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WORSHIP, COMMUNITY AND THE TRIUNE GOD OF GRACE

InterVarsity Press *Refuting the notion that the doctrine of the Trinity may be indispensable for the creed but remote from life and worship, James B. Torrance points us to the indispensable "who" of worship--the triune God of grace. He demonstrates why trinitarian theology is the very essence of Christian confession.*

WORSHIP, COMMUNITY, AND THE TRIUNE GOD OF GRACE

Dunedin Academic PressLtd *Here is a book that sets our worship, communion, and language of God back on track. In a day when refinement of method and quality of experience are the guiding lights for many Christians, James Torrance points us to the triune God of grace. Copyright © Libri GmbH. All rights reserved.*

TOGETHER

COMMUNITY AS A MEANS OF GRACE

Wipf and Stock Publishers *Together: Community as a Means of Grace addresses the concept of community as an avenue to a deeper relationship with God. Using an ecumenical Wesleyan approach, Duggins explores the concept of "God as community" to conclude that bringing people together in almost any setting allows them to grow in God's image. He frames this idea using the historical concept of the "means of grace": the ordinary ways in which people encounter God. Drawing heavily on the work of the Missional Wisdom Foundation, Duggins begins with a reflection on the community-building aspects of traditional church. He then uses storytelling to introduce four common forms of community: community through work, community through food, community through children's schools and activities, and community through shared recreational activities. Together is intended to help Christian people embrace the freedom to experiment with alternative forms of Christian community. Duggins nudges the missional imagination of people who long for spiritual connection and growth, but for whom traditional church is not the answer. Using a "yes, and" approach, he shows that traditional church can empower and stand alongside new forms of community, each of which can act as a means of grace.*

COVENANT, COMMUNITY, AND THE SPIRIT

A TRINITARIAN THEOLOGY OF CHURCH

Baker Academic *This comprehensive textbook by a well-respected Reformed theologian brings together two perennial issues in Christian theology: the doctrine of the Holy Spirit and ecclesiology. It demonstrates the importance of the Holy Spirit in empowering the being and mission of the church and shows how the church's identity and calling are embedded in the larger covenantal purposes of the triune God. Accessibly written with pastors in training in mind, the book probes the classic rubrics of the church as the people of God, the body of Christ, and the temple of the Holy Spirit, igniting readers' ecclesiological imaginations and reclaiming a more biblical, theological, and pastoral vision of church.*

GRACE TO LEAD

PRACTICING LEADERSHIP IN THE WESLEYAN TRADITION, REVISED EDITION

Foundery Books Wesleyan leadership is about character. This book is designed specifically for Christian leaders and teachers. The revised edition expands includes more illustrations and models of leadership. Greater attention is given to congregations and institutions.

TRINITY AND TRANSFORMATION

J. B. TORRANCE'S VISION OF WORSHIP, MISSION, AND SOCIETY

Wipf and Stock Publishers The triune God of grace, James B. Torrance tirelessly insisted, is the true agent to transform worship, mission, and society. Unfortunately, the church often lapses into moralism and legalism, or exhortations and condemnations, rather than witnessing to the sole-sufficient grace of God in Christ. When we neglect the Trinity, a de facto unitarianism throws the church back onto its own existence and resources. In Christ, however, the church participates through the Spirit in union with Christ's communion with the Father. By so doing, it also participates in Christ's mission to the world. The essays of this volume articulate and extend Torrance's evangelical theology, which draws attention away from ourselves and toward the triune God who is for us and for the world.

DANCING IN THE DARK, REVISED EDITION

THE PRIVILEGE OF PARTICIPATING IN GOD'S MINISTRY IN THE WORLD

Wipf and Stock Publishers Christians are often tempted to encapsulate God in their own little boxes, as if God could be tied down to our finite way of thinking. But we can neither domesticate nor fully understand God, for theology has a lot to do with coming to terms with the mystery of God. This revised edition of *Dancing in the Dark*--shaped, as in the first edition, by the two overarching themes of God as Trinity and a theology of participation--embraces the notion of mystery in presenting a compelling vision of seeing all things finally united within the inner life of God. As we engage in Christian ministry, we are summoned to participate as grace-filled faith communities in the triune God's immeasurably loving and healing work in the world, leading those who are in darkness into an awareness of the God who imparts life in all its glorious abundance, that which is so . . . and a journey into the mystery of that which is to come. The liberating ministry of the gospel is both a declaration and an invitation--an invitation to the dance!

SANCTIFIED BY GRACE

A THEOLOGY OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

Bloomsbury Publishing Books on the Christian life abound. Some focus on spirituality, others on practices, and others still on doctrines such as justification or forgiveness. Few offer an account of the Christian life that portrays redeemed Christian existence within the multifaceted and beautiful whole of the Christian confession. This book attempts to fill that gap. It provides a constructive, specifically theological interpretation of the Christian life according to the nature of God's grace. This means coordinating the Triune God, his reconciling, justifying, redemptive, restorative, and otherwise transformative action with those practices of the Christian life emerging from it. The doctrine of the Christian life developed here unifies doctrine and life, confession and practice within the divine economy of grace. Drawing together some of the most important theologians in the church today, *Sanctified by Grace* achieves what no other theological text offers - a shared work of dogmatic theology oriented to redeemed Christian existence.

TRINITARIAN DOXOLOGY

T. F AND J. B. TORRANCE'S THEOLOGY OF WORSHIP AS PARTICIPATION BY THE SPIRIT IN THE SON'S COMMUNION WITH THE FATHER

Wipf and Stock Publishers Most approaches to liturgical theology are anthropocentric: the study of liturgy is primarily focused on what we, the worshipers, do. Thomas F. Torrance and James B. Torrance offer a trinitarian and christocentric approach. This informs not only the "why" of worship and not simply the "what" or "how" of worship, but centers on the One whom we worship. Most significantly, it fully recognizes the key role of the humanity of Christ as the ascended High Priest who alone offers the perfect worship and through whom alone we are enabled by the Spirit to worship God.

OUR STORY

CELEBRATING 75 YEARS OF GOD'S GRACE AT TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

For 75 years Trinity Lutheran Church has been planting the seeds of faith in thousands of people, accompanying the seeds with fervent prayers that the Holy Spirit grows that faith. Through challenging and triumphant times, through sorrow and exhilaration, through the mundane and the profound, Trinity has survived and thrived by the Grace of God. These are the stories of a persistent and faithful group of Christians as they walk through life together in the Gospel. This is the story of a "Community Following Jesus." This is Our Story.

KNOWING THE NAME OF GOD

A TRINITARIAN TAPESTRY OF GRACE, FAITH, & COMMUNITY

Intervarsity Press *Showing why the doctrine of the Trinity is key for peoples' understanding of God's character, work and goals, this volume explores the relationship between the Trinity and the church, and it joins heart and mind in exploring the mystery of God.*

TRINITARIAN THEOLOGY FOR THE CHURCH

SCRIPTURE, COMMUNITY, WORSHIP

InterVarsity Press *These select essays, brought together from the 2008 Wheaton College Theology Conference by editors Daniel J. Treier and David Lauber, show both the substance and the importance of the doctrine of the Trinity for our worship, our reading of Scripture and the mission of the church.*

OUR LADY OF UNITY

Trafford Publishing *Help me help you. Our Lady of Unity is pleading to all Gods children to help her in helping us reached the most difficult and demanding journey to our heavenly homeland. A hundred years ago at Fatima, Portugal, she appeared to the three little children and brought the message of repentance, prayer, penance and fasting and the whole world paid serious attention when thousands saw the miracle of the spinning sun. The miraculous event drove millions back to the church. However, the new age had strayed adopting a new culture of life contrary to the Gospel leading so many to eternal death. She revealed to the community that tens of thousands of souls were lost every single day because of gross negligence in taking great care of their immortal soul with their refusal to believe and embrace the message of the Gospel. As the world closes in of its final phase of existence, our Lady with the assistance of her community are working fervently and devoutly for the conversion of Gods wayward children to the true church. She is calling all to be baptized in the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit so one can be integrated to the Body of her Son so salvation is possible. She repeatedly warns that no one can come to the heavenly Father except through her Son. Our Lady reminded us that through her we can be united with Jesus making us truly a real part of Him. But her greatest enemy had deceived billions including Christians by ignoring or marginalizing her intercessory powers to the Triune God. To ensure ones salvation it is truly wise to have both Jesus and Mary on our side.*

CHRIST THE KEY

Cambridge University Press *Through the intensely intimate relationship that arises between God and humans in the incarnation of the Word in Christ, God gives us the gift of God's own life. This simple claim provides the basis for Kathryn Tanner's powerful study of the centrality of Jesus Christ for all Christian thought and life: if the divine and the human are united in Christ, then Jesus can be seen as key to the pattern that organizes the whole, even while God's ways remain beyond our grasp. Drawing on the history of Christian thought to develop an innovative Christ-centered theology, this book sheds fresh light on major theological issues such as the imago dei, the relationship between nature and grace, the Trinity's implications for human community, and the Spirit's manner of working in human lives. Originally delivered as Warfield Lectures at Princeton Theological Seminary, it offers a creative and compelling contribution to contemporary theology.*

THE BEAUTIFUL COMMUNITY

UNITY, DIVERSITY, AND THE CHURCH AT ITS BEST

InterVarsity Press *The church is at its best when it pursues the biblical value of unity in diversity. Pastor and theologian Irwyn Ince boldly unpacks the reasons for our divisions while gently guiding us toward our true hope for wholeness and reconciliation. To heal our fractured humanity, we must cultivate spiritual practices that help us pursue beautiful community.*

LESSONS FROM LAODICEA

MISSIONAL LEADERSHIP IN A CULTURE OF AFFLUENCE

Wipf and Stock Publishers *"I'm rich and I don't need a thing," bragged the early Christians in the big city of Laodicea. The Apostle John, however, saw their affluence and arrogance through a theological lens. He declared them to be bankrupt, "lukewarm Christians" whom God would gladly gargle and spit out. Today, the mainline church in the West finds itself in a dominant culture of Laodicean affluence, where even faith is a commodity to be consumed. While the gospel spreads and thrives in the global South and East, the Western mainline church looks longingly back at Christendom and forward in fear. As Christians living in a North American culture that highly prizes the unholy Trinity of individualism, consumerism, and secularism, we require a new kind of missional leadership to "pray" attention to what God is doing in the world around us. This book names the challenges and promises inherent in partnering with the Holy Spirit in order to offer missional leadership in a culture of affluence. It is about both living in Laodicea and leaving it behind. We are no longer in a Babylonian captivity but a Laodicean one. This work helps chart a course for Christians who long to let go of "country club religion" and instead belong to a community that helps equip missionary disciples, resistant to the dominant culture and resplendent in the love of our triune God.*

SALVATION MEANS CREATION HEALED

THE ECOLOGY OF SIN AND GRACE: OVERCOMING THE DIVORCE BETWEEN EARTH AND HEAVEN

Wipf and Stock Publishers *The Bible promises the renewal of all creation--a new heaven and earth--based on the incarnation, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. For centuries this promise has been sidelined or misunderstood because of the church's failure to grasp the full meaning of biblical teachings on creation and new creation. The Bible tells the story of the broken and restored relationship between God, people, and land, not just God and people. This is the full gospel, and it has the power to heal the church's long theological divorce between earth and heaven. Jesus' resurrection in the power of the Holy Spirit is the key, and the church as Christ's body is the primary means by which God is reconciling all things through Jesus Christ. Jesus' ultimate healing of all creation is the great hope and promise of the gospel, and he calls the church to be his healing community now through evangelism, discipleship, and prophetic mission.*

STANDING TOGETHER IN THE COMMUNITY OF GOD

LITURGICAL SPIRITUALITY AND THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Liturgical Press *We are here on earth not to guard a museum but to cultivate a garden flourishing with life and promised to a glorious future, John XXIII exhorted the Church at the dawn of the Second Vatican Council. In an age when some skeptics suggest that the reformed liturgy has lost the wonder and spiritual depth of previous ages, Standing Together in the Community of God affirms that we need not look back; the Sacred Mysteries are already in our midst. Their wellspring and summit is the heart of God, shared in the Trinity's own communion, announced now as pure Gift. Praising God for God's saving acts in Jesus, as Vatican II reminded us, we encounter Christ's sacramental presence in four modes: in the person of the priest who gathers the community into communion, in the elements and actions of the sacraments, in the word proclaimed and preached, and in the assembly praying and singing (SC #7). In rhythm and harmony, these modes invite us to encounter the multivalent depth of the Mysteries that announce Christ in you, the hope of glory (Col 1:27). Together they proclaim the Risen One among us, the totus Christus, hope for a hungry world. allowing each mode its respect as a bearer of the sacred, these focal words and actions in the liturgy echo a communion song that announces Christ's real presence to us and for us and with us. Beginning deep within, this is a spirituality and piety for the twenty-first century, ever ancient and ever new. Pal A. Janowiak, SJ, has been an associate professor of sacramental and liturgical theology at the School of Theology and Ministry at Seattle University in Seattle, Washington. He now teaches at the Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University in Berkeley, California.*

PREACHING AS WORSHIP

AN INTEGRATIVE APPROACH TO FORMATION IN YOUR CHURCH

Baker Books Move your church from small-picture to big-picture worship A pastor's role in shaping worship is vital. But what if preaching isn't just one part of worship? What if preaching is worship? In *Preaching as Worship*, veteran preacher Michael Quicke encourages those who preach to open their eyes afresh to glorious big-picture worship--grounded in Trinitarian theology and focused on the pivotal role of Scripture as it directs gathered worship for community formation--urging them to restore worship as an encounter with God. This unique and insightful book offers a clear call for preachers to rethink their worship responsibilities and the importance of preaching--for the sake of their church members and their God. "Michael Quicke's winsome and insightful exploration of preaching as an integral component and reflection of Trinitarian worship is a welcome contribution to thoughtful literature on both preaching and worship. For too long, one has been viewed as simply a prelude or culmination of the other. Quicke helps us understand how worship and preaching function organically and holistically to honor the persons of the Godhead who also comes to us as one."--Bryan Chapell, president, Covenant Theological Seminary; author, *Christ-Centered Preaching* "This book stretched me and enriched my understanding of preaching and worship."--Craig Brian Larson, editor, *PreachingToday.com* Michael J. Quicke is C. W. Koller Professor of Preaching and Communication at Northern Seminary in the Chicago area and preaches and lectures across the world. He is the author of *360-Degree Preaching* and *360-Degree Leadership*.

AFTER OUR LIKENESS

THE CHURCH AS THE IMAGE OF THE TRINITY

Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing In *After Our Likeness*, Miroslav Volf explores the relationship between persons and community in Christian theology. He seeks to counter the tendencies toward individualism in Protestant ecclesiology and give community its due.

GRACE, ORDER, OPENNESS AND DIVERSITY

RECLAIMING LIBERAL THEOLOGY

Bloomsbury Publishing In this highly accessible, passionately argued and scholarly book, Ian Bradley presents fundamentalism, born a hundred years ago in the United States of America, as the great twentieth-century heresy and aberration. He identifies and seeks to reclaim for the twenty first century a liberal theological tradition existing in Christianity, Islam, Judaism and the other major world faiths. This liberal heart is found in their scriptures and was often to the fore in their foundational stages but has more recently been overlaid with conservative reaction, fundamentalism and fear. He defines this liberal theology in terms of the four values of grace, order, openness and diversity which he suggests can be read by Christians as key attributes of the three persons of the Trinity and of God in Trinity as a whole. This book counters the growing influence of narrow, exclusive judgemental religious conservatism with a powerful reassertion of the liberal gospel of God's grace, goodness and generosity.

COMMUNION WITH GOD

Sovereign Grace Publishers, *Communion with God*, or in full, "Of communion with God the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost each person distinctly, in love, grace, and consolation; or, the saints' fellowship with the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost unfolded," is John Owen's finest devotional treatise. This work expounds "the most glorious truth that believers may have distinct communion with the three persons Father, Son, and Spirit," and being addressed to the "Christian reader" is simpler than much of Owen's theology. (Unabridged. Includes all footnotes.)

ENCHANTED COMMUNITY

JOURNEY INTO THE MYSTERY OF THE CHURCH

Wipf and Stock Publishers What Henderson has done in 'Enchanted Community' is force us to confront the questions of why the church is, and what it has to do with the good news of God in Jesus Christ. He takes us on a fascinating journey into the mystery of the church, and in the process, challenges our understanding of what it means to be the authentic body of Christ. For Henderson, the church should not be identified with its institutional forms, but rather in the authentic communities inhabited by the Holy Spirit that are part of God's missional movement. We, as believers, are in a very real sense called out to be part of this New Creation community to lead transformed lives as a witness to God's revelation. The journey leads us back to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit as the only (and ultimate) source of enchantment in a disenchanting world. As Henderson makes clear, this journey is anything but non-controversial, harmless, and spiritual, but is in fact radical and subversive in its very essence. This book offers to all of us--from the pragmatic, the idealistic, and the honest, to the slightly cynical and almost-jaded--practical steps to maintaining the integrity of our discipleship and the

authenticity of our relationships as we struggle to live out our calling to be an enchanted people, bearers of God's authentic New Creation humanity in the church and in our daily ministry as salt and light where we live and work.

SOFT PETALS OF GRACE

Wild Goose Publications A collection of communion liturgies and other resources covering Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Holy Week, Easter, Ascension, Pentecost, Trinity and Transfiguration. Thom Shuman writes: 'So much of the ordinary is truly extraordinary, so much of what we take for granted are the soft petals of grace strewn on the paths we walk, so much of the air we breathe is filled with wonder, hope, joy and peace.' An awareness Thom first experienced while on sabbatical at the spiritual centres of Taize, the Abbey of Gethsemani and Iona, where these liturgies and prayers first took root. Thom lives in Columbus, Ohio and is an Associate member of the Iona Community.

THE TRINITY, CREATION AND PASTORAL MINISTRY

IMAGING THE PERICHORETIC GOD

Wipf and Stock Publishers In this book the author proposes a three-way conversation between theology, science, and pastoral ministry. His approach draws on a Trinitarian understanding of God as a relational being of love, whose life spills over into all created reality, human and nonhuman. By locating human meaning and purpose within God's creation-community this book offers the possibility of a transforming engagement between those in pastoral ministry and the scientific community.

LIVING OUR BELIEFS

THE UNITED METHODIST WAY

Upper Room Books You can believe anything and be a Methodist, just so long as you're sincere. Such a misperception has deep historical and cultural roots. Explore a basic explanation of the beliefs and practices of the United Methodist Church as defined in Part II of The Book of Discipline. Uncover a deeper understanding and experience of Christian faith as you embrace the United Methodist way. "Beliefs are to be lived; doctrine is to be practiced," writes Carder in this updated edition of his 1996 bestseller. "The authenticity of beliefs lie in their ability to shape people and communities into the image of Christ and to promote holiness and happiness. ...The important test of the validity of doctrines and beliefs for United Methodists is the kind of character they produce in individuals and communities and the actions they inspire in the world." Living Our Beliefs is essential reading for new members, confirmation classes and small group studies. As one reviewer says, "Bishop Carder invites us to both understand and live our beliefs. With deep understanding of Wesley's teaching, he inspires us to practice what we preach. That is the United Methodist way." The Leader's Guide for this course, Living Our United Methodist Beliefs, by George Hovaness Donigan may be purchased here.

IT TAKES A CHURCH TO RAISE A CHRISTIAN

HOW THE COMMUNITY OF GOD TRANSFORMS LIVES

Brazos Press Tod Bolsinger challenges Christians to rediscover the essential nature of God as a Triune community. By doing so, says Bolsinger, the church will recover its vitality as a truly life-transforming communion. Focusing on daily living issues, the book engages writers including John Calvin and Richard Foster. Reclaiming a true trinitarian practical theology will allow Christians to reawaken and nourish a spirituality that is communal, not merely consumerist or individualistic. It will create Christian communities in which God transforms believers together into the likeness of Christ. It Takes a Church to Raise a Christian is designed for pastors, worship leaders, evangelists, and other church leaders.

LESSONS LEARNED FROM JONAH

MEDITATIONS ON GOD'S RESTORING GRACE

Wipf and Stock Publishers We live in a performance-driven world--a world that measures our status through results and accomplishments. The reality is that we shift this kind of thinking on God. We create a performance-driven God and fool ourselves into thinking that God's expectations must be achieved, or we are doomed. But the truth is that God is not a God who expects performance. Rather, He is a God of grace. He understands that we will fail, and that is why He redeems us in Christ. In Lessons Learned from Jonah, Robert Snitko examines the grace that God offers to Jonah, regardless of his

constant failure. The book of Jonah is filled with the exact imprint of who we are as fallen human beings, along with our sinful tendencies to run away from God in the moments when He calls us to obedience. Yet God, in His sovereignty, is seeking redemption and restoration with His people through the person and work of Jesus Christ. Join the journey of experiencing God's grace in this devotional through the narrative of Jonah.

GOD SO LOVED, HE GAVE

ENTERING THE MOVEMENT OF DIVINE GENEROSITY

Zondervan *The God who created a good and perfect world, but whose world turned from him, has brought restoration through gift: The Father loved the world and gave the Son, and the Father and the Son pour out the gift of the Spirit into the hearts of humanity bringing about praise, hope, and new creation. Those who are united to the Son by his Spirit then find they have received the glorious gift of God's coming Kingdom. In other words, the Gospel is shaped by giving: God's generosity buys us out of bondage and brings us into all the blessings of belonging. But the good news is not only that God has made us to be recipients of his grace but also participants in the movement of his divine justice and generosity. Living in God's gifts, Christians discover they are free to give themselves. The cross and resurrection of Christ come to shape and define this new life of faith, hope and generosity—a life that is best lived not in isolation but as a community. Throughout the book special attention is given to the relationship between divine generosity and concern for the poor and oppressed. Kapic and Berger encourage readers to not simply discover the immensity of God's grace, but to enter into the flow of divine generosity as God has invited them to become avenues of his great gifts to the world.*

RELEASING JESUS

Xulon Press *Thu pens a guide to living a life that is harmonious with the world that God has created, the salvation that He has worked out in Christ, and the community He has brought together by the Spirit.*

LEADERSHIP FORMATION IN THE AFRICAN CONTEXT

MISSIONAL LEADERSHIP REVISITED

Wipf and Stock Publishers *The teachings of Christian leadership have been dominated by a focus on the influence of a leader on its followers. Samuel Deressa's new book, Leadership Formation in the African Context, highlights how an African concept of community and holistic approach to ministry provides a biblically sound approach to understanding leadership formation and practice in this new age. This book links the issue of missional leadership with the life of the congregation. It provides theological and practical insights into how we can understand leadership formation in contexts where churches are engaged in the Missio Dei as a community of believers.*

A GRAMMAR OF CHRISTIAN FAITH

SYSTEMATIC EXPLORATIONS IN CHRISTIAN LIFE AND DOCTRINE

Rowman & Littlefield Publishers *A Grammar of Christian Faith is a two-volume set that aims to confront the widespread disarray in the language and practices of Christian faith today. As a 'grammar,' it explains how Christian faith provides special ways of speaking and acting that make sense of human life by giving it meaning, practicality, and hope. It advances the thesis that learning how to speak Christian language in worship and life is crucial to learning how to be a Christian. Rather than supposing that Christian language and theology need continual updating in order to be relevant to the world, Jones urges the church to recover anew how Christian concepts and understanding are intended to form Christian life in all its rich depths. Construing theology as confessional theology in the context of the church, Jones understands the church as that liberative and redemptive community called into being by the Gospel of Jesus Christ to witness in word and deed the triune God for the benefit of the world. The full range of doctrinal themes that are deemed essential to the witness of the church are explored, including clear explanations of why they are essential and how they are to be understood. In pursuit of a truthful and beneficial witness of the church, the work centers on a trinitarian understanding of God, in which God freely and lovingly interacts with the world as Creator, Reconciler, and Redeemer. The work throughout affirms the belief that the gracious triune God is the Ultimate Companion who will redeem all creation.*

UNDERSTANDING CHILDREN'S SPIRITUALITY

THEOLOGY, RESEARCH, AND PRACTICE

Wipf and Stock Publishers *How important is childhood in the spiritual formation of a person? How do children experience God in the context of their lives as they grow? What does God do in the lives of children to draw them to himself and help them grow into a vital relationship with him? How can adults who care about children better support their spiritual growth and direct it toward relationship with God through Jesus Christ? These are critical questions that church leaders face as they consider how best to nurture the faith of the children God brings into our lives. In this book, over two dozen Christian scholars and ministry leaders explore important issues about the spiritual life of children and ways parents, church leaders, and others who care about children can promote their spiritual formation.*

CAN YOU HEAR MY PAIN NOW?

MAKING PASTORAL THEOLOGY RELEVANT IN THE MODERN WORLD

Wipf and Stock Publishers *Pastoral care and its theology get a gentle boost from some of the best in the business of caring for the soul. When a person hurts, they often look to God. Several pathfinders give new light from their specialties, each one speaking powerfully, uniquely, and artfully from decades of experience. Dr. Amos Yong's article on disability forwards the amazingly helpful term, "temporarily able-bodied." Greek Orthodox Dr. Vasileios Thermos and Roman Catholic Dr. Robert Fastiggi enlighten next to the powerful testaments of Professor Godfrey Harold on South Africa and Dr. Samuel Yonas Deressa on Ethiopia. Each weathered author contributes universal insights into the grace of our great God and challenges pastors throughout the Christian world to kindly consider the heart of the afflicted. These finely hewn stones can be used by anyone in the ministry to sharpen their serve. Mattis and Maness offer this third collection from Testamentum Imperium with a prayer that these will open new avenues of sensitivity to the hearts and souls of those in travail and aid those who are called by God to serve those in pain.*

ON BEING THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST IN TUMULTUOUS TIMES

Wipf and Stock Publishers *This collection of essays, sermons, and prayers urges the church today to be the sort of community that sustains a vigorous and continuing conversation within itself as to who has called it into being, to whom it is responsible, and what it is called to be and to do. Jones reminds the church that it is an alternative political community called into being by the Gospel. This collection explores what it means to be such an alternative community in tumultuous times, in times when it is tempting to look to the world for answers, and to confuse loyalty to the nation-state with loyalty to God. A theme throughout all the writings is that the church is the necessary context for becoming and being a Christian.*

RHYTHMS OF GRACE

HOW THE CHURCH'S WORSHIP TELLS THE STORY OF THE GOSPEL

Crossway *Is it singing? A church service? All of life? Helping Christians think more theologically about the nature of true worship, Rhythms of Grace shows how the gospel is all about worship and worship is all about the gospel. Mike Cospers ultimately answers the question: What is worship?*

PREACHING AS WORSHIP

AN INTEGRATIVE APPROACH TO FORMATION IN YOUR CHURCH

Baker Books *Much current literature on church worship rarely mentions preaching, and vice versa. Worship is often seen as restricted to music and liturgy while preaching is assumed to operate on different principles for different purposes. But veteran preacher Michael Quicke argues that preaching should be viewed as worship, as both worship and preaching belong within the same Trinitarian dynamic, serving the same purpose and marked by similar characteristics. Drawing on insights from wide-ranging literature and practitioners on both sides of the gap, this insightful book confronts and corrects ten characteristics of preaching that are disconnected from worship.*

A LOVE WE DON'T DESERVE

FINDING FREEDOM IN GOD'S GRACE

Wipf and Stock Publishers *It can be easy to feel hopeless and unworthy of forgiveness, especially when we live in a world filled with pain, suffering, and the weight of our sin. Our hopelessness can be*

attributed to guilt, shame, and brokenness. We often cling to our past, present, and future mistakes—allowing those mistakes to define who we are. Living in this cycle can lead us to believe that God cannot possibly want to forgive us for our sin and wrongdoing. We begin to believe that we are unworthy recipients of his love. Though we may indeed be undeserving of God's love, he still chooses to relentlessly pursue us in the midst of our depravity. In *A Love We Don't Deserve: Finding Freedom in God's Grace*, Robert Snitko takes us on a journey looking at God's unconditional love towards us—as we grasp the freedom that we have in Christ. This book is rooted in Psalm 32 as David shares his insights on the breathtaking forgiveness of God. If you've faced trials that seem unbearable, guilt that seems inescapable, shame that may appear too dark to be forgiven, all while desiring to experience the true forgiveness that is offered to you in Christ—this book is for you.

INCORPORATING CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

MARK OF THE KINGDOM

Wipf and Stock Publishers *Incorporating children in worship is a powerful and overlooked mark of God's kingdom. This book argues that children's full participation in worship signifies not only a vibrant, faithful communion but also offers a critical window into the Spirit's work of linking the church to Christ. Children have a vocation in worship. They embody the theological virtues in distinct ways that enrich the worship of the whole church. Moreover, incorporating children reflects the difference in unity that is God's triune life. Receiving children in their difference moves the worshipping body toward the telos of worship--glorification of God and sanctification of humanity--and habituates the worshipping body to incorporate other, often more threatening, kinds of difference.*

CHRIST-CENTERED WORSHIP

LETTING THE GOSPEL SHAPE OUR PRACTICE

Baker Academic *The bestselling author of Christ-Centered Preaching provides a useful and accessible resource that traces the history of Christian worship and calls contemporary congregations to gospel faithfulness.*