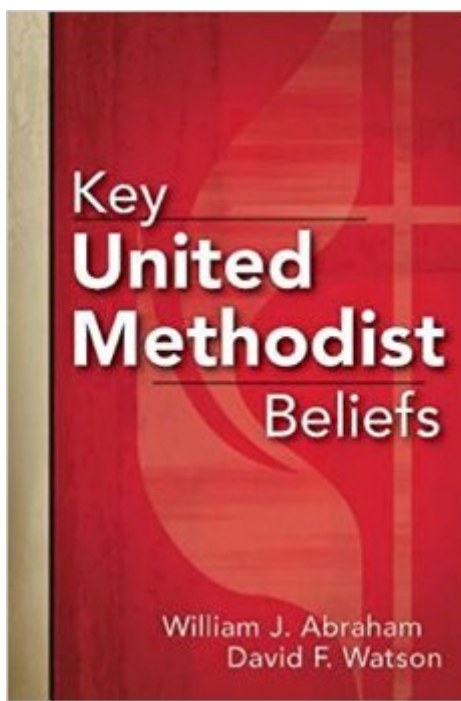


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# Key United Methodist Beliefs



## Synopsis

Deepen your faith and enrich your life through this study of core Methodist beliefs. Written by popular seminary teachers, this book will connect you to the life and ministry of John Wesley, demonstrating relevance for the lives of Christians today as it offers an introductory examination of each.

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## Customer Reviews

As a life-long United Methodist, I have long wished there was a more readable definitive statement of our beliefs. Dr. Abraham (Albert Outler Professor of Wesley Studies - Southern Methodist University) and Dr. Watson (Vice President and Academic Dean - United Theological Seminary) have combined their considerable talent to not only delineate the beliefs of our denomination but made it readable to laymen. I believe this work will be the foundation for confirmation and new member classes as well as a guide to all in the Wesley tradition for decades to come.

I am so glad that Dr. Abraham has gifted this pithy, no-nonsense approach to grasping the Wesleyan approach to the Christian Faith. Wesleyan "Practical Divinity," while never mentioned in this book per se, seems certainly to be its aim and purpose. It is so approachable that I will begin using it immediately as a confirmation text, new member resource, and 1st book when someone asks me, as they often do, "What do Methodists believe? How are they different than other Christians?" This distilled and easily read book is a great primary answer to those questions.

I purchased this book because I serve as the pastor of a small group of worshippers living at a senior apartment complex. Though not officially connected with the UM Church, the group was begun by a now extinct UM Church. Though I was raised in the UM Church, I am now associated with the Wesleyan Church; at the same time I want to be fair to the UM church that began this small ministry. The book is a bit light compared to most of the theology books I am familiar with - both those from a reformed perspective and the Wesleyan/Arminian world in which the UM Church finds itself. *Key United Methodist Beliefs* is written as much as a devotional as a text book. It introduces the reader to the historical theological foundations that have defined UM theology through the years. Each chapter includes a reading focusing on the topic at hand, a brief catechism of questions and answers, and a set of devotional questions related to the current topic. I found the book to be useful for my purpose of assisting in helping me to be familiar United Methodist thought. I appreciated having this small monograph available for reference and review.

Overall I believe this book is a helpful guide to the beliefs and values of the Methodist church. It is not intended as a defense but rather a discussion of how their beliefs came about and how this should affect their members.

I have been teaching from this book with folks who are lifelong Methodists and new Methodists in the same class. Both groups are enthusiastic and appreciative of the way the author has described some very difficult and complex concepts. I HIGHLY recommend this one.

I haven't finished the book, but so far am impressed. It is composed well, easy to follow, written for the basic layperson, someone not intimately familiar w/ the Christian faith, much less Methodism/Wesleyan thought. As the title says, it is a book of "Key United Methodist Beliefs". It does not go into great depth, it is not a systematic theology. This is a good primer, a book for people new to the faith, new to United Methodism. I am not new to the faith nor to the church, so much of the book is reconfirmation of what I already know & believe. For those seeking deeper theological exercises, this book is lightweight, BUT it is overall a fine introduction to the Christian faith, Wesleyan perspective, United Methodism!

This is an excellent resource that explains key United Methodist Beliefs. The way it is structured makes it good for both reading and use in small groups. I highly recommend it, and will be using it in my churches.

Written for laity. Overly simplified for others who are looking for more detailed and in depth discussion

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