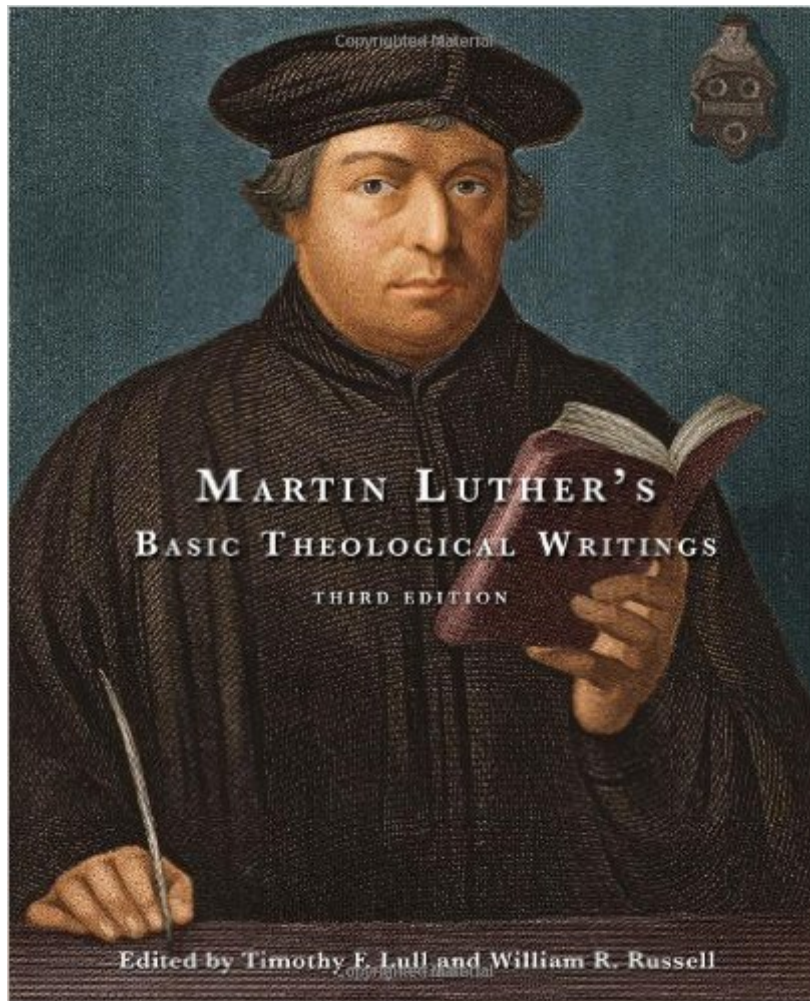


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# Martin Luther's Basic Theological Writings



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Martin Luther's Basic Theological Writings, a single-volume introduction to Luther's most influential, noted, and important writings in the modern translations—including excerpts of his sermons and letters—presents Luther the theologian "steeped in the word of God, speaking to the whole church," even as it takes the reader straight to Luther the man, to his controversial Reformation insights, to his strongest convictions about God and Scripture and the life of the church, and most importantly to his theology—a still-exciting encounter with the meaning of Jesus Christ for each age. The third edition includes revised introductions, updated bibliography, index, and the addition of "A Meditation on Christ's Passion" (1519), "Treatise on the Blessed Sacrament" (1519), "Sermon on the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ—Against the Fanatics" (1526), "Sermon in Castle Pleissenburg" (1539), and "Consolation to Women Whose Pregnancies Have Not Gone Well" (1542), as well as new translations of "A Practical Way to Pray" (1535) and "On the Freedom of a Christian" (1520).

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For several years now, I have become more interested in what the Reformer Martin Luther had to say in his writings. The problem is, I have not had any idea where to start in Luther's writings to hear what he had to say in his own words. So, when it became possible for me to get a copy of the new edition of the reader Martin Luther's Basic Theological Writings, I jumped at the opportunity. For ease of reading, this collection of Luther's writings is organized thematically. This allows readers to

quickly study what Martin Luther said on a certain subject, without having to wade through the chronological development of his thoughts. The subjects covered includes Luther's contributions to the academic disciplines of biblical studies, ethics, and theology, as well as more detailed discussion of certain issues, such as the sacraments, reform, and the nature of the gospel. As is the case with many of the high quality academic works that Fortress publishes, the "extras" in the book are especially well done, and make the text even better. I especially enjoyed the timeline of the works of Luther in the front of the book, as well as glossary in the back. Many of the entries in this book are excerpts from larger works by Luther. Other chapters contain entire "pamphlets" teaching about something or persuading someone to a certain position. Together, the selections chosen give a well rounded picture of Luther as a man, a leader, a churchman, and theologian. I think this book would be helpful for a number of people. For pastors who are like me, and believe that a pastor should be a pastor/theologian, this book will be great for becoming more familiar with Luther and his thought. For teachers and students in search of a textbook on Luther, this would be a great resource as well.

This needs to be in your theological library. Lull's collection of Luther's works is invaluable to the theological student/pastor or layperson. It is easy to navigate and contains the great highlights that you need.

This was used as a class text the problem was it did not list page numbers (some kindle versions do) my professor was kind enough to look at the table of contents and let me know what I should be reading. The portability of the text was wonderful as was the ability to highlight important passages.

Nice selection, useful for my classes at an international seminary where I don't have the complete works available.. I find the introductory statements useful for my understanding.

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