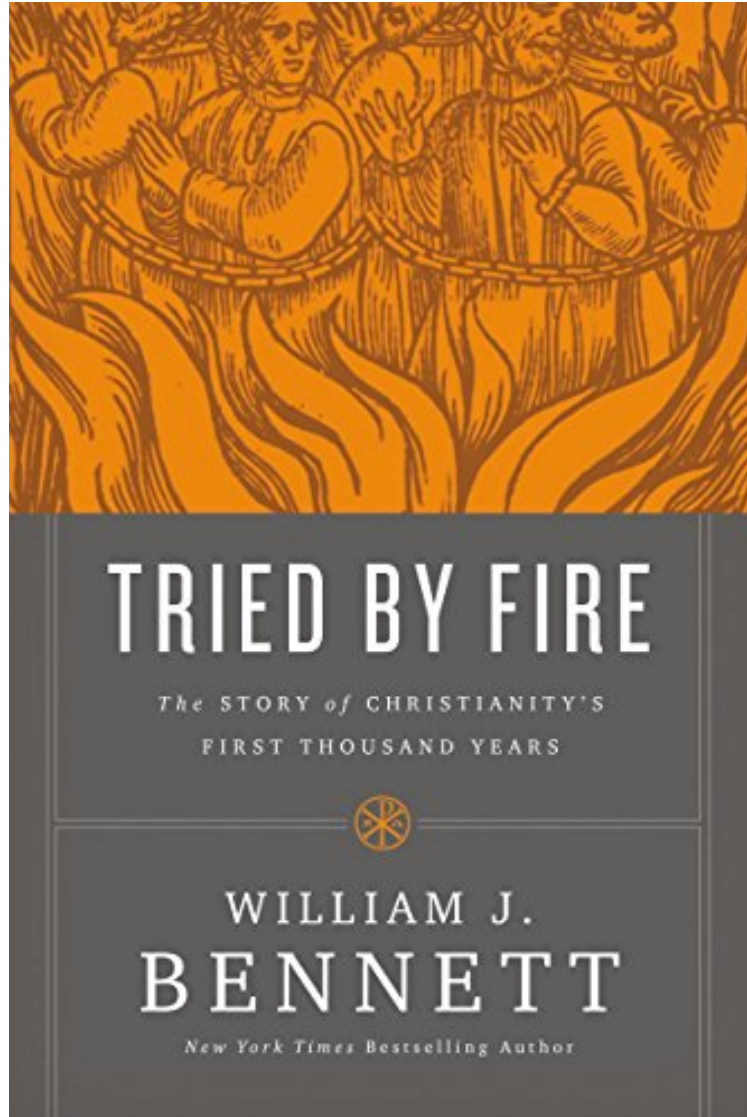


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140 of 145 people found the following review helpful. Church History the way it should be told By James Rich William J. Bennetts latest book, Tried by Fire, is a guided tour of the events and people of the first thousand years of the Churchs life, and it tells history that needs to be told in a way history should be told. This fast-paced survey is

certainly a must read for everyone who already has a commitment to Christianity, because the book shows how the Church developed and spread in the millennium after the Apostles died. But *Tried by Fire* is also for those who are not predisposed to this particular faith commitment, yet who genuinely want to have a better understanding of the people and events that are foundational to much that puts the West in Western Civilization. From the heroic perseverance of the Church's earliest martyrs in the face of brutal persecution, through the wranglings to refine and preserve the sound doctrine inherited from Christ's Apostles, to the schism that shattered the unity of the Christian Church in the Early Middle Ages, *Tried by Fire* fills in much of the important background of Western Civilization that wasn't covered in our high school and college history survey classes. *Tried by Fire* also is a good read because Dr. Bennett writes history as history should be written: not as a dry historical chronicle, but with a human-interest approach that gives both color and texture to the story line. He introduces his readers of all faith commitments (or none at all) to a myriad of unfamiliar but must-know people, from Arius to Zosimus. In the pages of *Tried by Fire*, you'll meet people you'll love and others you'll love to hate along with some noble examples of people worthy of emulation today. For instance, the account of the struggles of the stalwart defender of orthodoxy, Athanasius, serves as an inspirational model of dogged perseverance in the face of unrelenting personal and political opposition. Bennett's choice of highlighting the unvarnished reality of persecution and struggle in Christianity's progress reminds us that ideas have consequences, and it makes many of the courageous people we meet in the book's pages the embodiment of the truth that commitment often comes with a hefty price tag. *Tried by Fire* is sprinkled throughout with first-person quotations taken directly from the characters in the story line, and this makes the book a very accessible account of the progress of Christianity for the first half of its life. The time and money invested in reading this book will repay rich dividends, not just in entertaining and informing our minds, but when we take its content to heart, it will also strengthen and enrich our souls.

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This is the most comprehensive book I have seen on the first 1000 years of Christianity. William J. Bennett outdid himself. I can only look forward to the second 1000 years if Mr. Bennett has the time and energy to do it. This book shows how Christ is with us always until the end of time despite our sins. I met a Cardinal in Rome who said: "It is the true Church because we have been trying to destroy it for 2000 Years." May Our Lord Bless you for this work.
Gerard Beer
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By Mark Youngkin
William Bennett has written an exhaustive history of the first 1,000 years of the Christian faith in *Tried by Fire*. But for me it was a book to be admired, more than loved. It is detailed, but there's almost no flair to the way it's presented; in public and TV appearances Bennett is witty. But there's no evidence of that here. The best thing I can say about the book is that there's an excellent 250-page book here. Unfortunately the book runs almost 400 pages.

Full of larger-than-life characters, stunning acts of bravery, and heart-rending sacrifice, *Tried by Fire* narrates the rise and expansion of Christianity from an obscure regional sect to the established faith of the world's greatest empire with influence extending from India to Ireland, Scandinavia to Ethiopia, and all points in between. William J. Bennett explores the riveting lives of saints and sinners, paupers and kings, merchants and monks who together and against all odds changed the world forever. To tell their story, Bennett follows them through the controversies and trials of their time. Challenged by official persecution, heresy, and schism, they held steadfast to the truth of Christ. Strengthened by poets, preachers, and theologians, they advanced in devotion and love. In this moving and accessible narrative, *Tried by Fire* speaks across centuries to offer insight into the people and events that shaped the faith that continues to shape our lives today.

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