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This is a very significant book for the Asian Church for two reasons. First, it emphasizes what classical Christianity is to the vast non-Christian population in Asia, where there has been much misunderstanding regarding the true identity of the faith. Second, it seeks to present biblically rooted theology against the inroads of theological trends and other popular belief systems which confuse the hearts and minds of many Asian Christians today.

What characterizes the Asian region? Asia is the largest continent, with 60 percent of the total world population of over 7.6 billion people. It is divided into five major regions: North East Asia, South East Asia, South Asia, Central Asia, and West Asia with the population of over 4.5 billion people in forty-four nations. Asia is also remarkably diverse, with multiple racial, cultural, historical, and religious backgrounds represented throughout.

All the living religions in the world today exist in Asia: Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, Confucianism, Taoism, Shintoism, and Animism, along with Christianity. There seems to be a movement among governments in Asia to revive these traditional religions out of a desire to unify the different ethnic tribes and peoples within their jurisdictions. Moreover, since all nations in Asia except Japan and Thailand were under the Western and Japanese colonial rule for many years, these nations also seek the preservation of their indigenous cultures, particularly through traditional religions, customs, and traditions. Christianity is a minority faith in Asia, with roughly 7 percent of the population. The Asian church has been attacked in many parts of Asia, not only physically but also ideologically by government officials, religious fanatics, traditional intellectuals, and secularists. Many Asians still believe that Christianity is a foreign religion, imported by Western missionaries through Western colonialism. At the same time, rapid church growth in a number of Asian nations in recent years, especially in South Korea, China, the Philippines, Singapore, and some Islamic nations, has attracted much attention.

In addition, globalization in the areas of world economy, mass communication, and travel has made the world into a "global village." The rapid economic development and many changes in Asian nations today create new challenges for the Asian church. They must find new ways to meet the constantly changing political, economic, social, intellectual, and religious environment.

The church thus faces enormous external challenges. Yet it also faces challenges from within, particularly through the spread and influence of theological beliefs and practices that are inconsistent with biblical teaching. The Asian evangelical church has been facing multiple theological challenges from mainline Christianity. In the name of contextualization and local theologies, many have ultimately devalued the gospel and the Bible, turning them into mere human ethical constructs and ideals. In the process, the uniqueness of Christ as Lord and Savior is denied or de-emphasized.

Notwithstanding their differences, the circumstances of Asian Christians are similar in many ways to that of the early church, which

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