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Being Lutheran



Synopsis

Why are you Lutheran? It's a valid question in this modern age of denominations, distinctions, and choices. Throw out all those notions you might have about what it means to be Lutheran. When it comes down to it, being Lutheran is really very simple. It's about following Jesus. We go where Jesus goes, we listen when Jesus speaks, we trust when Jesus promises. And we live because Jesus lives. Includes a chapter-by-chapter study guide for individuals and groups.

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Despite being the oldest tradition to come out of the Reformation, Lutheranism in America has the quietest presence in Protestantism. Despite having a great history of orthodoxy, Lutheranism is often misperceived by those more familiar with the chasms between Calvinists and Non-Calvinists or Baptists and Roman Catholics — similarities are drawn without a full understanding of Lutheranism. In an effort to correct this for both Lutherans and non-Lutherans, A.T. Sutton has written *Being Lutheran*. As Gene Veith writes in the foreword, “For the already Lutheran, this treatment takes belief and practices that have become so familiar they are taken for granted — presenting them in a new way — For Christians in other traditions, this treatment shows what a Christ-centered theology built wholly around the Gospel looks like” (xiv). Part 1, titled “What We Challenge,” looks at the human tendencies Lutheran challenge (xxiv). The section acts much like a Lutheran influenced introduction to Christian theology. Sutton speaks very boldly about Lutheran tradition and non-Lutheran readers may grow tired of conservative, orthodox positions being attributed to

Lutheran theology. No offense is meant but serves to remind that Being Lutheran attempts to speak authoritatively about Lutheranism and not other traditions. Part 2, titled "What We Cherish," looks at the things that are distinctive about being Lutheran (xxiv). This portion of Being Lutheran is more valuable from a theological perspective. In some cases, these points are not Lutheran distinctives but presented from a distinctly Lutheran perspective or history.

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