



Q & A



Enacting Atonement

The Narrative Logic of Sacrifice and Sonship in Leviticus

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Levitical Sacrifice and the Heart of the Christian Faith

What led to your interest in writing about the doctrine of atonement?

Roy McDaniel: The reality of atonement is at the heart of Christian faith. In Christ's work of atonement we are reconciled to God, are enabled to draw near to God, and we see the glory of God. Above all, it is the good news of atonement that the church proclaims and celebrates. So, we can never have too much good thinking about the atonement.

I've greatly benefitted from all the interest in atonement in the church over the last few decades. Specifically, I've appreciated the emphasis on non-reductive accounts of atonement; that is, accounts that affirm multiple "models" or "aspects" of atonement. That said, I've become concerned about the coherence of our doctrine of atonement. Is there a center of the doctrine, something that holds all these various aspects of atonement together and gives it integrity? I wrote this book with that question in mind. Alongside the concern for coherence was a conviction that Levitical sacrifice provides a divinely inspired framework for making sense of Christ's work of atonement. So, looking for a coherent doctrine of atonement in Levitical sacrifice seemed like a good place to start.

What is your main thesis in *Enacting Atonement*?

McDaniel: The Levitical burnt offering proclaims that Christ atones for our sins by enacting his identity as eternal Son of God in our flesh. There is a distinctive idea here, namely, that Christ's eternal mode of being as God the Son is the key to his atoning work; it is the communication of Christ's eternal act of filiation to his human nature that gives his work its great atoning efficacy. Christ's incarnate sonship, enacted throughout his whole saving mission, satisfies God's justice and fulfills his intentions for humanity. I call this idea "filial satisfaction" later in the book. There is also a distinctive methodology in my book, namely, a theological exegesis of the Levitical burnt offering, as prescribed in Leviticus 1:1-9.

What do you hope your book contributes to the study of atonement?

McDaniel:

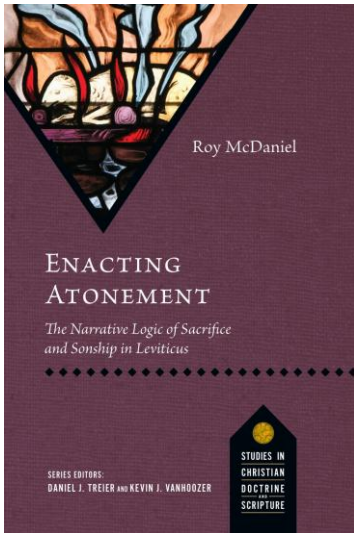
- It provides a coherent account of atonement centered on the eternal identity of the Son. This account is creative while being deeply rooted in the Christian tradition.
- It shows how Levitical sacrifice can (and should) inform the church's doctrine of atonement by modeling a careful theological exegesis of Leviticus.
- It raises questions (and suggests an answer) about the meaning of sacrifice and its relationship to the being and attributes of God.



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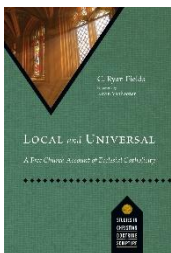
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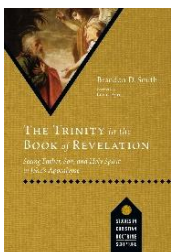
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by Brandon D. Smith

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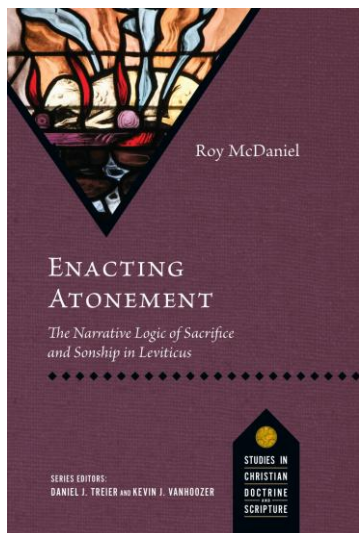
With its vivid imagery and rich prophetic language, the book of Revelation confronts and confuses readers perhaps more than any other Biblical book. Brandon Smith brings clarity by reading Revelation primarily as John's faithful vision of the triune God, and in doing so, helps us better worship the one who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.



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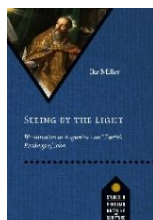
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The Paradox of Sonship: Christology in the Epistle to the Hebrews by R. B. Jamieson

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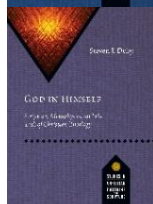
What does the epistle to the Hebrews mean when it calls Jesus "Son"? Exploring the paradox of this key term, R. B. Jamieson argues that, according to Hebrews, "Son" names both who Jesus is eternally and what he becomes at the climax of his incarnate, saving mission. This volume thereby offers a case study showing how the church's core convictions about Christ lead us not away from the text but deeper into it.



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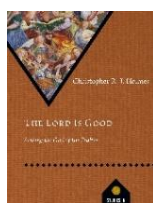
How can we understand God's revelation to us? Exploring both Augustine's and Karl Barth's readings of the Johannine literature, Ike Miller casts a broader vision of divine illumination, arguing for a fully Trinitarian view of illumination that forms not just our intellect but also appeals to the affections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



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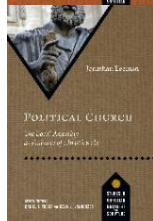
How do we know God? Can we know God as he is in himself? Theologians have argued for the role of natural and supernatural revelation, while others have argued that we know God only on the basis of the incarnation. In this SCDS volume, Steven J. Duby casts a vision for integrating natural theology, the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



The Lord Is Good: Seeking the God of the Psalter by Christopher R. J. Holmes

January 30, 2018 | \$28.99, 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.



Political Church: The Local Assembly as Embassy of Christ's Rule by Jonathan Leeman

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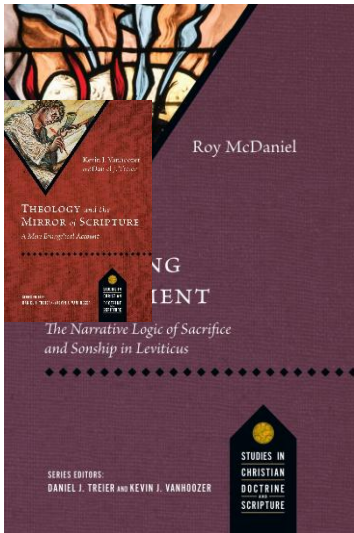
What is the nature of the church as an institution? What are the limits of the church's political reach? Drawing on covenant theology and the "new institutionalism" in political science, Jonathan Leeman critiques political liberalism and explores how the biblical canon informs an account of the local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



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by Kevin J. Vanhoozer and Daniel J. Treier

December 9, 2015 | \$32.99, 301 pages, paperback | 978-0-8308-4076-2

In this inaugural volume in the Studies in Christian Doctrine and Scripture, 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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