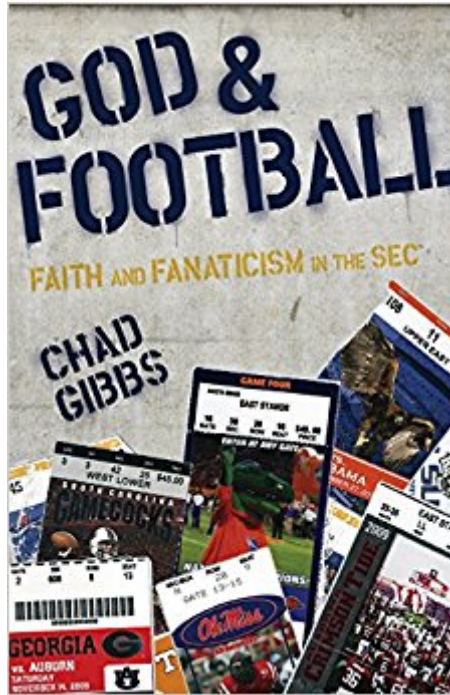


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# God And Football: Faith And Fanaticism In The SEC



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In 2008 over six million people attended an SEC football game. They spent thousands on season tickets, donated millions to athletic departments, and for three months a year ordered their entire lives around the schedule of their favorite team. As a Christian, Gibbs knows he cannot serve two masters, but at times his faith is overwhelmed by his fanaticism. He is not alone. Gibbs and his six million friends do not live in a spiritually void land where such borderline idol worship would normally be accepted. They live in the American South, where according to the 2008 American Religious Identification Survey, 84 percent identify themselves as Christians. This apparent contradiction that Gibbs sees in his own life, and in millions of others<sup>TM</sup>, has led him to journey to each of the twelve schools to spend time with rabid Christian fans of various ages and denominations. Through his journey, he learns how others are able to balance their passion for their team with their devotion to God.

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the author in every chapter.3) It's about faith: Gibbs finds all sorts of insightful parallels between God and Football. He notes how churches would be a lot better if they were like one large tailgate party. What if churches welcomed and celebrated everyone that came in with freshly barbecued food? Or what if we could talk about our faith with the same enthusiasm and passion that we use to talk about our team? This is not browbeating. This is from an author who wonders at times if he's more passionate about Auburn football team than his own faith.4) It's about football being the center of our lives: Lots of books have been written on people's addiction to food, drugs, etc... but few have been written about how important football has become in our lives. So many of us are addicted. I think I fall into the addicted category. Last year I lived an NFL replay of game that I watched two days before. But how does this affect our faith? Can we love God and Football? Again Chad Gibbs provides some insightful answers.5) It's funny. If you don't know Chad Gibbs is very funny.

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