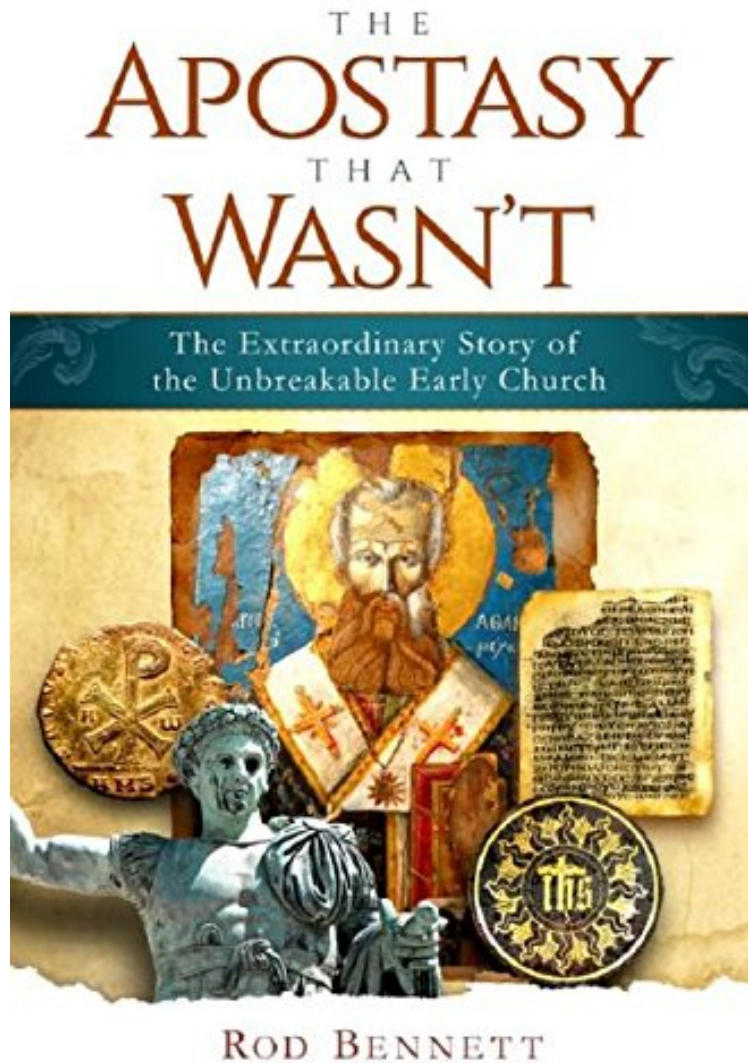


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To read this book is to live in the fourth century, for a vivid moment, knowing the thrills and heroics to which true faith led our ancestors. This is the most enthralling book you'll read this year. --Mike Aquila-Catholic author of over 40 books  
About the AuthorRod Bennett was, for many years, the editor of *Wonder Magazine*, a popular Christian media journal. His writings have appeared in other national publications as well, ranging from *Rutherford* and *Gadfly* to *Catholic Exchange* and *Our Sunday Visitor*. Rod has appeared on many well-known radio and television programs such as *The Journey Home* and *Bookmark*. His first book, *Four Witnesses: The Early Church in Her Own Words*, is a best seller from Ignatius Press. He also edited *Why Catholic Bibles Are Bigger* with apologist Gary Michuta and compiled *Chesterton's America*. A convert from the Southern Baptist faith, Rod joined the Catholic Church in 1996. He lives in Atlanta with his wife Dorothy and their two children.