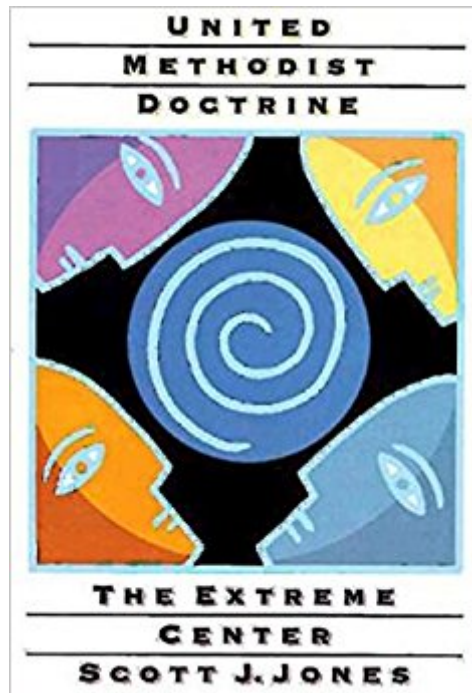




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# United Methodist Doctrine: The Extreme Center



## Synopsis

Throughout this book, Scott J. Jones insists that for United Methodists the ultimate goal of doctrine is holiness. Importantly, he clarifies the nature and the specific claims of "official" United Methodist doctrine in a way that moves beyond the current tendency to assume the only alternatives are a rigid dogmatism or an unfettered theological pluralism. In classic Wesleyan form, Jones' driving concern is with recovering the vital role of forming believers in the "mind of Christ, " so that they might live more faithfully in their many settings in our world.

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Been waiting for a book like this, for a long time. As a lifelong United Methodist, I've always struggled to pinpoint what we believe in. Pastors would point me to the Book of Discipline, like throwing someone in the deep end of the pool without a lifeguard! If you are looking for something that encapsulates what we believe, what our doctrine is, this is a great book. Weaves together the documents of our faith. Envisions the Extreme Center, a merging or meeting of the social and personal gospel. My experience growing up in the church is that we neglected the personal gospel in favor of the social during the 1960s and 70s, then completely forgot about it. This helps us retrieve that, without it overshadowing the social gospel. Then I would highly recommend that readers take a closer look at Wesley's sermons, as Jones calls them to your attention. All are online and free to read. While this takes a while to wade through, it is well worth the effort. Very rewarding and satisfying to those who long to know more.

An extremely well developed treatise on the essentials of United Methodist doctrine. I suspect it is a bit challenging for the casual reader seeking insights on what distinguishes United Methodism, but for those who want to really dig into UMC doctrine, it is tremendous

One of the best primers on UMC doctrine there is. Jones is thorough in his explanation of the different areas of United Methodist beliefs and practices, while also giving practical tools for application. As a United Methodist pastor, I refer to this text often as I teach, preach, and refresh my own understanding of our church's practices.

i really got a lot from this book - it was a required text for my UMC doctrine class and explained everything so well and so clearly. Made sense of doctrine as Wesley saw it and gave good material for figuring out how to apply it in today's culture.

This is a wonderful book as the United Methodist based their doctrine on what John Wesley stood for and what the Bible says. Now this book had caused me to rethink some beliefs. I had a wonderful session with this book a lot of work but it was worth it.

I found this book to be very helpful in gaining a deeper understanding Of Methodists beliefs. There are ample footnotes for those wishing to seek more detailed source information. The author uses quotations from other authors and spiritual leaders such as Wesley to illustrate the important points.

I needed to get this book for my United Methodist ordination work over the summer. It is concise yet extremely detailed on our stance and theology. Even if you aren't pursuing ordination, I'd suggest this book for anyone interested in understanding the United Methodist thought process.

This is a very helpful text, particularly for anyone who is interested in the core beliefs of the United Methodist Church. While you have to work to straight out some of his analyses at times, the material is worth the effort.

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