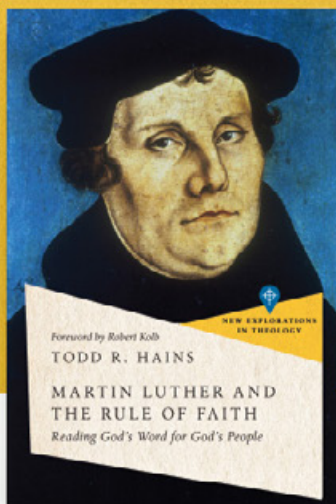


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Reformation Day is October 31



As we remember well-known reformers like Martin Luther, John Calvin, Thomas Cranmer, and others, the IVP publicity team has put together the following list of titles that explore the history of the Protestant Reformation and the influential voices that still impact the way we worship, study the Bible, and understand and make sense of faith and theology.



MARTIN LUTHER AND THE RULE OF FAITH

Reading God's Word for God's People

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In this [New Explorations in Theology \(NET\)](#) volume, Reformation scholar [Todd R. Hains](#) shows that Luther read the Bible according to the rule of faith, which is contained in the church's ancient catechism of the Ten Commandments, the Lord's Prayer, and the Apostles' Creed. Hains carefully examines Luther's sermons to show how Luther taught the rule of faith as the guard and guide of Bible reading.

"Where would Luther stand in today's debates over how to read the Bible? 'Here I stand,' yes, but where is 'here'? Todd Hains demolishes the caricature of Luther encouraging individuals to read the Bible for themselves. In its place is the real, flesh-and-blood Luther who insists on reading the Bible according to the rule of faith: the three-corded catechism consisting of the Ten Commandments, Apostles' Creed, and Lord's Prayer. Where should we stand? On Scripture alone, to be sure, when read according to a hermeneutics of catechized faith."

—KEVIN J. VANHOOZER, research professor of systematic theology at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School



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WORSHIP BY FAITH ALONE

*Thomas Cranmer, the Book of Common Prayer, and the
Reformation of Liturgy*
[View *Worship by Faith Alone*](#)

What does “gospel-centered” worship look like for today’s church? Scholar, worship leader, and songwriter Zac Hicks contends that this idea can be found in Thomas Cranmer’s theology of worship, which was shaped by the Protestant principle of justification by faith alone and reflected in his 1552 edition of the *Book of Common Prayer*.

“In an era obsessed with questions of worship style or the worshiper’s positive experience, Zac Hicks’s study of Thomas Cranmer reminds us that the more critical issue is how worship proclaims and participates in the gospel of Jesus Christ.”

—LESTER RUTH, research professor of Christian worship at Duke Divinity School

ZAC HICKS (DMin, Knox Theological Seminary) is adjunct lecturer in music and worship at Samford University, and author of *The Worship Pastor: A Call to Ministry for Worship Leaders and Teams*. Previously, he served as the Canon for Worship and Liturgy at Advent Cathedral.

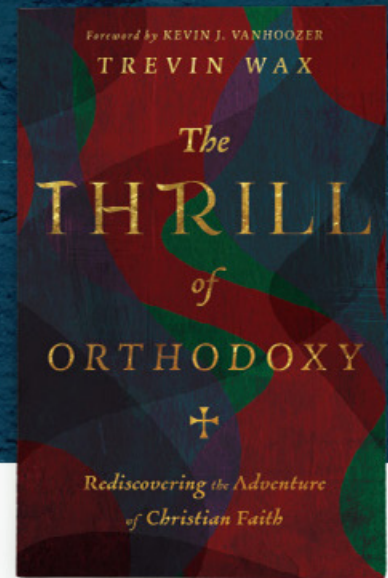


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THE THRILL OF ORTHODOXY

Rediscovering the Adventure of Christian Faith

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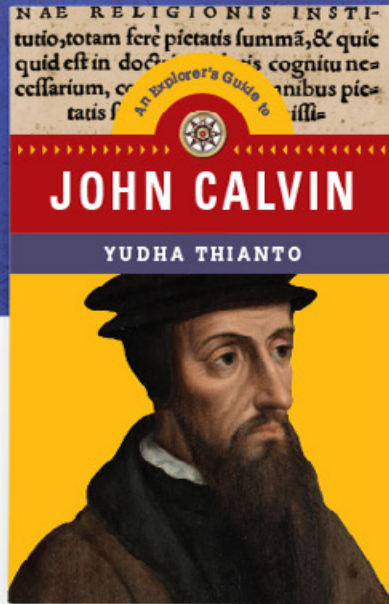
Trevin Wax turns the tables on those who believe Christian teaching is narrow and outdated. Returning to the church's creeds, he explains what orthodoxy is and why we can have proper confidence in it, and lays out common ways we can stray from it. By showing how heresies are always actually narrower than orthodoxy—taking one aspect of the truth and wielding it as a weapon against others—Wax beckons us away from the broad road that ultimately proves bland and boring, and toward the straight and narrow path, where true adventure can be found.

"Obviously, we're not the first Christians. Nor did our generation invent Christian thought. We are the recipients of a long line of Christians' insights, mistakes, and ways of speaking about God and the Christian faith. Trevin celebrates the treasures of the Christian faith and sound doctrine. Being dazzled by the old truths is the best means to deepen our understanding of the Christian faith, increase our dependence on God's revelation in Jesus Christ and Holy Scriptures, fuel our worship of God, increase our love for each other, and motivate mission to the world."

—JUSTIN S. HOLCOMB, seminary professor, Episcopal minister, and author of *Know the Creeds and Councils*



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AN EXPLORER'S GUIDE TO JOHN CALVIN

[View An Explorer's Guide to John Calvin](#)

Reformed theologian [Yudha Thianto](#) guides readers through a careful study of Calvin's *Institutes*. After setting Calvin and his writing in their historical context, he outlines the most significant aspects of Calvin's theology, guiding those who would know more about his work and, through it, the God who inspired him.

"This is not just another book on Calvin but a personal and very readable account of the life and doctrine of the Genevan Reformer. Calvin's theological relevance is made clear, classic misunderstandings are cleared up and put aside, and the picture of a man devoted to serving God and the church is painted as a mirror to the reader."

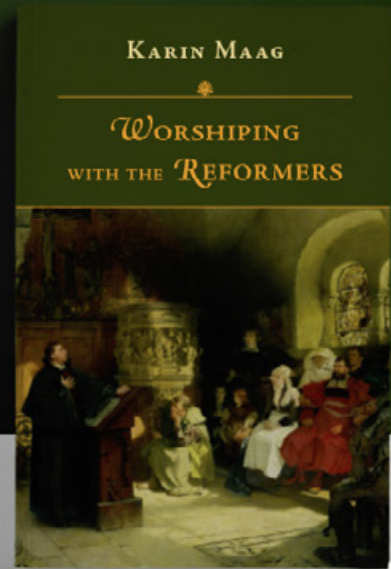
—HERMAN SELDERHUIS, professor of church history at the Theological University of Apeldoorn
and president of the Reformation Research Consortium



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WORSHIPING WITH THE REFORMERS

[View *Worshipping with the Reformers*](#)



In this volume, which serves as a companion to IVP Academic's [Reformation Commentary on Scripture](#) series, Reformation scholar [Karin Maag](#) takes readers inside the worshiping life of the church during this era. Drawing from sources across theological traditions, she explores several aspects of the church's worship, including what it was like to attend church, reforms in preaching, the function of prayer, how Christians experienced the sacraments, and the roles of both visual art and music in worship. With Maag as your guide, you can go to church—with the Reformers.

*"In *Worshipping with the Reformers*, Karin Maag deftly describes the diverse religious practices that resulted from the Reformation and gives a lively view of worship in the sixteenth century. Outlining the differences among the major forms of Protestantism and with Roman Catholicism, this engaging and informative book is the ideal starting point for anyone curious about the historical development of worship practices that are still important today."*

—AMY NELSON BURNETT, Varner Professor of History at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln



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