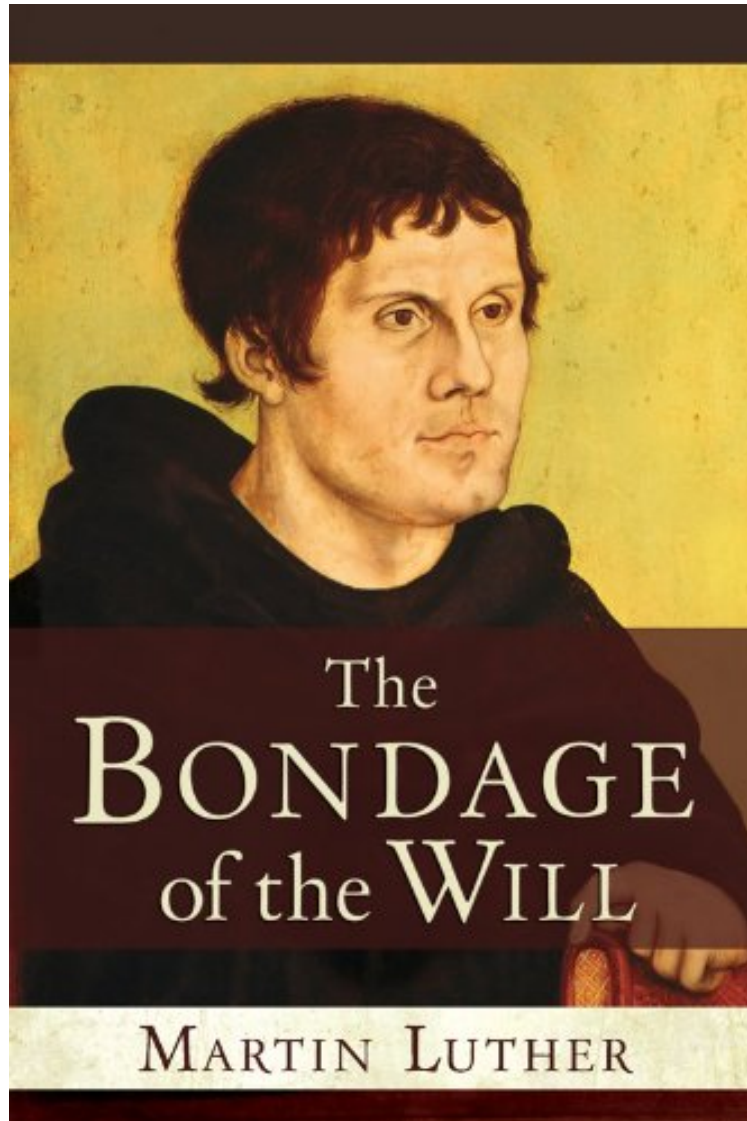


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**Von Martin Luther : The Bondage of the Will** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Bondage of the Will:

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whatamanVon M Hundleyalthough i disagree with some of his theology, i applaud the man. he may have misunderstood man's relation to God- the compatibility of man's limited free will and God's absolute sovereignty. however, in doing so, he merely sought to establish the sovereignty of God against the prevailing and disturbing trends

of the church. Luther's bondage to God and His word alone against the church's excesses is laudable. His palpable wit and his love for God always provide pleasurable reading. Martin Luther was clearly a doer, a man of integrity with a strong correlation of thought, word, and deed. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Paradigm shifting book Von Johniii Aside from the Bible, I would have to say this book has had a greater affect on me than any other. Luther grabs my respect immediately. His passion and use of biblical passages are difficult to ignore, as he speaks with an authority unparalleled by modern writers. Not only is Luther interesting to read, but he speaks as one whose mind and body are saturated in the revealed word of God. Luther does not hide his submission to God, neither in his will nor in his mind. Luther speaks as one who has knowledge of the Bible and whose thoughts are constructed accordingly. Luther consciously brings his mind into obedience with God's revelation to man, and he openly admits the difficulties he has had in doing so. Yet he still submits. One would be hard pressed to ignore this man's testimony. Luther was a voice that would not go away. His boldness and courage in the face of the church and all its power is evidence enough that Luther had a vision and a drive that could only have been fueled by God. Whether or not you agree with everything Luther says, you will find yourself compelled by the passion, conviction, and boldness of one very unique man. Luther would want nothing more than to see God glorified in all things and for men to see how true, perfect, and complete the gift of salvation really is. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Disturbingly Irrefutable Von stecrasoe@aol.com Luther comprehensively destroys every argument in favor of the existence of free will. There is no argument he has not anticipated and demonstrated to be false. He bases his discussion firmly in the Bible, and uses logic to derive his message. I am wary of this, being ever mindful that reason and logic are opposed to faith, are of the fleshly world instead of the spiritual, and are therefore Satan's tools. It is a difficult lesson to absorb, that our salvation is wholly at God's pleasure - as is our damnation. This poses the subsequent, inevitable question of "why then was Mankind created at all?" Luther addresses this point by stating that it cannot be addressed; that God has not chosen to reveal it. He misses his own line of argument here, the point of his entire treatise - we are here because it pleases God for us to be here! For this oversight only do I not give this book 5 stars. There is a second point that he makes in this book that is almost overlooked, but needs to be proclaimed loudly throughout the world. When I am wrestling with Scriptural texts, discussing them, debating them and trying to understand their import in today's world, I take great comfort in Luther's point that Scripture is not complex; the Scriptures are simple, and clear. It is only mankind who makes it difficult. Being made conscious that I have not been wrestling with the Scriptures, but am wrestling with myself, is instantly relieving and refreshing. Perhaps with that guidance the ecumenical movements could accomplish their missions.

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