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## Christology in the Book of Hebrews

"Many have spoken of the need for and shape of theological exegesis. Rare is the work that actually employs theological wisdom for the sake of better exegetical practice. Now R. B. Jamieson's *The Paradox of Sonship* serves as a marvelous example. The work employs early christological concepts to keep alert to the breadth of teaching in Hebrews regarding the sonship of the Messiah. I highly commend it."

—**Michael Allen**, John Dyer Trimble Professor of Systematic Theology at Reformed Theological Seminary

"*The Paradox of Sonship* illuminates the central christological conundrum of Hebrews by reading the book in dialogue with classical theological categories. Conventional academic practice has long warned against allowing doctrine and exegesis to make such close contact, but here Jamieson demonstrates the sweeping benefits of reuniting them. The drama, the tension, and even the sheer literary suspense of Hebrews come to life in dialogue with Nicene and Chalcedonian categories. I hope to see many more books that follow the path opened up here."

—**Fred Sanders**, Torrey Honors College, Biola University

"The Christology of Hebrews, particularly what the author means in identifying Jesus as the Son, has long been debated. Jamieson argues that the earliest interpreters in church history had a simple and yet elegant explanation, which clarifies sonship language in Hebrews. Jamieson doesn't stop with the earliest interpreters or even begin with them. He maintains that these ancient readings accord with the historical meaning of Hebrews, that they match the intention of the author. Jamieson reminds us that our ancestors in the faith are indispensable sources for understanding New Testament authors. I found Jamieson's argument to be refreshing and convincing. Even those who disagree in some respects will find much here to stimulate their thinking."

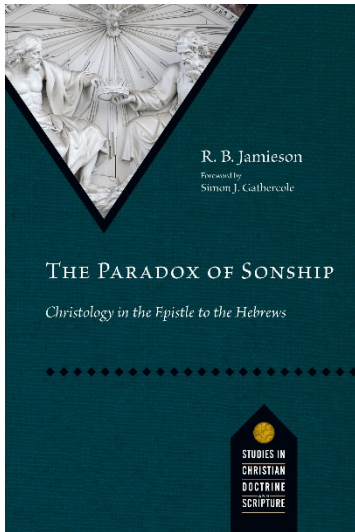
—**Thomas R. Schreiner**, author of *Paul, Apostle of God's Glory in Christ* and James Buchanan Harrison Professor of New Testament Interpretation at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

"R. B. Jamieson has written a readable introduction and elegant explanation of the Christology of Hebrews. Jamieson explains all the things that seem strange to us. Whether it's the citation of Psalms or mention of a mysterious figure called Melchizedek, he shows what these mean and how they all fit with the author's purpose: to convince readers that Christ is truly worthy of their worship."

—**Michael F. Bird**, academic dean and lecturer in theology at Ridley College, Melbourne, Australia



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"It is only fitting that the one who is the Father's Son by nature should fill the role of Son in the Father's household, from his incarnation and atonement to his resurrection and enthronement. This simple claim, according to Bobby Jamieson, is the key to the Christology of Hebrews. Grasping this claim, however, has not been a simple matter for modern interpreters. In a work of great hermeneutical and theological sophistication, Jamieson draws on six classical christological reading strategies forgotten or ignored by many modern interpreters to help us better see the glory of the Son of God in the epistle to the Hebrews."

—**Scott R. Swain**, president and James Woodrow Hassell Professor of Systematic Theology, Reformed Theological Seminary, Orlando

"Jamieson has achieved that rare goal of a truly fresh and illuminative reading of a long-studied issue in a biblical text. I was happy for my own interpretation of Hebrews to be deepened and expanded, and I look forward to sharing with my students his thesis that Jesus is the Son who became Son. *The Paradox of Sonship* is a deeply engaging example of artful employment of the tools of theology and history to create a deeper insight into the God who became man."

—**Amy Peeler**, associate professor of New Testament, Wheaton College and Graduate School

"This is a highly important study both methodologically and exegetically. The Christology of the epistle to the Hebrews has long been seen as a set of difficult exegetical conundrums. Bobby Jamieson argues, however, that the main problem is not with the text of Hebrews itself but with the conceptual resources modern interpreters have typically brought with them to read the letter. Jamieson shows that if we attend more fully to the church's doctrinal tradition, we gain conceptual configurations that can actually resolve exegetical puzzles and help to arrange Hebrews' Christology into a coherent picture. His argument demonstrates that Christian doctrine is not an illegitimate imposition on the text but an otherwise unavailable form of fruitful interpretative perception."

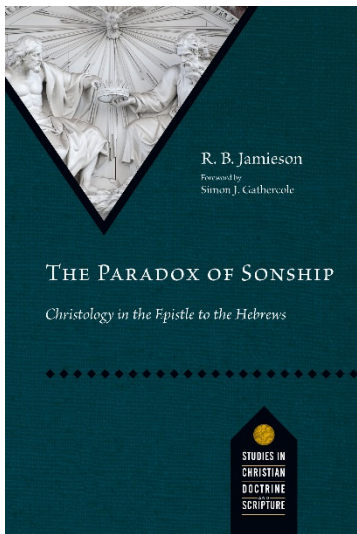
—**C. Kavin Rowe**, George Washington Ivey Distinguished Professor of New Testament, Duke University

"Jamieson's argument—that Jesus is a Son who became 'Son'—is sophisticated yet accessible. In utilizing modern theology, retrieval, and careful exegesis of the text of Hebrews, he offers something distinctive that is a true gift to the field."

—**Madison N. Pierce**, assistant professor of New Testament at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School



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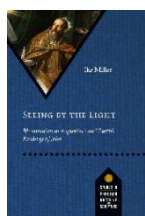
## Studies in Christian Doctrine and Scripture

Studies in Christian Doctrine and Scripture, edited by Daniel J. Treier and Kevin J. Vanhoozer, promotes evangelical contributions to systematic theology, seeking fresh understanding of Christian doctrine through creatively faithful engagement with Scripture in dialogue with catholic tradition(s).

Volumes in SCDS explore the synergy between Scripture and contemporary issues, rooted in the classic evangelical commitment to Scripture as well as the perpetual need to contextualize with creative fidelity. Likewise, these volumes promote historically informed engagements with the crucial themes of classic dogmatics and contemporary systematic theology in order to promote scholarship that is theologically competent and biblically literate.

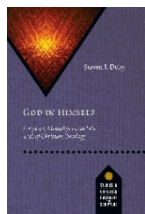
This series promotes evangelical contributions to Christian doctrine by reflecting different approaches, appealing to biblical theology, history of interpretation, theological interpretation of Scripture, and more. Some volumes engage in detailed exegesis while others appropriate broader biblical themes and patterns with the ultimate goal of promoting the constructive engagement between Scripture and Christian theology.

In addition to this new release, *The Paradox of Sonship*, titles in Studies in Christian Doctrine and Scripture include:



**Seeing by the Light: Illumination in Augustine's and Barth's Readings of John** by Ike Miller  
May 5, 2020 | \$35, 248 pages, paperback | 978-0-8308-4885-0

How can we understand God's revelation to us? Exploring both Augustine's and Karl Barth's readings of the Johannine literature, Ike Miller casts a broader vision of divine illumination, arguing for a fully Trinitarian view of illumination that forms not just our intellect but also appeals to the affections and encourages our ethical action.



**God in Himself: Scripture, Metaphysics, and the Task of Christian Theology** by Steven J. Duby  
December 31, 2019 | \$40, 352 pages, paperback | 978-0-8308-4884-3

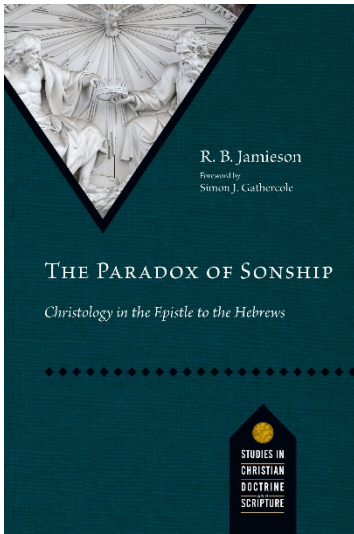
How do we know God? Can we know God as he is in himself? Theologians have argued for the role of natural and supernatural revelation, while others have argued that we know God only on the basis of the incarnation. In this SCDS volume, Steven J. Duby casts a vision for integrating natural theology, the incarnation, and metaphysics in a Christian description of God in himself.



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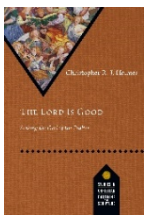
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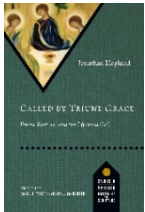
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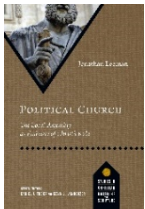
**The Lord Is Good: Seeking the God of the Psalter** by Christopher R. J. Holmes  
January 30, 2018 | \$27, 224 pages, paperback | 978-0-8308-4883-6

The good that God *does*—and that God calls us to do—is anchored in the fullness of good that God *is*. In this SCDS volume, Christopher R. J. Holmes explores the divine attribute of God’s goodness by offering a theological interpretation of the Psalter and engaging with the church’s rich theological tradition, especially Augustine and Aquinas.



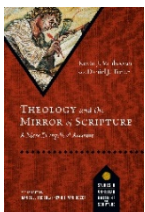
**Called by Triune Grace: Divine Rhetoric and the Effectual Call** by Jonathan Hoglund  
October 31, 2016 | \$35, 267 pages, paperback | 978-0-8308-4881-2

Reformed theology speaks of the divine act that leads to conversion in terms of the effectual call. Jonathan Hoglund provides a constructive treatment of effectual calling, interpreting divine calling to salvation as an act of triune rhetoric in which Father, Son, and Holy Spirit work in a personal way to communicate new life.



**Political Church: The Local Assembly as Embassy of Christ’s Rule** by Jonathan Leeman  
April 1, 2016 | \$45, 407 pages, paperback | 978-0-8308-4880-5

What is the nature of the church as an institution? What are the limits of the church’s political reach? Drawing on covenant theology and the “new institutionalism” in political science, Jonathan Leeman critiques political liberalism and explores how the biblical canon informs an account of the local church as an embassy of Christ’s kingdom.



**Theology and the Mirror of Scripture: A Mere Evangelical Account** by Kevin J. Vanhoozer and Daniel J. Treier  
December 9, 2015 | \$26, 301 pages, paperback | 978-0-8308-4076-2

Kevin J. Vanhoozer and Daniel J. Treier set forth a programmatic proposal for evangelical theology rooted in the claim that the church’s vocation is to mirror the witness of Scripture in its doctrine and discipleship.



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