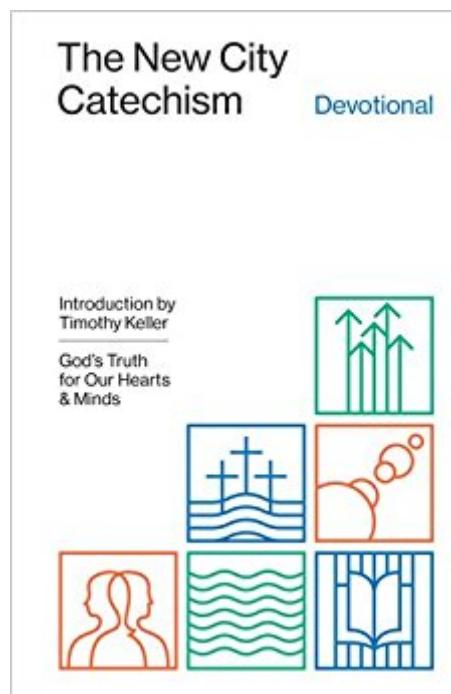


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Synopsis

In centuries past, the church used catechisms to teach foundational Christian doctrines. In today's world of shifting beliefs, this communal practice of learning biblical truth via questions and answers is more needed than ever before. Seeking to restore this ancient method of teaching to the regular life of the church, *The New City Catechism Devotional* is a gospel-centered, modern-day resource that not only summarizes important Christian beliefs through fifty-two questions and answers but also helps readers be transformed by those doctrines. Each question features a relevant Scripture reading, a short prayer, and a devotional commentary written by contemporary pastors (including John Piper, Timothy Keller, and Kevin DeYoung) and historical figures (such as Augustine, John Calvin, Martin Luther, and many others). Designed for use in a variety of contexts, *The New City Catechism Devotional* is a valuable resource for helping believers learn and meditate on the doctrines that stand at the heart of the Christian faith.

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City Catechism. It is a significant step forward in the gospel resurgence of our times. • Ray Ortlund, lead pastor, Immanuel Church, Nashville, Tennessee; council member, The Gospel Coalition; president, Renewal Ministries; author, *Marriage and the Mystery of the Gospel* • “Simply written, accessibly presented, and with a wealth of wisdom from different cultures and centuries, this devotional does not just teach God’s Word • it delights in it. All Christians would benefit from considering these questions and reflecting on the answers.” • Andrew Wilson, pastor, Kings Church Eastbourne, East Sussex; author, *If God, Then What?* and *Unbreakable* • “If the word catechism makes your eye twitch, twitch no more. The New City Catechism Devotional offers teachers, parents, and those young in their faith a tool that communicates basic doctrine in fifty-two straightforward steps. Harmonizing wisdom from voices both ancient and modern, it invites us to methodically internalize the categories by which we understand our faith, reechoing the good news for a new generation of believers. I am grateful for this resource.” • Jen Wilkin, author, *Women of the Word* and *None Like Him*; bible teacher • “One of the best ways to use our time in this age is to pass on our faith to others. I am always on the lookout for ways to help me in my effort in explaining Christianity to my children and my neighbors. If you have longed for more confidence in answering spiritual questions while staying faithful to the Word of God, then catechetical instruction will help you tremendously. If you yourself are the one asking the questions, look no further. The New City Catechism Devotional is perhaps the most concise and accessible resource I have read • the questions are immediately relevant in every culture, the language is easily understood or translatable, and the brilliance of the gospel radiates in every page.” • Gloria Furman, author, *The Pastor’s Wife*; *Missional Motherhood*; and *Alive in Him* • “The New City Catechism Devotional is a beautifully written, gospel-focused guide to Christian life and doctrine. This catechism is just as useful in family devotions or in workplace discipleship as in the pulpit or in church small groups.” • Russell D. Moore, president, Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention • “I have used catechisms as both a pastor and a father, and have some familiarity with a number of catechisms old and new, but I’ve never seen anything like this. The New City Catechism Devotional is unique in many ways. As the title indicates, this little book can serve as both a catechism and a devotional, and it fills both roles very well. The theological breadth and depth of the devotional writers is perhaps the book’s greatest asset, a strength enhanced by the wide variety of trusted older writers quoted in the brief commentary that follows each catechism question. Designed to accommodate both Baptist and

paedobaptist contexts, it can be used by individuals, families, and churches. Personal devotions, family worship, or classes for new Christians, new church members, or established church members would all be ideal settings for The New City Catechism Devotional. I hope it enjoys a widespread acceptance and implementation. • Donald S. Whitney, professor of biblical spirituality and associate dean, School of Theology, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; author, *Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life* and *Family Worship* • “Catechisms have proved to be some of the greatest tools the church can employ for teaching and propagating the Christian faith. Yet, despite its rich tradition and history of fruitfulness, catechesis has become an all-too-neglected practice today. The New City Catechism seeks to revive this practice and add to its long history. In these pages, students of Christ will find not only The New City Catechism, but also rich devotions for their souls to feed upon. These commentaries (written by gifted preachers of today and those of previous ages), heartfelt prayers, and the theological precision of The New City Catechism will benefit all saints seeking to grow in their love and knowledge of God and his truth.” • Jason Helopoulos, associate pastor, University Reformed Church, East Lansing, Michigan; author, *A Neglected Grace; The New Pastor* Handbook; and *Let the Children Worship*

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Excellent book for those seeking God! I love the format with short truths to memorize, a few paragraphs from theologians who lived in the past and a few paragraphs from a contemporary theologian. It is an opportunity to delve into ancient wisdom that is core to a life of faith in Jesus Christ! We are buying more for family and friends. We highly recommend!

Christ centered and thought provoking. This catechism has deepened my faith. There is a free online app available in the iTunes store called New City Catechism that supports learning the questions and answers.

For those who wants to have deep relationship with God, this is for you. I really enjoying this book very much. It helps me feed and remember His Word better.

Easy to follow. Great addition to the Catechism we are using as a family with small children.

Excellent tool for family devotions. Also a great way to teach your children some basic theology. My 8 and 11 year old are absorbing it.

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