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Torrance's Contribution to Missional Theology

"T. F. Torrance's theology is currently attracting a growing volume of literature, and rightly so. This book makes a major contribution to that corpus. Intellectually rigorous and highly readable, the study Sherrard has given us shows well how the implications of Torrance's work extend much further than we might initially think. Highly recommended."

—**Jeremy Begbie**, Duke University

"Reflecting upon the recent turn to missional theology, Sherrard brings to the discussion the resources of Christian dogmatics, mediated through the work of T. F. Torrance. The practical and evangelical aspects of Torrance's work have often been overlooked. Sherrard corrects this imbalance and shows how a well-considered systematic theology has a lot to offer the missional conversation. Theologians have always thought they had something worthwhile to offer the church, and Sherrard shows this to be the case by drawing out of Torrance's corpus the red thread of missional theology. This is a theological manifesto, of sorts, for missional theology, and one which retrieves Torrance as a missional theologian par excellence. This work will have wide appeal across denominational and theological divides."

—**Myk Habets**, senior lecturer in theology at Laidlaw College, Auckland, New Zealand

"Missional theology can benefit from engaging the work of the Reformed theologian Thomas F. Torrance, and the theology of Torrance demands perceptive analysis. Joseph Sherrard serves us well by providing both for the introduction of Torrance to missional thought and then also a critical examination of ways in which Torrance's theology should be refined. In so doing, a host of key ideas are put to work in the missional conversation, including the ascension, the threefold office of Christ and the church's participation therein, and apostolicity. Sherrard moves the missional conversation quite a way forward by beginning the examination several theological steps back, not simply with church and mission but ultimately with the triune God of the gospel. Conversant with cultural and churchly trends, patient in its exposition, critical without being censorious, biblical and historical in its orientation, Reformed and yet appreciatively catholic, this is a wise book and a great guide for thinking about mission in theological terms."

—**Michael Allen**, John Dyer Trimble Professor of Systematic Theology and academic dean, Reformed Theological Seminary, Orlando

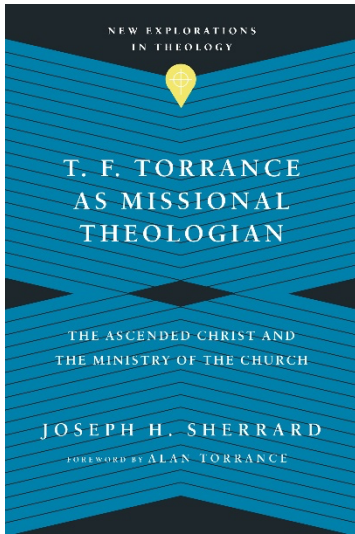
"Throughout T. F. Torrance's corpus, he draws on the resources of systematic theology to inform the church's mission. Employing Torrance as a neglected conversation partner in missional theology, Joseph Sherrard encourages us to faithfully



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reconnect theology and mission, holding together the God who acts with the church's witness in this world. From the Trinity to the *munus triplex* of Christ, from the Lord's Supper to the church's relations to the state, Sherrard helps us see how Torrance's objective realism provides an abundance of fresh insight for the life and mission of the church. Since we are far too often tempted to reduce missional theology to mere sociological observation, this is a timely and needed work."

—**Kelly M. Kapic**, professor of theological studies at Covenant College, author of *The God Who Gives*

"Joseph H. Sherrard's *T. F. Torrance as Missional Theologian* delivers on its title's promise. By engaging one of the late-twentieth-century's leading theologians, Dr. Sherrard not only fills a lacuna in missional theology but also presents a compelling reading of Torrance's entire theological project. Sherrard demonstrates that Torrance's corpus can be read in light of his deep-seated and long-standing missional concern to evangelize the entire culture. This fine study will naturally be of interest to theologians and students of Torrance. But it will also be of value to pastor theologians and other thoughtful practitioners who want better to understand the theological dimensions of the church's mission in the world—and God's work in that mission. Highly recommended!"

—**Todd Wilson**, cofounder and president of The Center for Pastor Theologians

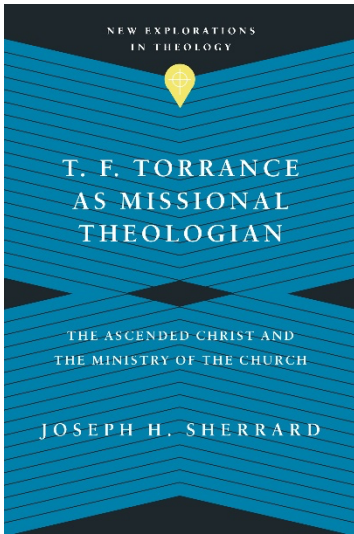
"Anyone who wants to think intentionally and theologically about the present and future work of the church will find this work to be an asset. Sherrard brings Torrance, the missional church movement, and Jesus' threefold office as prophet, priest, and king into dynamic conversation, all with an eye toward effective ministry in a post-Christian world."

—**Esau McCaulley**, assistant professor of New Testament at Wheaton College, author of *Reading While Black*



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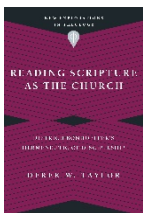
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New Explorations in Theology

Theology is flourishing in dynamic and unexpected ways in the twenty-first century. Scholars are increasingly recognizing the global character of the church, freely crossing old academic boundaries and challenging previously entrenched interpretations. Despite living in a culture of uncertainty, both young and senior scholars today are engaged in hopeful and creative work in the areas of systematic, historical, philosophical, biblical, and practical theology.

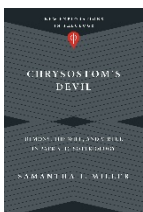
In an age of media proliferation and academic oversaturation, there is a need to single out the best new monographs. IVP Academic is committed to publishing constructive works that advance key theological conversations. We look for projects that investigate new areas of research, stimulate fruitful dialogue, and attend to the diverse array of contexts and audiences in our increasingly pluralistic world. IVP Academic is excited to make this work available to scholars, students, and general readers who are seeking fresh new insights for the future of Christian theology.

In addition to this new release, *T. F. Torrance as Missional Theologian*, NET titles include



Reading Scripture as the Church: Dietrich Bonhoeffer's Hermeneutic of Discipleship by Derek W. Taylor
September 22, 2020 | \$40, 304 pages, paperback | 978-0-8308-4918-5

The Bible is meant to be read in the church, by the church, as the church. Following the example of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Derek Taylor argues that we should regard the reading of Scripture as an inherently communal exercise of discipleship. In conversation with other theologians, Taylor shares how this approach to Scripture can engender a faithful hermeneutical community.



Chrysostom's Devil: Demons, the Will, and Virtue in Patristic Soteriology by Samantha L. Miller
March 17, 2020 | \$40, 216 pages, paperback | 978-0-8308-4917-8

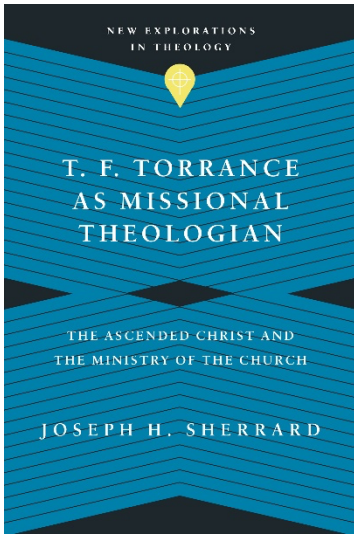
References to demons and the devil permeate the rhetoric of John Chrysostom, the "golden-tongued" early church preacher and theologian. Samantha Miller examines Chrysostom's theology and world, helping us understand the role of demons in his soteriology and exploring what it means to be human and to follow Christ in a world of temptation.



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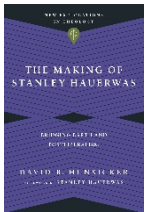


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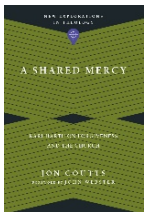
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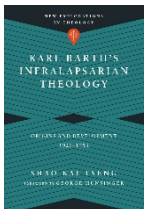
The Making of Stanley Hauerwas: Bridging Barth and Postliberalism by David B. Hunsicker
September 10, 2019 | \$40, 248 pages, paperback | 978-0-8308-4916-1

Stanley Hauerwas is often associated with the postliberal theological movement, yet he also claims to stand within Karl Barth's theological tradition. Which is true? Theologian David Hunsicker offers a reevaluation of Hauerwas's theology, arguing that he is both a postliberal *and* a Barthian theologian, helping us understand both the formation and the ongoing significance of one of America's great theologians.



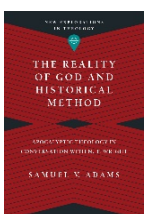
A Shared Mercy: Karl Barth on Forgiveness and the Church by Jon Coultts
October 8, 2016 | \$40, xii + 244 pages, paperback | 978-0-8308-4915-4

Combining systematic and pastoral theology, Jon Coultts explores what it means to forgive and reconcile in the context of the Christ-confessing community. Both a constructive practical theology and a critical commentary on Barth's theology in *Church Dogmatics*, this work explains the place and meaning of interpersonal forgiveness in Christ's ongoing ministry of reconciliation.



Karl Barth's Infralapsarian Theology: Origins and Development, 1920-1953 by Shao Kai Tseng
March 18, 2016 | \$40, 319 pages, paperback | 978-0-8308-5132-4

Scholars of Karl Barth's theology have been unanimous in labeling him a supralapsarian, largely because Barth identifies himself as such. In this groundbreaking and thoroughly researched work, Shao Kai Tseng argues that Barth was actually an infralapsarian, bringing Barth into conversation with recent studies in Puritan theology.



The Reality of God and Historical Method: Apocalyptic Theology in Conversation with N. T. Wright
by Samuel V. Adams | November 9, 2015 | \$40, 297 pages, paperback | 978-0-8308-4914-7

Samuel Adams engages the classic problem of the relation between faith and history from the perspective of apocalyptic theology in critical dialogue with the work of N. T. Wright. He argues that historical and theological scholars must take into consideration, at a methodological level, the reality of God that has invaded history in Jesus Christ.



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