A Revitalization of Evangelical Theology

InterVarsity Press is pleased to present the Studies in Christian Doctrine and Scripture series (SCDS), launching in December 2015 with *Theology and the Mirror of Scripture: A Mere Evangelical Account*. This new academic series will promote evangelical contributions to systematic theology, seeking fresh understanding of Christian doctrine through creatively faithful engagement with Scripture in dialogue with catholic traditions.

Edited by Kevin Vanhoozer and Daniel Treier, these volumes will allow both new and seasoned scholars to write constructive theological monographs that engage closely with the biblical text.

“The fields of systematic theology and biblical studies have long been estranged from each other,” says David Congdon, associate editor for IVP Academic. “As a result, scholars are forced to identify themselves in one camp or the other. In recent years, however, a growing school of thought, often referred to as ‘theological interpretation of Scripture,’ has sought to overcome this boundary by encouraging biblical scholars to engage in dogmatic reflection and theologians to engage in biblical exegesis.”

Vanhoozer and Treier, who are also the authors of this first volume, have been at the forefront of this conversation, particularly within the evangelical community. Typically this work has been presented in the form of journal articles and biblical commentaries written by theologians, so the SCDS will allow scholars to further branch out in their studies.

“The future of evangelical theology as the SCDS envisions it,” says Congdon, “will be one that engages in rigorous theological interpretation of Scripture in dialogue with the classical tradition and is oriented toward the formation and witness of the Christian community. Forthcoming volumes will tackle the doctrines of the church, creation, and hell. This is an exciting time for evangelical theology.”

*Theology and the Mirror of Scripture* responds to increasing evangelical fragmentation, offering a clarion call to reconceive evangelical theology theologically by reflecting on the God of the gospel as mirrored in Scripture. Such “mere” evangelical theology will be an exercise in Christian wisdom for the purpose of building up the fellowship of saints.

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