

Reformation

Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow

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ENDORSEMENTS

"With knowledge, wit, and clarity, Carl Trueman brings key insights from the Reformation on Christ, Scripture, and our appropriation of both to bear on the life of the modern evangelical church."

Michael Lawrence

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A very detailed and thought-provoking work, which will have you thinking about the practices of your church today. The author shows how the teachings of the 16th century Reformers are still relevant for us today, in that although our culture may be vastly different from theirs, the message of God revealing Himself in Christ is still the need of the hour. The author also goes on to show the importance of the preaching of the Bible as God's Word for today. Finally, he concludes with a chapter on assurance for the Christian, based on the teaching of the Bible, rather than on legalistic teaching or personal feelings and experiences. Highly recommended, and containing much timely teaching for the evangelical church today

Andrew Young, Fraserburgh

There is no question that Carl Trueman is an exceptionally gifted writer and this little book ably displays three aspects of that gift in particular. First, he is able to concisely and cogently cover a great deal of ground and yet do so in a way that gives the reader a real knowledge of his subject and insight into it. Secondly, and even more importantly, in my view, is his ability to make penetrating observations about present day situations and weaknesses within the Christian scene and then speak into them by applying biblical and historical lessons and principles. Third is his non-partisan spirit, as he graciously levels criticisms at 'friend' and 'foe' alike.

In the first of his four chapters, Trueman takes us back to the 16th and 17th centuries, setting the events surrounding the Reformation in their historical and spiritual context. This is not dry and arid history but a vital reminder of the real nature of and reasons for those events that still have a profound influence on the church and on the world today. The author shows how the Reformation was, above all else, not primarily an attempt to change ecclesiastical structures but "to place God as he has revealed himself in Christ at the centre of the church's life and

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