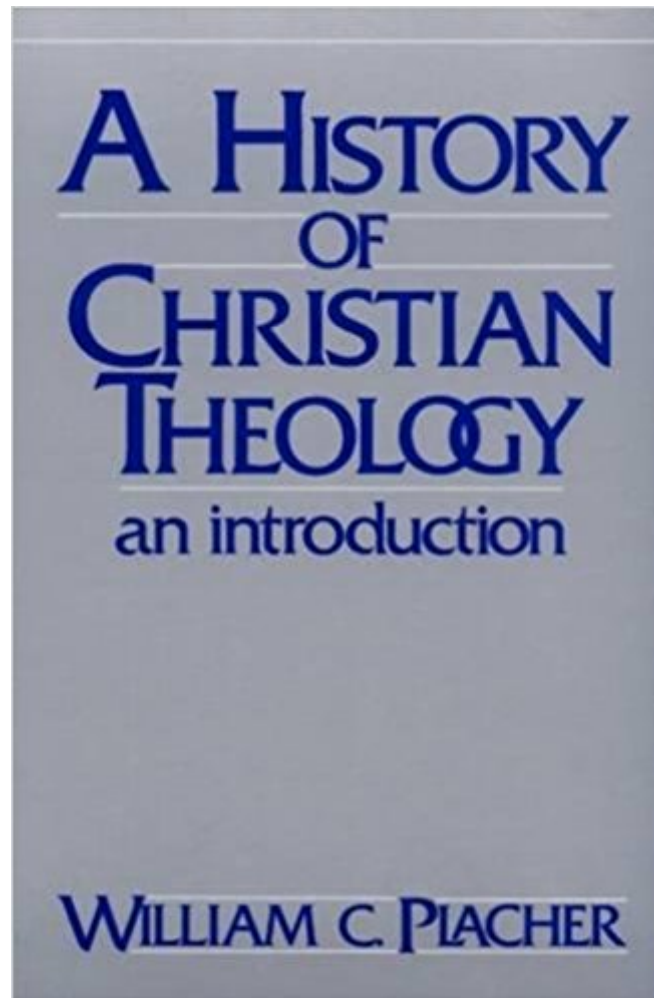




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# A History Of Christian Theology: An Introduction



## Synopsis

A History of Christian Theology offers a concise yet complete chronicle of the whole history of Christian theology, from its background in the history of Israel to the various modes of liberation theology in the late 20th century. This book is an intellectual history, a story of people and their ideas. It will be valuable for college and seminary students as well as lay study groups.

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William C. Placher was Charles D. and Elizabeth S. LaFollette Distinguished Professor in the Humanities and Chair of the Department of Philosophy and Religion at Wabash College in Crawfordsville, Indiana. He was the author or editor of a number of books including A History of Christian Theology, Jesus the Savior, and Essentials of Christian Theology, all published by WJK.

I bought this book several years ago and just now picked it up. When I started it, I did not know that I would like it as much as I did. I read this book in a mere 6 days. The most wonderful aspect of this book is that it is a true introduction. The task of writing a history of Christian Theology is a monumental task but to do it in 400 pages is even more monumental. However, Placher did this very well in this book. This book hits the high points and gives a brief overview of the subject. This is what I was looking for in an introductory book. The other aspect of the book that I really liked was the list of other sources that are listed at the end of each chapter regarding the subject of the

chapter. Placher also breaks down these sources as introductory sources and more difficult sources. This book gave me a good overview of Christian Theology and that is what I was looking for before I went into more depth with the subject. If you are looking for a very good introduction to Christian Theology, then I recommend this book. If you are not sure that you are interested in Christian Theology but are looking for a good, quick read to test the waters, then this is the book for you. If you are a student of Christian Theology, then this is not a book for you since it is just an introduction. This book reads well and quickly. The topics in the chapters are the highlights of Christian Theology over time. It maintains its pace and level of writing throughout the whole book. I look forward to reading more of Placher's books.

Placher has done a remarkable job of presenting a history of Christian theology. It is difficult to write about such a broad sweep of theological history and secondly to write in such a way that it is intelligible. Because I am a Methodist I wish he had treated John Wesley with a more complete rendition of his ability to bring various concepts together in theology, however, one can't always have everything. A good job. J. Robert Ewbank author "John Wesley, Natural Man, and the Isms" "Wesley's Wars" and "To Whom It May Concern"

What an excellent reading experience. Mr. Placher weaves the history of the Church and all of its struggles into an incredible story that you can't put down. He takes the dry format of a textbook and transforms it into a journey of learning the beginnings of what we now call the Church.

I loved the book. While I was familiar with many of the ideas, there were many others I had never heard or thought of. I am teaching this now to my church. My hope is that William Placher will "bring it up to date" soon. Brad Ingalls

In great shape. Thank you!

Another of the books required for fall semester class.

Mr. Placher had a unique ability to present a complex subject in an understandable, readable and engaging manner. I highly recommend this book for anyone looking for an introduction to the history of Christian theology. It also provides many references for those who wish to dig deeper on any facet of the subject.

Many histories of Christian theology are long or too brief. This is the right length for me and gives a good length to the American scene [Chs. 16-18]. A good value and well bound with again readable print.

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