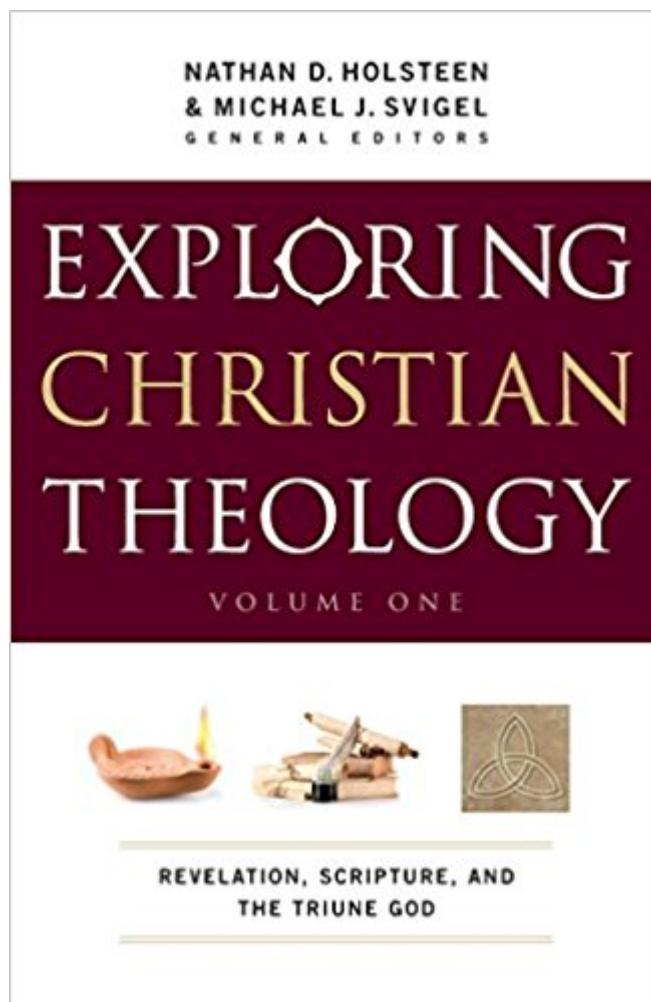


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Down to earth theology, highly recommended, easy to understand and full of practical truth that we need to follow. Well done

Of the eight text books I have for my first course in theology, this is the most readable. This is the only one that gave me any reason to laugh. The authors have taken a difficult subject, distilled truth, and served it in a palatable form while retaining the serious nature of the subject matter. Not confusing, informative, part of a series.

Bought this for a class. So accessible. Well-written.

Refreshing and a great help.

I started reading this book for one of those free classes Dallas Theological Seminary offers online on the topic of Scriptural inerrancy. It is a rare book when it comes to theology books because it is quite understandable. The writers are clearly brilliant theologians who are not trying to show us how smart they are (and they are), but rather trying to help the reader to understand. I loved this book. It basically deals with two topics, Scriptural inerrancy and the Trinity. These are two of the most complex things for Christians to understand and yet Holsteen and company do a great job of breaking it down. I love how they assembled this book. Each of the two sections are broken down into nine sections: an introduction, a high altitude survey, passages to master, the topic in retrospect, facts to never forget, dangers to avoid, principles to put into practice and voices from the past and present (snippets from great thinkers on the topic from across the centuries and the four periods of church history). Finally, each section contains a few pages of recommended books on

the topic in question. This is one of the most readable and comprehensible books on theology I have read. I am looking forward to picking up the other two books in this series. On last thing, don't skip over the glossary of terms. This is a wealth of information on all the various movements and schools of thought in the history of the church. This is a great book and a must read for anyone wanting to take their faith knowledge to a deeper level.

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