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His book is clear, concise, and instructive, providing the needed ballast amidst the storm of the contemporary world. -- David F. Wells, Andrew Mutch Distinguished Professor of Historical and Systematic Theology Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary

From the Back Cover

How can you live out your faith without truly understanding it? The study of Christian doctrine is often considered the domain of professional Christian scholars. After all, what does doctrine have to do with the average layperson? And what does the history of what Christians believe have to do with how we should live today? John Hannah asserts that an understanding of theology-the distilled knowledge of God that is the foundation of a walk with God-is essential for living the Christian life. No one can walk with a person he or she does not know, he states. Neither can we say we walk with God if we do not have an accurate knowledge of Him. This book is not a collection of dry and dusty theories, nor a debate about the hair-splitting minutia that so often divides us. Instead, it is an exploration and explanation of the essential truths of the Christian faith-truths that determine how we live our lives every day. It is a call to the church to again have God our number one priority. Why Theology Matters

Often Christians do not know what they believe or why they believe it. And according to John Hannah, a Christianity that is divorced from its theological history is merely morality rather than the vibrant, biblical faith that changes hearts and lives. Theologians regard theology not as an intellectual pursuit, but as the art of living unto God. Understanding biblical truth is actually a means to living a godly life. Theology doesn't just provide us with insights about God; it provides the foundation from which we respond appropriately to God. Why does theology matter? An accurate comprehension of theology keeps us from confusing popular opinion with truth. It helps us distinguish between what is transient and what is eternal. Understanding theology in its historical context can also keep us from error. It guards us from being deceived by things that have the appearance of wisdom, but are not of God. And knowledge of the history of doctrine reminds us of the ultimate triumph of God and His people-in spite of the protestations of the world around us to the contrary. What you believe does matter. As you explore the truths in this book, you will discover that theology is not just a collection of information about God-it is a rich legacy. It is your legacy.