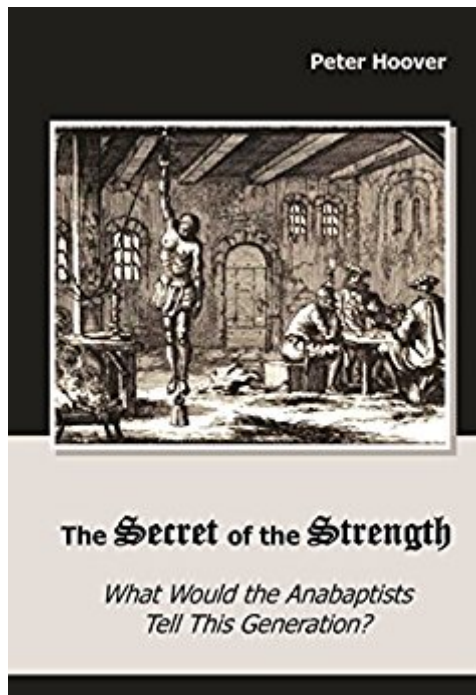


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The Secret Of The Strength: What Would The Anabaptists Tell This Generation?



Synopsis

“The secret of the kingdom of God has been given to you,” Christ told his followers. And a few fishermen, a tax collector, and a motley group of believers set out to change the world. In fact, they succeeded. In 16th century Europe, the Anabaptists preaching in cities by night, on back streets, and in secret corners behind rail fences set out to do the very thing the apostles had done. They, too, turned the world of their day upside down. What was the secret of their strength? In this book, Hoover explains what gave the Anabaptists their incredible spiritual strength. Was their secret a return to the Bible? No, they were far more than Biblicists. Was it a return to apostolic tradition? No, they were far more than keepers of tradition. Fundamentalism and traditionalism have never held Christianity together nor made it work. The “secret of the kingdom of God” is stunningly simple. With two words Christ revealed it to His disciples. Upon comprehending it, His disciples came to a sudden knowledge of the will of God, of the whole Bible, and of the right way to live. This book is more than an Anabaptist history; it is a challenge to all Christ-followers to put the teachings of Jesus into practice and to be part of a Kingdom movement that transcends the man-made boundaries of denomination. NOTE: The Kindle version of "The Secret of the Strength" does NOT contain the images you will find in the print version. As well, due to formatting difficulties, the footnotes of the original have all been removed. (Most of these simply cite the historical documents from which quotes are taken.) These changes, however, do not detract from the text itself. Free .PDF versions of "The Secret of the Strength," which include both photos and citations, are available from various Internet sources.

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The research that went into this book is incredible. The book is worth it just for the frequent quotes from the Anabaptists own mouths. However, Peter Hoover also gives a great description of the original Anabaptist life and faith and an insightful analysis of why the Anabaptists' descendants, the Mennonites and Amish, have lost the power of their ancestors. The Anabaptist movement was known as "The Radical Reformation." It occurred at the same time as the Reformation of Martin Luther, John Calvin, and Ulrich Zwingli, but was divorced from government. Without governmental power, the Anabaptists were persecuted rather than engaging in war, and they bore a much greater resemblance to the early churches than any of the Protestant movements. The Anabaptists are frequently cited as forebears by modern Protestant denominations, but this book makes clear the vast difference between the original Anabaptists and any modern sect.

This is an excellent book. The best all around, easy to read, compilation of Anabaptist writings with the challenge to look back and learn but move forward with the knowledge we now have. God help us to remain faithful. Thanks Peter

If you think you are anabaptist in character then check this book. It shows real christians and real suffering for Christ. Oh, that God would light the fires...

This is one of my favorite books. Anabaptists appeared to be a genuine movement of the Spirit. The Spirit didn't stay with the name "Anabaptists" but God is raising up men and women today as well.

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