

# Introduction

The Christian life . . . if you ask one hundred people to describe it, you will likely get one hundred different responses—some similar, some extremely different. Most descriptions, however, will contain the central theme that the Lord Jesus Christ is the second Person of the Trinity, born of a virgin by the power of the Holy Spirit; that He lived a sinless life and died on the cross as a perfect sacrifice, thereby enabling “whosoever will” to appropriate, by faith, His sacrificial death to their life. This occurs through personal repentance (turning from any self-attempts to satisfy God’s holiness) and faith (a belief that acts in keeping with that belief).

Even after twenty-seven years in pastoral ministry, I’m still surprised at the number of people who claim to profess Jesus as Lord and claim to accept God’s Word as their truth source, yet live lives inconsistent with their stated belief. Most often that inconsistency shows up in two ways: In good times, it surfaces through self-reliance. In bad times, it surfaces through hopelessness in the face of trials (financial, health, relationships, etc.).

*The Calvary Road*, by Roy Hession, is a wonderful book. It has greatly impacted my life and the lives of many others. It is not the Bible, and it is certainly far from being perfect. However, Hession seems to capture what Scripture teaches as a central theme in the Christian life—that Christ came not only to redeem us from our sin and secure our eternal presence with Him in heaven, but also to indwell us right now through the power and presence of His Holy Spirit (see Rom. 8; 1 Cor. 2:10–16; Gal. 2:20–21), in order that we may have access, by faith, to the wisdom and enabling strength of God.

This book and study guide will help you discover the key to accessing God’s provision for life and godliness—the very life of the Lord Jesus living in you through humility. Not a false sense of self-pity, but a keen sense of reliance upon Christ in you, the hope of glory! May God bless you as you walk surrendered to the Lord Jesus Christ.

—Steve McCary

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# Preface and Introduction

This study of Roy Hession’s *The Calvary Road* is a chapter-by-chapter open discussion. However, your greatest gain from this study will most likely come from your thorough preparation prior to class. Preparation should include reading each chapter assignment twice—once to observe in overview and then again as you work through each subpoint.

Working through each subpoint may include the following:

- Highlight or mark any section that you can especially relate to.
- Highlight or mark sections that you disagree with or do not understand.
- Write in the margin Scripture references that are applicable to the subpoint.
- Make prayerful introspection relative to whatever the Holy Spirit brings to the surface in your Christian walk.

1. In light of the above considerations, read the preface.
2. Read Ezekiel 37. In the preface Mr. Hession writes that revival is a “valley full of dry bones being made to live again and stand up an exceedingly great army” (see 37:1–14). Throughout the prophecies of Ezekiel, but especially in chapters 34–37, God repeatedly says, “Then they will know that I am the LORD.” What does this say about the overall purpose for revival in an individual’s life?

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3. The author comments about the “necessary attitude of heart” for the reader of *The Calvary Road*. Meditate on this section and ask, “What is it about *me* with which I am dissatisfied?” Consider the relationships around you—your mate, your children, your parents, your friends, your supervisor, your employees; consider your walk with the Lord. (No one should feel obligated to discuss this openly during class.)
4. Now read Norman Grubb’s introduction.
5. Summarize Grubb’s description of “walking in the light.”

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