
- 4) The Historical Beginning of Christianity
- 5) How the Scriptural Record is Organized
  - a) The Old Testament
  - b) The New Testament
- 6) Who Are Apostles?
- 7) What Are Covenants?
- 8) False Sources
- 9) In Summary

## III. The Gospel From Beginning to End

- 1) The Gospel Defined
- 2) Why the Message?
- 3) What is Required?
  - a) Faith
  - b) Repentance
- 4) The Validation of the Message

- a) Historical
- b) Prophetical
- c) Testimonial

#### IV. The Historical Teaching of the Christian Faith

##### A. Introduction

##### B. Major Doctrines of the Church

###### 1) Doctrine of God

- a) God is Spirit
- b) God is Triune
- c) God is Omniscient
- d) God is Omnipotent
- e) God is Omnipresent
- f) God is Eternal
- g) God is Immutable
- h) God is Holy
- i) God is Righteous
- j) God is Merciful
- k) God is All Wise
- l) God is Love

###### 2) The Doctrine of Jesus Christ

- a) Jesus is God
- b) Jesus is Man
- c) Jesus as Savior

###### 3) The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit

- a) The Holy Spirit is God

- b) The Holy Spirit's Purpose
- 4) The Doctrine of Humankind
- 5) The Doctrine of Salvation
- 6) The Doctrine of the Scriptures
  - a) The Claim of Truthfulness
  - b) The Claim of Inspiration
  - c) The Claim of Eternalness
  - d) The Claim that Jesus Christ is the Word of God in the Flesh.
- 7) The Doctrine of the Church
  - a) First Century History
  - b) The Mystery of Christ
  - c) The Mystery of Church
  - d) The Mystery of the Holy Spirit
  - e) Understanding the Concept of the Universal Church
  - f) Understanding the Concept of the Local Church
  - g) The Offices of the Church
  - h) The Ordinances of the Church

#### V. The Canon and Its Translations

- 1) Opening Comments
- 2) Translation Concepts
- 3) Textual Criticism
  - a) (NT& OT) The Process
  - b) The Translations Developed
  - c) Rules Used in the Selection Process
  - d) The Issue of Paraphrases

- e) Biblical Hermeneutics
- f) Recommended Translations

## VI. The Inter-Workings of the Church

- 1) Opening Comments
- 2) Church Polity
  - a) Issues of Incorporation
  - b) Issues of Membership
- 3) Local Church Teaching
  - a) Covenant Theology
  - b) Dispensational Theology
  - c) Calvinism
  - d) Armenianism
  - e) Legalism
- 4) Christian Fundamentalist
- 5) Views on Prayer
- 6) Summary

## VII. Questions and Answers Session

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### Learning Objectives

- 1. To understand the historical setting of your faith from the beginning.
  - 2. To understand the written source of your faith.
  - 3. To understand the message of your faith.
  - 4. To understand the historical teachings of your faith.
  - 5. To understand the written translations of your faith.
  - 6. To understand church polity and the inter-workings a Christian church.
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## Speaker's Bio

Reid Ashbaucher was born in the United States, and holds a B.A. degree in Comprehensive Bible from Cedarville University, Cedarville, Ohio; an M.A. degree in Christian Theology from Trinity Theological Seminary, Newburgh, Indiana; and has completed some postgraduate work towards a Ph.D. in Religious Studies, endorsed by Canterbury Christ Church University, England.

Reid has been a believer in Jesus Christ for over 53 years. While experiencing life through secular fields of Military Service, Business Ownership and Radio Broadcast Engineering, Reid has served in local churches as deacon, teacher and pulpit supply, and currently serves as an independent non-denominational Chaplain with CFMI.

Throughout his life, Reid has sought to promote the Word of God as the source of true reality. This reality is reflected in Jesus Christ as He states: "Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine, and acts upon them, may be compared to a wise man, who built his house upon the rock" (Matthew 7:24; NASB).

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## Book Review Recommendation On Content

### **The Christian Faith: A Quick Guide to Understanding its Inter-Workings**

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Normally, I do not review non-fiction of any genre—but especially of the Christian genre. That might sound harsh since I'm an open Christian and owner of a Christian blog. This has nothing to do with religious debates or political correctness, I don't review Christian nonfiction because I simply don't enjoy Christian nonfiction. But I agreed to read this book because I wanted to break up the monotony for once. So here is a one-of-a-kind review for a book I found to be rather informative and enjoyable.

The title for this book says it all, even the blurb gets right down to the focus and main goal of the writing. Its to alleviate any confusion surrounding the Christian faith and to give followers and inquirers a clear understanding of just what Christianity is all about. I personally enjoyed the book because it was true to the blurb and title. The Christian Faith is a really quick and simple read; Ashbaucher is careful with which words he uses and he is sure to break down and explain the subject matter for everyone to understand.

When I was in college I took a course on American history, I think Christianity and US History go hand in hand and that thought was proven as fact when I began my studies. I

learned pretty much all of what's in the pages of this book, as far as the history of Christianity in the West. It felt refreshing to take a look at history from a religious perspective, you certainly learn a different lesson and things, in faith and in history, begin to make much more sense.

Western history is not mentioned in this book as much as I may make it seem but I think everyone will recognize the bits centered on Martin Luther and what his role plays in bringing Christianity to the US.

I think the best part of this book was its simplicity. Anyone, a new or mature Christian can pick this up and follow along. New Christians will be enlightened and intrigued by the material provided while mature Believers will take a refreshing and unique look at their faith.

My favorite section in this book was the part on Legalism, meaning the teachings of the Laws of the Bible. It just so happens, I'm currently doing a Bible study on Grace and The Law so this portion of the book had me the most intrigued. Ashbaucher puts an emphasis on ATTITUDE, highlighting that, yes, the Laws of the Word are important, but its also important to know that it is God's grace which allows us to have the will, power, and attitude to remain loyal to the teachings of the Bible. A lot of people criticize Christianity for its 'don't do this' attitude but Ashbaucher breaks down that critical barrier, and plenty more, with his quick guide to understanding our faith.

I would recommend this book to Christian readers and those with an interest in Christian non-fiction. If you enjoy study-guides or Biblical study books, then this would be a great pick for you. Those who are new to the faith will definitely benefit the most from this book.

\*I received a free copy of this book in exchange for an honest review\*

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