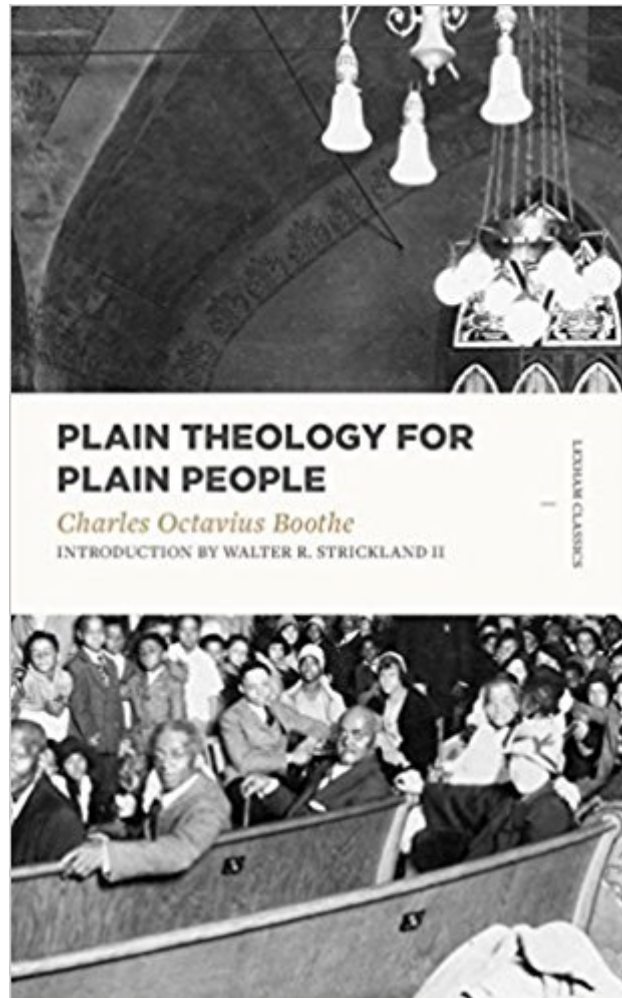




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We are in Walter Strickland's debt for publishing a new edition of Charles Boothe's Plain Theology for Plain People, an extraordinary book by an extraordinary man. This is everyday theology from the margins, from below, from the perspective of the dispossessed. It is no dry textbook, but theology written by an African-American pastor, born into slavery, who sought to instruct ordinary people in the Christian faith. A classic volume, short, readable, informative, by an inspiring Christian leader. (Michael F. Bird, lecturer in theology, Ridley College 2017-07-18) By reprinting...a book written for the average sharecropper, Walter R. Strickland has provided Christians with a helpful biblical and

theological resource. Along with Strickland's insightful introduction, this book's reprinting provides another example (among many) of the contributions of black Christians to Christianity, their contributions to evangelical biblical and theological discourse, and their contributions to the intellectual environment of evangelical Christianity. Readers of Boothe's work will especially appreciate his intentional efforts to make the bible and theology accessible to his original audience. (Jarvis J. Williams, associate professor of New Testament Interpretation at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary 2017-07-18)

Any given Sunday in some black churches, a member of the congregation may encourage the pastor by saying, "Make it plain, preacher!" In *Plain Theology for Plain People*, Charles Octavius Boothe makes plain a systematic theology that is both faithful to biblical orthodoxy and responsive to the particular interests of black Christians. I am thankful to God that Walter Strickland discovered this literary jewel and now shares it with the contemporary people of the Lord. Too often, the black church is mischaracterized as being emotionally rich and intellectually shallow. *Plain Theology* shows this to be a harmful stereotype. All disciples of Jesus Christ interested in how to, in the words of Robert Smith Jr., make doctrine dance should read this book and apply it to the preaching of the plain and pure gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. (CJ Rhodes, pastor of Mount Helm Baptist Church, Jackson, Mississippi 2017-07-18)

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