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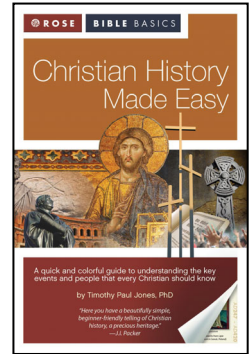
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Christian History Made Easy wins the 2010 Christian “Retailers Choice Award”

A lighthearted and visual approach to Church History

Louisville, KY – Timothy Paul Jones’ book, *Christian History Made Easy*, won a prestigious award from a major Christian retailing entity.

Jones’ work received the 2010 Christian Retailers’ Choice Award in the Christian Education category. His book provides an easy-to-understand 220-page summary of the entire sweep of church history from the time of Christ through the modern day using hundreds of graphics that make the topic exciting.



Gretchen Goldsmith, CEO of Rose Publishing, said she is deeply pleased to see Jones’ work honored in the broader community of Christian publishers. Jones serves as associate professor of leadership and church ministry at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

“Dr. Jones has a unique ability to communicate theological material in a way that is accessible and lay-friendly,” she said. “His blend of humor and solid historical research contributed to the appeal of ‘Christian History Made Easy.’

“He envisioned a book that would combine the best of church history for people living in the Internet age and this wonderful full-color book is the result. We at Rose Publishing congratulate Dr. Jones. We have heard from many readers who agree with the judges’ criteria, expressing the ‘impact it had ...including the ability to speak to hearts and evoke emotion, open minds to new ways of thinking and encourage and affirm Christlike living.’”

“The history of the Christian faith affects our lives - how we read the Bible, how we view our government and how we worship. Church history is our family history. By looking at God's providential workings in the past, we become more keenly aware of how God may be working in the present,” says Jones.

Jones, a historian and Bible teacher, recognized that many Christians are unaware of the history of the church and unable to intelligently answer questions about their faith. In response, he's written, ***Christian History Made Easy*** (Rose Publishing, ISBN 9781596363281, \$14.99), a colorful, fact-filled resource that takes readers back in time to ancient centuries and cultures, historical landmarks, and people who forever shaped the Christian faith. Readers will quickly familiarize themselves with some of the following facts:

Christian History Made Easy is filled with easy-to-understand historical facts, stories and time-lines from AD 64 to the present. Pages are filled with notes, trivia, photos and artwork of historical people, places and events. Jones has also included a 13-week Bible study for small groups or churches. Jones advocates that Christians should engage history and look at the facts in order to provide an educated conversation when sharing their faith. Additional information is available at www.timothypauljones.com.

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Suggested Interview Questions

For Dr. Timothy Paul Jones, author of *Christian History Made Easy*

1. What is the value of Christians understanding and sharing the history of their faith?
2. What is the deep relationship between Christianity and Science? How have so many people become misinformed over the years?
3. Why is the study of Christian history so important?
4. Why are so many Christians uninformed about their own religious history?
5. Who are some of the important founders of the Christian faith?
6. What are some terms that every Christian should be familiar with?
7. What are some early historical events that started the Christian faith?
8. What period in the history of Christianity do you think should be studied more by Christians today, and why?
9. How did Christianity impact the end of slavery?
10. How did baptism, communion and denominations originate?
11. How did the Roman Catholic, Christian and Protestant faith all originate?
12. What stirred the rise of Evangelical Christianity?
13. How has the church changed since it began and where is the modern day church heading?

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Bio: Dr. Timothy Paul Jones

Author, *Christian History Made Easy*

Timothy Paul Jones holds a bachelor's and master's degrees in biblical literature and pastoral ministry, and has earned a doctorate in educational leadership from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

In addition to *Christian History Made Easy*, Dr. Jones has written numerous books, including *Answers to The Da Vinci Code* (Rose Publishing) and co-authored *The Da Vinci Codebreaker* (Bethany House), Dr. Jones has authored *Prayers Jesus Prayed* (Servant Publications), *Praying Like the Jew, Jesus* (Messianic Jewish Publications), *Finding God in a Galaxy Far, Far Away* (Multnomah Press), *Hullabaloo: Reflections from the Intersection of Faith and Life* (Cook Communications), and *Misquoting Truth: A Guide to the Fallacies of Bart Ehrman's "Misquoting Jesus"* (InterVarsity Press).

Nearly one-half million of his books and pamphlets are in print around the world, while Dr. Jones' articles have appeared in numerous magazines, including *Discipleship Journal*, *Preaching*, *Biblical Illustrator*, *Perspectives in Religious Studies*, *Religious Education*, *Christian Education Journal* and *Bibliotheca Sacra*. Dr. Jones has also contributed more than 200 entries to two popular reference works, *Nelson's New Christian Dictionary* and *Nelson's Dictionary of Christianity* (Thomas Nelson).

Dr. Jones served as the Senior Pastor of First Baptist Church of Rolling Hills, a growing congregation on the outskirts of Tulsa, Oklahoma. In 2007, he became the Assistant Professor of Leadership and Church Ministry at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. He has also served Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and Oklahoma Baptist University's Ministry Training Institute as a visiting professor of biblical languages.

He has also received the Baker Book House Award for excellence in theological scholarship as well as the North American Professors of Christian Education Scholastic Recognition Award for his doctoral research in the field of spiritual formation.

Dr. Jones has been married to his wife, Rayann, since 1994. They also are the adoptive parents of Hannah, a girl from Romania.

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