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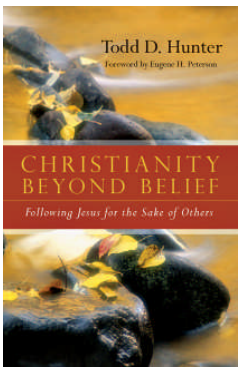

Christianity Beyond Belief: Following Jesus for the Sake of Others
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"I believe the story of God and the story of Christianity have been so reduced that there is little of them for us to experience in this life. This is causing us—even sincerely religious people—to not live well."
—from chapter two of *Christianity Beyond Belief*

New "Four Spiritual Laws"

For some time now, the Christian gospel has been narrowly focused on getting "saved" from death into heaven. Author Todd Hunter argues that this focus is misguided. The question shouldn't be "Do you know what would happen to you if you were to die tomorrow?" but rather "What if you were to *live* tomorrow?" The goal of the Christian life is spiritual transformation into Christlikeness, and that begins here on earth.

In his new book, *Christianity Beyond Belief,* Hunter offers three key ideas about the faith that will engage Christians' and seekers' imaginations:

A New Understanding of What It Means to Be a Christian

Common presentations of the gospel begin the story at the Fall, emphasizing the fact that we are all separated from God. But the story needs to begin *before* creation, where the intention of God is to create partners and colaborers. The story does not end in heaven, but rather in a renewed cosmos, with God's people ruling and reigning with him.

A New Way to Live

Four simple statements show how a new understanding of the gospel can be lived out in daily life. When we become Christians

we become the "cooperative friends" of Jesus who

live constant lives of creative goodness

for the sake of others

through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Inviting Others to Live a New Way

Three Is Enough (TIE) groups are groups of three people together engaging in three simple activities: prayer, growth and service to others. Learn how to begin a group and what this little triad can accomplish for the kingdom.

Christianity Beyond Belief corrects the growing image problem of Christianity by offering a way to articulate the Christian ethic in a post-Christian era. Imaginations are captured when we realize we are saved not only for a future afterlife, but also into a grand narrative that existed before time and continues today. Truly a story that is beyond belief.

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