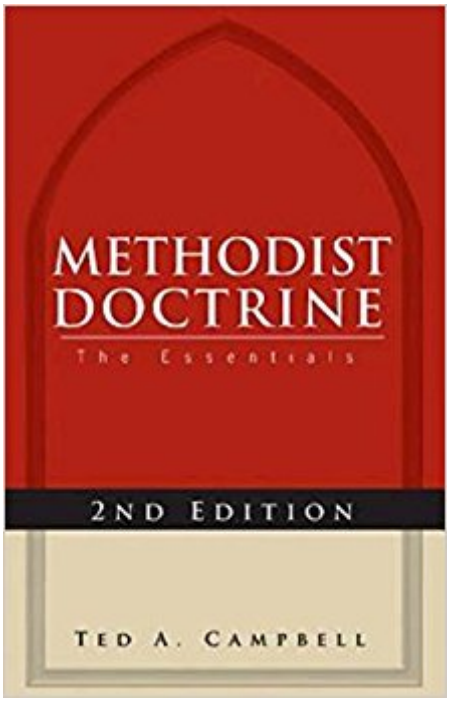
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Synopsis

In this concise, accessible book, Dr. Ted Campbell provides a brief summary of the major doctrines shared in the Wesley family of denominations. Writing in concise and straightforward language, Campbell organizes the material into systematic categories: doctrine of revelation, doctrine of God, doctrine of Christ, doctrine of the Spirit, doctrine of humanity, doctrine of "the way of salvation" (conversion/justification/sanctification), doctrine of the church and means of grace, and doctrine of thing to come. He also supplies substantial but simplified updated references in the margins of the book that allow for easy identification of hisÃ Â sources. John Wesley distinguished between essential doctrines on which agreement or consensus is critical and opinions about theology or church practices on which disagreement must be allowed. Though today few people join churches based on doctrinal commitments, once a person has joined a church it becomes important to know theÃ Â teachings of that church's tradition. In Methodist Doctrine: The Essentials, Ted Campbell outlines historical doctrinal consensus in American Episcopal Methodist Churches in a comparative and ecumenical dialogue with the doctrinal inheritance of other major families of Christian tradition. In this way, the book shows both what Methodist churches historically teach in common with ecumenical Christianity and what is distinctive about the Methodist tradition in its various contemporary forms. For more information, please see the author's website: http://tedcampbell.com/methodist-doctrine/Ã Â Ã Â

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Of the three books on Methodist doctrine I have read this was a solid book. It provides the reader with the bases for Methodist theology and doctrine. The book uses many references and shows then differences between the four common Methodist denomination. It is a solid book

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As a person who is considering joining the UMC. I found this book very helpful in understanding the doctrine that the church believes. I recommend this book to anyone who is considering joining the church or any current Methodists that wish a deeper understanding of the doctrines of their church. The chapters are very well organized. There is amply notes to additional resources. I found the Article of Religion very helpful. The author is a very well respected leader in Methodist education and teaching.

This book we used in a study group. This really spells out the belief of a Methodist. I learned that Methodist according to the Doctrine only acknowledges to sacraments, not that we don’t marry people or believe in confession, they are just not considered sacraments. If your wondering what you believe or what a Methodist is be sure to buy this book. It sure explained many things to me and I feel more comfortable about what I believe.

Methodist Doctrine - the Essentials, is a good addition to my library of United Methodist books. As I Lay Speaker I use them almost daily. Thank you , for the wonderful selection of EVERYTHING!

Good

This book will give you a greater understanding of the Methodist doctrine, and why we believe what we believe.

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