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Resource Instructs Christians in the Core Beliefs of Christianity from an Anglican Perspective

WHEATON, Ill.—Crossway is pleased to announce the publication of To Be a Christian: An Anglican Catechism (Crossway, January 2020), published in partnership with the Anglican Church in North America (ACNA). This catechism is developed from a previous edition of the catechism, bolstered by feedback from congregations and various consultants, revised by the ACNA Committee for Catechesis, and approved by the ACNA College of Bishops.

Catechesis is an ancient practice of Christian disciple-making that instructs new believers and church members in the core doctrinal, spiritual, and moral principles of the Christian faith. In the introduction, theological editor J. I. Packer writes, “Catechesis has been in serious decline since the eighteenth century, and much of the discipline of discipling has been abandoned altogether in today’s churches. This catechism . . . is designed as a resource manual for the renewal of Anglican catechetical practice.”

To Be a Christian joins other classic Anglican resources for the explanation of scriptural doctrine—including the early church, the Articles of Religion, the Book of Common Prayer, and others—as a tool for the building up of the church. Although expressly written for use in Anglican churches, this catechism will serve any Christian who desires a deeper understanding of Christian faith and life.

In four parts consisting of over 360 questions, To Be a Christian covers the full range of Christian life and doctrine, focusing on areas such as

• the gospel and salvation;
• Scripture, the Apostles’ Creed, and the sacraments;
• the Lord’s Prayer and worship; and
• the Ten Commandments, justification, and sanctification.

Each part of the catechism begins and concludes with a historic prayer. Scripture references are provided for each question, not only to show how the answer is derived from Scripture but also to facilitate deeper reflection and study for individuals and groups. Helpful appendices provide prayers for use with the catechism, the full texts of historical creeds, and additional notes.
“We pray that this book will be an effective instrument to disciple believers in the truth of the Gospel, so that they may serve Jesus Christ throughout the world (2 Tim. 2:15),” writes the College of Bishops of the ACNA. “May this catechism serve to build up the Body of Christ by grounding Christian believers in the Gospel.”

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