

Doctrine That Dances

Bringing Doctrinal Preaching and Teaching to Life

by Robert Smith

Foreword by James Earl Massey

ABOUT THE BOOK

The potentially arduous theme of doctrinal preaching and teaching jumps to life thanks to the enthusiastic, well-informed writing from professor Robert Smith in *Doctrine That Dances*.

“Doctrine and joy interpenetrate each other . . . A key ingredient of an effective pastoral ministry is that of serving the congregation a regular diet of doctrine that engages both the mind and the heart,” writes Smith. “As scaffolding helps to form the building under construction, doctrine informs the sermon. The scaffold is retired after the building is completed. Similarly, the real object of doctrine is not the doctrine itself; rather, the doctrine points beyond itself to the person of Christ. Doctrine is like a road sign that points to a destination.”

Preachers and teachers who read *Doctrine That Dances* will find Smith’s insights freshly compelling and are destined to develop some new moves of their own.

Among the chapters are: Lord of the Dance and the Escort; The Preacher as a Doxological Dancer; The Jazz of Doctrinal Preaching; and Dynamic Dance Step for Biblical Preaching.

BEST-SELLING POINTS

- With enthusiasm and intelligence, professor Robert Smith steps up the interest in doctrinal preaching and teaching with *Doctrine That Dances*.
- Smith is a very popular seminary conference speaker and a leading voice among African American Christians today.

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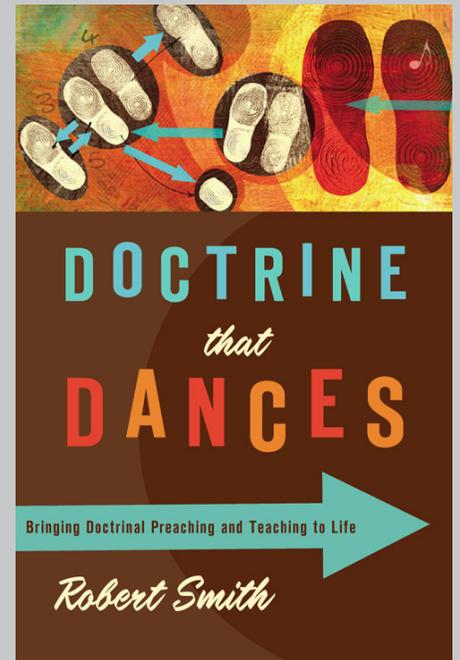
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