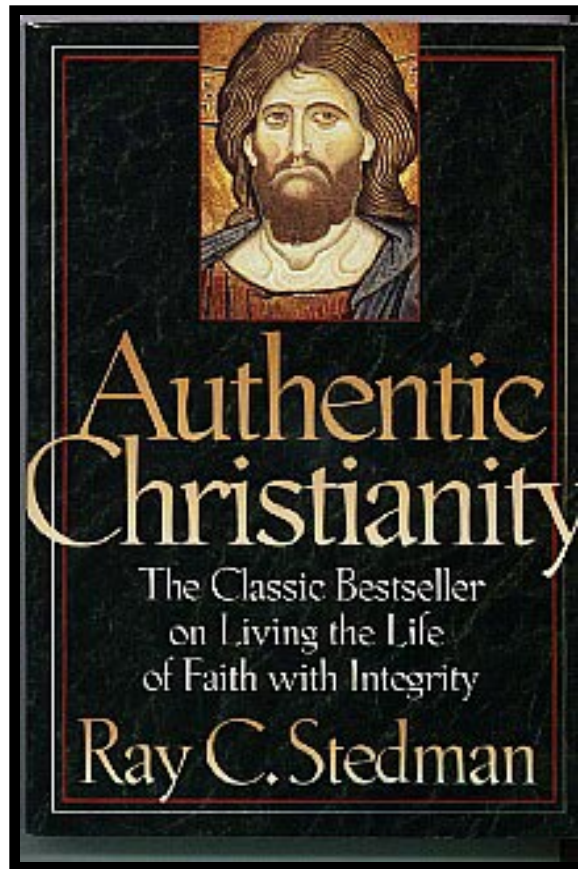


Authentic Christianity

A Fresh Grip on Life

by

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*To Elaine
loyal helper, loving critic,
a woman to be proud of.*

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PREFACE

This is the book I have wanted to write above all others. It deals with the very heart of the gospel, the most important truth contained in the pages of Scripture. That truth is the new covenant of which the Lord Jesus spoke when he passed the cup at the Last Supper and said, "This is the blood of the new covenant which is shed for many for the forgiveness of sins.

When we understand the full implications of that new covenant, we discover the most liberating secret in the Word of God! It is the secret, as Paul put it, of "Christ in you, the hope of glory." All of God's plans for present victory over evil, and all His plans for future glory rest squarely on the amazing fact of our fundamental union with Christ!

I pray that God will use this book to lead you into a deeper, richer experience of this central truth of the Christian life, and that He will enable you to fully discover the glorious liberty of being a child of God! I pray that this book will help you to move beyond religion, beyond doctrines, beyond rules, beyond rituals, and into that life-changing experience of being intimately connected with Christ at the very core of your being--for that is authentic Christianity!

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