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on the World Christian Movement™

2022



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CELEBRATING OUR
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LOVE REFUGEES AS YOURSELF



When a foreigner resides among you in your land, do not mistreat them. The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native-born. Love them as yourself, for you were foreigners in Egypt.

(Leviticus 19:33-34)

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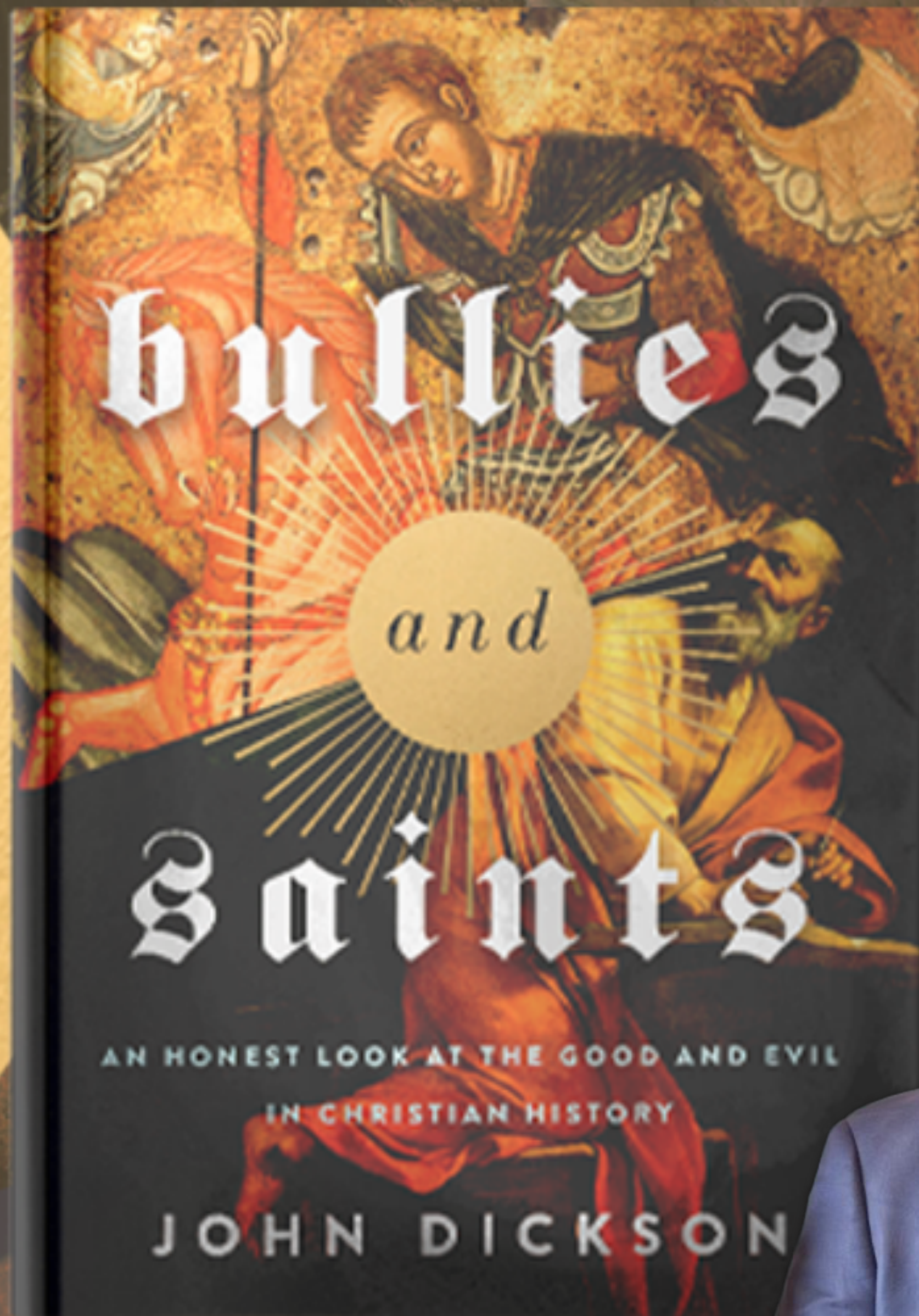




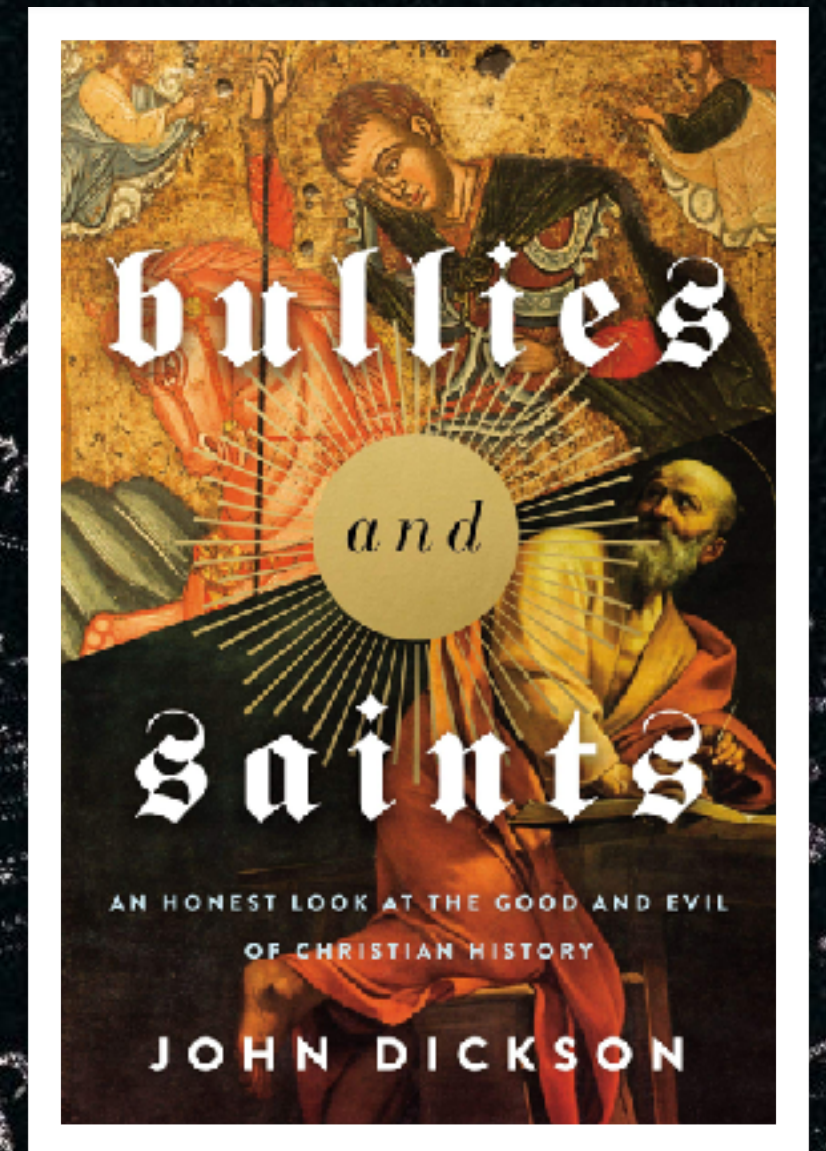
Wonders

A Faithful God in a Broken World

TAKE AN
honest
LOOK AT
CHRISTIAN
history



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in the Name of Christ.



The History of Christianity
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But if you turn away and ally yourselves with the survivors of these nations that remain among you and if you intermarry with them and associate with them, then you may be sure that the Lord your God will no longer drive out these nations before you. Instead, **they will become snares and traps for you**, whips on your backs and thorns in your eyes, until you perish from this good land, which the Lord your God has given you.

Joshua 23:13

Gideon made the gold into an ephod,
which he placed in Ophrah, his town.
All Israel prostituted themselves
by worshiping it there,
and it became a snare
to Gideon and his family.

Judges 8:27

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Insights on Idolatry

Idolatry has always been and is now
a snare for God's people.

The angel of the Lord went up from Gilgal to Bokim and said, "I brought you up out of Egypt and led you into the land I swore to give to your ancestors.

I said, 'I will never break my covenant with you, and you shall not make a covenant with the people of this land, but you shall break down their altars.' Yet you have disobeyed me. Why have you done this?

And I have also said, 'I will not drive them out before you; they will become traps for you, and their gods will become snares to you.'"

Judges 2:1-3

Insights on Idolatry

God is always faithful
to His covenant;
He will bless and discipline
His children.

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God will use
persecution and oppression
to turn His children
back to Him.

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We bring the consequences
of idolatry upon ourselves.

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Idolatry is any priority
that is greater than
worshipping the Lord fully.

Insights on Idolatry

Idolatry usually
looks like we are simply fitting into
the world's value system.

Therefore I exhort you, brothers, through the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, so that you may approve what is the good and well-pleasing and perfect will of God.

Romans 12:1-2

Insights on Idolatry

Idolatry
makes sense
in the moment.

Lessons on Leadership

Lasting spiritual impact
requires faithful leaders.

Whenever the Lord raised up a judge for them, he was with the judge and saved them out of the hands of their enemies as long as the judge lived; for the Lord relented because of their groaning under those who oppressed and afflicted them.

But **when the judge died, the people returned to ways even more corrupt than those of their ancestors,** following other gods and serving and worshiping them. They refused to give up their evil practices and stubborn ways.

Judges 2:18-19

Lessons on Leadership

Corrupt leaders
are interested in
personal power and influence.

It's not that power
corrupts but that
corrupt people
seek power.

Russell Moore



Lessons on Leadership

Uncertain leadership
provides a context
for chaos and idolatry.

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A failure to teach
and obey God's word
leads to subtle paganism.

Lessons on Leadership

Ungodly leaders
are always providing ways
to peacefully get along
with the world.

Lessons on Leadership

You can be used by God
and even empowered by the Spirit
and not be spiritual.

Lessons on Leadership

God can use anyone
but He is looking for
faithful leaders.

Next Steps

Truth:

The Lord is faithful to fulfill all of His promises.

Warning:

Idolatry is subtle and disastrous.

Challenge:

The Lord is looking for faithful servants.