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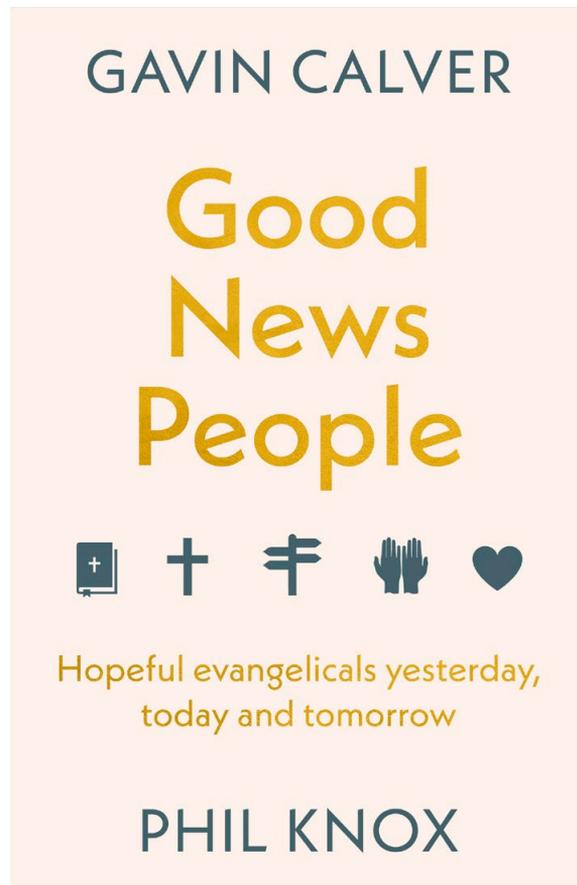
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In a world where identity crises abound and the cult of the individual prevails, Gavin Calver and Phil Knox use a creative and rich mix of story, testimony, history and an underpinning of theology to enable evangelicals and others to understand their identity in a world that can be hostile and a church that can be confused.

This book is challenging, joyful, sad, stimulating, motivating, humbling, and always Christ centred. In our present age, and particularly in the west, where some seek to redefine evangelicalism, the authors helpfully revisit core definitions of what it means to be an evangelical.

In addition to giving helpful background to the Evangelical Alliance and its growth, the book provides a firm and full basis leading to a recognition of how evangelicals might fit into the 'Missio Dei'.



Part of this is the recognition that the evangelical cause is not just about theology and doctrine, but instead has a practical effect on the wellbeing of people. To illustrate this, the authors make sure they cover the social impact of the Evangelical Alliance since its origins and also cover the relationship with The Evangelical Alliance Relief Fund (TEAR Fund). There are good chapters on evangelism and unity helpfully written from an evangelical perspective.

Does the book seek to cover too much ground in too many directions? That could be one possible criticism, but in fact, Gavin and Phil manage to make it work. It is not a difficult book to read, but it is

not simplistic, and it remains interesting throughout.

There are small group resources at the end of each chapter and suggestions of further reading relating to the chapters. I heartily commend this book to you.

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