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Welcome to a Reformed Church: A Guide for Pilgrims



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Description

Who are these guys? That was the question the teenage Daniel R. Hyde posed to his father when he first encountered Reformed believers. With their unique beliefs and practices, these Christians didn't fit any of the categories in his mind.

Not so many years later, Hyde is now Rev. Daniel R. Hyde, a pastor of a Reformed church. Recognizing that many are on the outside looking in, just as he once was, he wrote *Welcome to a Reformed Church: A Guide for Pilgrims* to explain what Reformed churches believe and why they structure their life and worship as they do.

In layman's terms, Rev. Hyde sketches the historical roots of the Reformed churches, their scriptural and confessional basis, their key beliefs, and the ways in which those beliefs are put into practice. The result is a roadmap for those encountering the Reformed world for the first time and a primer for those who want to know more about their Reformed heritage.

Insightful reviews

Michael: Solid content, though often dry, almost reference like in the presentation.

Paul Kurtz: This book makes me wish there was a Reformed church near my home.

Mark Licklitter: Kind of boring and basic, but has a cool cover! Decent introduction to the Reformed faith, but there are better.

Joey: worthwhile creation to the philosophy and ideology of Reformed churches.

Jesse: outstanding primer at the fundamentals of the Christian faith. will be sturdy for a small crew or new believer. bought this loose on Amazon <http://www.amazon.com/Welcome-Reforme...>

Mathew: learning our position in the heritage of our church and rooting our theology to our non secular forefathers solutions a few of the difficulties we are facing today. The novelties are hardly novel. they're the dried regurgitation at the bib of the early church. That's what makes a ebook like *Welcome to a Reformed Church* valuable--it seeks to do things: first, explains a misinterpreted time period (reformed) and roots that time period in its ancient context. As a lot as I recommend for a wide realizing of the time period reformed at the present time in order that it may possibly rightly contain our Baptist brothers and those that contemplate themselves reformed who're loosely Calvinistic, you can't give you the leeway with out first tethering the rope to the tree. And lest you think that reformed fogeys worth being reformed over being a Christian, man Prentiss Waters says within the foreword, We say, with the nineteenth-century Scottish Presbyterian theologian John "Rabbi" Duncan (1796-1870), 'I'm first a Christian, subsequent a Catholic, then a Calvinist, fourth a Paedobaptist and eventually a Presbyterian. i can't opposite the order'" (xv). And later Hyde echoes this, "This term, Reformed, was once a shorthand manner of saying, 'Churches which are reformed in accordance with the notice of

God” (12). every little thing recommended from the confessions on is tethered to Scripture. Hyde develops his definition round center distinctives of reformed theology: history, confessions, Scripture, Covenant as God’s Story, Justification, Sanctification, the Church’s Distinguishing Marks, Worship, & Preaching and the Sacraments. As a guide, I discovered it helpful. My merely difficulty is that those who find themselves no longer acquainted with reformed suggestion specially present in the confessions and creeds will be beaten via greater quotations from those documents. In a few of these instances, a tumbler of water may need served the weary pilgrim higher than the backyard hose. The emphases on a residing religion used to be refreshing. The Reformed are accused of being all head and no middle yet Hyde issues out that the Heidelberg Catechism and the Westminster Catechism supplies approximately 40% in their emphases to “holy living” or “sanctification” (88; see an worthwhile representation approximately sturdy works and justification on web page 92). Passionate Christian dwelling is a center tenant of reformed theology. Welcome to a Reformed Church ends with an necessary query and solution part and a bibliography to aid those people who are attracted to studying more. I’d suggest maintaining a number of copies of this publication available in case you have severe questions or curiosity within the reformed church. particularly in a church context, it can be used with nice profit for these searching. A loose reproduction of this ebook used to be supplied through Reformation Trust.

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