

Cooke, Tony

Miracles and the Supernatural Throughout Church History

7. Foreword

Rick Renner introduces Tony Cooke's book, which argues that miracles and the gifts of the Holy Spirit never ceased after the apostolic age. Renner shares his own background as a former cessationist to explain why the book matters.

Key takeaways

- "Cessationism" is the belief that spiritual gifts like healing, tongues, and prophecy ended with the apostles. Renner once held this view.
- The book examines 2,000 years of Church history, region by region, to show the miraculous continued throughout — from the early Church through the Reformation, Wesley, the Great Awakening, and Spurgeon and Moody.
- It also honestly examines the pitfalls of supernatural movements, so readers can avoid them and keep the work pure.
- Renner presents the book as a correction to bad doctrine and distorted Church history taught for generations.