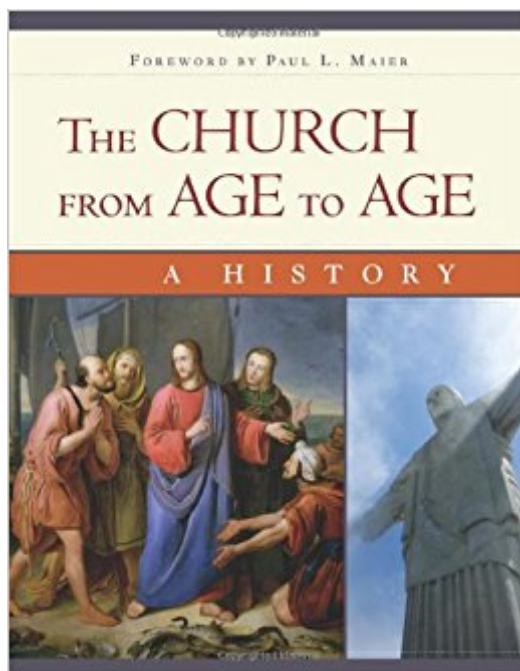


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The Church from Age to Age is a great summary history of the church from Pentecost until the 21st century. It is a big book but with a helpful font to read in and so it doesn't seem as long. Because it covers so much, it must necessarily summarize rather than fully relate. As a result, I felt that I learned a lot in a little bit of time. Special attention is given to Luther and other theologians and individuals who cast a big shadow over Christian church history. They devote some space to the Eastern tradition which was pretty unknown to me, but was a generous appreciation of achievements made in that often forgotten strand of Christian life and doctrine. The political and social circumstances are given ample space as well, so one feels that he or she is reading a human history and not just a church history devoid of context.

I bought this book for my Church History II class in Seminary and I've only read a couple chapters but it has a lot of great information and is very readable. It is a very thick book and heavy to hold for extended reading and I wish it was hardcover because it is very flimsy. Other than that, it was a great price, great quality, very happy.

How often do we relate to the Holy Bible through our own environmental, social and cultural experiences. This book puts the chronology, cultural and environmental settings in context and gives insights that enhances the reader's understanding of the true message God brings to us through His Word.

Very easy to read and a wealth of information. It is a great addition to several other texts I use in my personal study of the history of Christianity.

Awesome book! Definitely an easy read without a bunch philosophical words or terms to bog you down.

I always wondered about the history of the Christian church after the New Testament. This volume is ver comprehensive, and perhaps has more detail than I was looking for, but it is a fascinating church history book.

This book is a great history of the Church, but for its price, there are better works out there. It does have some new perspectives, and it is written extremely well, but it was a bit expensive.

Gave great insight and depth to the topic at hand. It was well written and a joy to read. I will read it again soon.

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