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Review

“Finally, a book has been written to speak for those needing a voice in the American church. In this book, Greg Cochran has done a superb job of addressing Christian persecution throughout the world in a way that is clear, well-researched, biblically sound, and practically insightful. No one will be able to read this book and be unmoved by the author's powerful call to prioritize the persecuted for Christ around the world. Read this book! I dare you. Just know that you will not be the same after.”

—**Brian Croft, Senior Pastor, Auburndale Baptist Church (Louisville, KY); Founder, Practical Shepherding (<http://practicalshepherding.com>); Senior Fellow, Church Revitalization Center, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary**

“Greg Cochran is my friend and he was my pastor for nine years. He has given more thought to the issue of the persecuted church than any other one hundred Christians I know combined. This book is a distillation of much of that thought. If you're skimming this endorsement to determine if you want to read the book, please allow me to offer a suggestion. Read the story of Sister Yuen in the Introduction. If that doesn't open your heart to be concerned about the issue discussed in this book then you should pray for the Lord to help you with your hardness of heart.”

—**Donald S. Whitney, Professor of Biblical Spirituality; The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (www.biblicalspirituality.org)**

“Persecution lies in the context of much of the Scriptures, and persecution emerges as a significant theme throughout the biblical story. Persecution also remains the daily reality for millions of Christians, and is in some sense the experience of all Christians. *Christians in the Crosshairs: Persecution in the Bible and around the World Today* sheds biblical, theological, missional, and practical light on this difficult but awe-inspiring theme of persecution. Clear, edifying, thoughtful, and mature, this book is based on years of research, teaching, pastoral ministry, and praying about persecution. Even more, it is important for understanding the Bible, persecution, the church, our mission, the culture, and ourselves.”

—**Chris Morgan, Dean and Professor of Theology; California Baptist University**

About the Author

Gregory C. Cochran (Ph.D., Southern Baptist Theological Seminary), after writing his dissertation on persecution, now serves as Associate Professor of Theology in the School of Christian Ministries at California Baptist University as well as its director of the Applied Theology program. He has written many articles on persecution and hosts a popular blog at GregoryCCochran.com.

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