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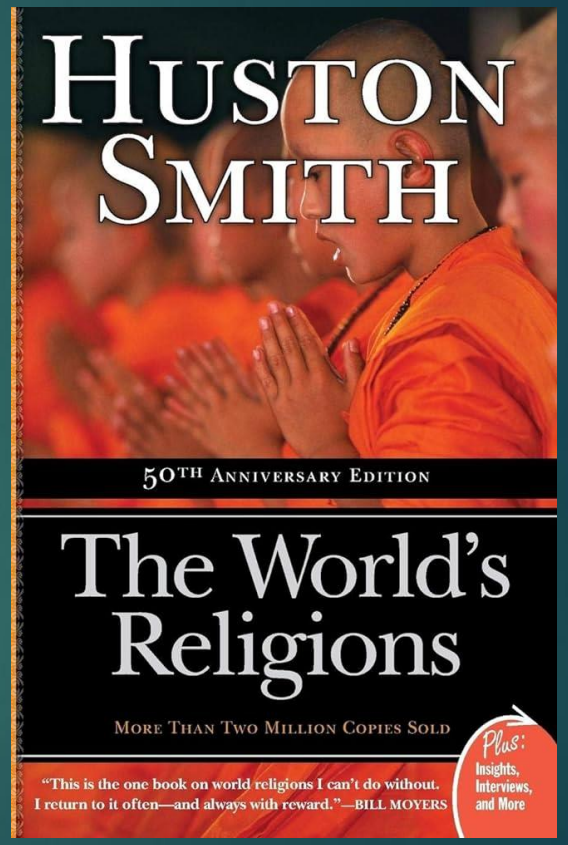
ROMANS 8

"Paul, whose letters [characterize] the concerns of the early church, knew what Jesus had taught, but he almost never quotes him."



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2 Corinthians 13:5 - "Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you—unless, of course, you fail the test?"

Galatians 4:19 – "My dear children…I am again in the pains of childbirth until Christ is formed in you."

Colossians 1:27 – "…God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory."

Colossians 3:9-11 – "Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all."

Galatians 2:20 - "I have been crucified with Christ, and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me."

Romans 8:10 – "But if Christ is in you…your spirit is alive."

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“You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ.”

“You, however, are controlled not by the flesh, but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ.”

“You are no longer ruled by your desires, but by God's Spirit, who lives in you. People who don't have the Spirit of Christ in them don't belong to him.”

“But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.”

"[This] is a description of you, not an assignment for you."

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"A Chinese scholar was given a copy of the New Testament. He had read the Koran, the Vedes, and all the sacred books. The man [who gave it] said to him, 'Did you read the New Testament? What's the most amazing thing?' He thought the man would say that the most amazing thing is that Jesus Christ was born of a virgin, that He died physically and rose from the dead. Instead of that, he said that the most awesome thing is that in Ephesians chapter 2 it says that in times past you walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air. And then at the end of that same chapter, it says you are the habitation [or dwelling] of God. The Chinese scholar asked, 'Sir, does your God live inside you? If so, that's the most awesome thing I've ever read. I've read all those other sacred books, but I've never read where a man's God comes and makes the man the habitation of God; Christianity is the only religion in the world where a man's God comes to live inside of him.'"

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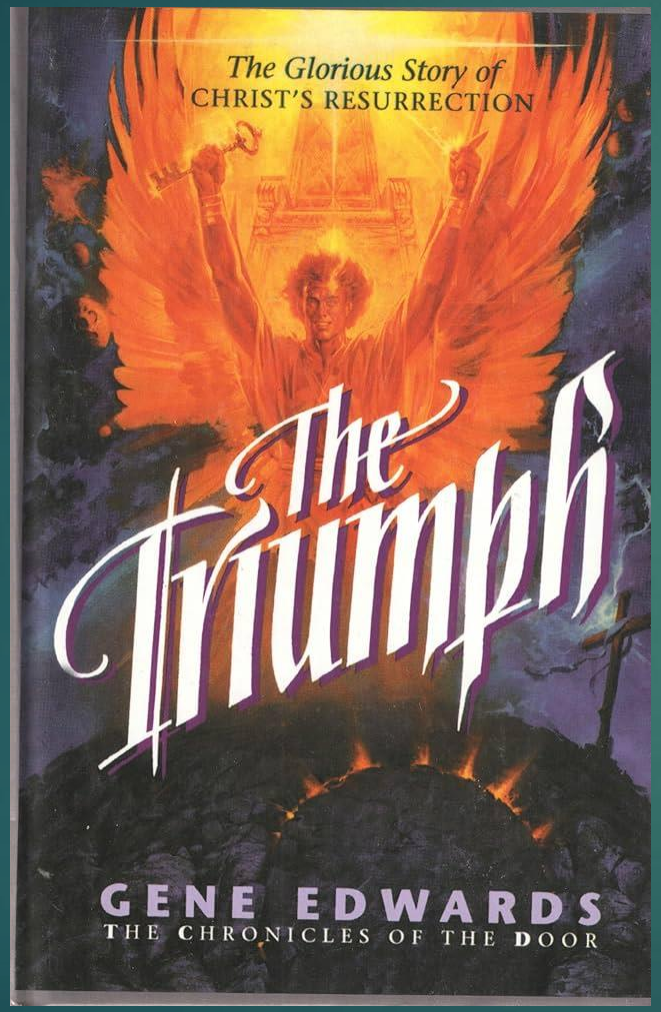

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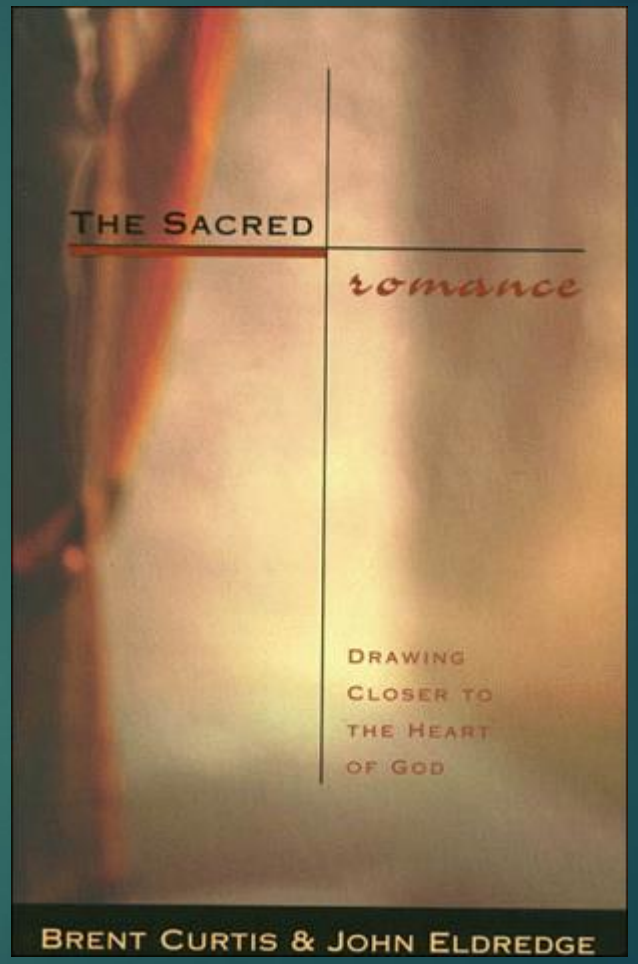
"Instead of a love affair with God, your life begins to feel more like a series of repetitive behaviors…. The orthodoxy we try to live out, defined as 'Believe and Behave Accordingly' is not a sufficient story line to satisfy whatever turmoil and longing our heart is trying to tell us about."



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