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### **PARTAKERS OF THE DIVINE NATURE**

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### **THE HISTORY AND DEVELOPMENT OF DEIFICATION IN THE CHRISTIAN TRADITIONS**

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*Baker Academic Scholars from around the world offer a comprehensive, ecumenical survey of the history and development of deification.*

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### **DEIFICATION AND COMMUNION**

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*Bloomsbury Publishing With strong application and relevance to contemporary ecclesiological questions, this is an investigation of how understandings of theosis in the Christian Tradition have related to understandings of divine nature in terms of koinonia.*

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## **BECOMING THE GOSPEL**

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### **PAUL, PARTICIPATION, AND MISSION**

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*Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing The first detailed exegetical treatment of Paul's letters from the emerging discipline of missional hermeneutics, Michael Gorman's Becoming the Gospel argues that Paul's letters invite Christian communities both then and now to not merely believe the gospel but to become the gospel and, in doing so, to participate in the life and mission of God. Showing that Pauline churches were active public participants in and witnesses to the gospel, Gorman reveals the missional significance of various themes in Paul's letters. He also identifies select contemporary examples of mission in the spirit of Paul, inviting all Christians to practice Paul-inspired imagination in their own contexts.*

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*"Theosis is back, and it is here to stay--no longer as the focus solely of one stream of the Christian tradition, but as a fully biblical and ecumenical account of salvation. Vladimir Kharlamov, with his colleagues, offers us another volume of significant essays on theosis/deification in the Christian tradition, from the evangelists to contemporary Baptists. They add to the burgeoning literature on the central reality of Christian faith: transformative participation in the very life of the Triune God." -- Michael J. Gorman The Ecumenical Institute of Theology, St. Mary's Seminary & University, Baltimore, MD*

*"Vladimir Kharlamov has successfully gathered a lively collection of studies covering foundational aspects of the ancient concept of theosis. The chapters range from the teachings of Jesus and the Fathers, to contemporary attempts to appropriate the notion today (its relevance to the Reformed tradition, its importance to Christian ecology). The book is an exciting example of the energy that still exists in putting the ancient tradition in discussion with the pressing concerns of the world." --V.Revd. Dr. John A. McGuckin Nielsen Professor of Ancient & Byzantine Christian History Union Theological Seminary, New York*

*"Vladimir Kharlamov has assembled a rich and remarkable volume that will offer profound gifts to the church's theological reflection. Whether one is already a student of the doctrine of theosis or is seeking an introduction to its riches, s/he will do well to take this volume and read it carefully." --Philip E. Thompson Professor of Systematic Theology and Christian Heritage Sioux Falls Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota*

*"A well-researched, carefully edited, and welcomed volume on the amazing, engaging, enduring, bold, and bewildering notions of deifying grace in Scripture, historical theology, ecumenical discussion, and contemporary reflection. Vladimir Kharlamov, as editor, expertly navigates students of Scripture and seasoned scholars through the complexities of theosis, from East to West, from historical to contemporary contexts,*

and succeeds in connecting esoteric ideas, Eastern Orthodox spirituality, and Baptist theologies in one volume." Michael J. Christensen, Ph.D, co-editor of *Partakers of the Divine Nature: Deification in the Christian Traditions*, and Affiliate Associate Professor of Theology at Drew University. About the Contributor(s): Vladimir Khar"

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## **ESSAYS IN ECUMENICAL THEOLOGY 2**

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### **CONVERSATIONS WITH ORTHODOXY**

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*BRILL* In the second volume of her *Essays in Ecumenical Theology*, Ivana Noble engages in conversation with Orthodox theologians and spiritual writers on diverse questions, such as how to discover the human heart, what illumination by the divine light means, how spiritual life is connected to attitudes and acts of social solidarity, why sacrificial thinking may not be the best frame for expressing Christ's redemption, why theological anthropology needs to have a strong ecological dimension, why freedom needs to coexist with love for others, and why institutions find the ability to be helpful not only in their own traditions but also in the Spirit that blows where it wills.

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### **CONTEMPLATING CHRIST**

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#### **THE GOSPELS AND THE INTERIOR LIFE**

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*Liturgical Press* The incarnation has made mystics of us all. What if we read the gospels as if that were true? In his book *Contemplating Christ*, Vincent Pizzuto offers an exploration of the interior life for modern contemplatives that is as beautiful as it is compelling. With an emphasis on the gospels and Christian mystical tradition, his book explores ancient themes in new and surprising ways. Drawing on his rich experience as an academic and priest, Pizzuto gradually unfolds the Christian mystery of deification to which the whole of biblical revelation and the Christian contemplative life are ordered: through the incarnation, we have all been made "other Christs" in the world.

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### **THE EUCHARIST: MYSTERY OF PRESENCE, SACRIFICE, AND COMMUNION**

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*Emmaus Academic* *The Eucharist: Mystery of Presence, Sacrifice, and Communion* explores the three ends of the Sacrament of Sacraments: God's true presence, His redemptive sacrifice, and spiritual nourishment through communion with Him. In this follow-up to his groundbreaking work, *Faith Comes From What Is Heard*, Lawrence Feingold constructs a biblical vision of the Eucharist from its prefiguration in the Old Testament to its fulfillment in the New and presents the Eucharistic theology of the Church Fathers, St. Thomas Aquinas, and magisterial teaching from centuries past through today. *The Eucharist* is a masterful text, both challenging and spiritually rich, that comprehensively examines the unspeakable mystery that is the Eucharist.

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### **THEOSIS IN THE THEOLOGY OF THOMAS TORRANCE**

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*Routledge* Torrance's vision of Theosis (deification/divinisation) is explored through

his doctrine of creation and anthropology, his characterisation of the incarnation, his accounts of reconciliation and union with Christ, and his theology of church and sacraments. Myk Habets' study distinguishes Torrance's Reformed vision of theosis from other possible accounts of salvation as divinisation as they are found, for instance, within patristic thought and Eastern Orthodoxy. This book presents the first critique of the theology of T.F. Torrance to focus on theosis, and examines a model of theosis within the realm of reformed theology built upon Western theology.

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## **ABIDE AND GO**

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### **MISSIONAL THEOSIS IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN**

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Wipf and Stock Publishers *The Gospel of John* would seem to be both the "spiritual Gospel" and a Gospel that promotes Christian mission. Some interpreters, however, have found John to be the product of a sectarian community that promotes a very narrow view of Christian mission and advocates neither love of neighbor nor love of enemy. In this book for both the academy and the church, Michael Gorman argues that John has a profound spirituality that is robustly missional, and that it can be summarized in the paradoxical phrase "Abide and go," from John 15. Disciples participate in the divine love and life, and therefore in the life-giving mission of God manifested in the ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus. As God's children, disciples become more and more like this missional God as they become like his Son by the work of the Spirit. This spirituality, argues Gorman, can be called missional theosis.

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## **THEOSIS**

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### **DEIFICATION IN CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY (VOLUME 1)**

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ISD LLC 'Deification' refers to the transformation of believers into the likeness of God. Of course, Christian monotheism goes against any literal 'god making' of believers. Rather, the NT speaks of a transformation of mind, a metamorphosis of character, a redefinition of selfhood, and an imitation of God. Most of these passages are tantalizingly brief, and none spells out the concept in detail.

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## **EASTERN ORTHODOXY THROUGH WESTERN EYES**

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Westminster John Knox Press In the last decade, Eastern Orthodoxy has moved from being virtually unknown to Western Christians to being a significant presence on the religious scene in North America and Great Britain. In light of Orthodoxy's growing presence, this book will introduce Western Christians to the Eastern Orthodox vision of the Christian life by examining Orthodox theology and worship and will also alert readers to the cultural and historical factors that shape any interpretation of the Christian faith.

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## **THE EUCHARIST IN THEOLOGY AND PHILOSOPHY**

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### **ISSUES OF DOCTRINAL HISTORY IN EAST AND WEST FROM THE**

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## **PATRISTIC AGE TO THE REFORMATION**

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*Leuven University Press Discusses the conceptual, doctrinal, theological, and philosophical aspects of the developments concerning the Eucharistic doctrines of the Christian Churches, not just the Western ones, but the Byzantino-Slavic and Oriental ones, too.*

## **CHRISTIFICATION**

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### **A LUTHERAN APPROACH TO THEOSIS**

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*Wipf and Stock Publishers The doctrine of theosis has enjoyed a recent resurgence among varied theological traditions across the realms of historical, dogmatic, and exegetical theology. In Christification: A Lutheran Approach to Theosis, Jordan Cooper evaluates this teaching from a Lutheran perspective. He examines the teachings of the church fathers, the New Testament, and the Lutheran Confessional tradition in conversation with recent scholarship on theosis. Cooper proposes that the participationist soteriology of the early fathers expressed in terms of theosis is compatible with Luther's doctrine of forensic justification. The historic Lutheran tradition, Scripture, and the patristic sources do not limit soteriological discussions to legal terminology, but instead offer a multifaceted doctrine of salvation that encapsulates both participatory and forensic motifs. This is compared and contrasted with the development of the doctrine of deification in the Eastern tradition arising from the thought of Pseudo-Dionysius. Cooper argues that the doctrine of the earliest fathers--such as Irenaeus, Athanasius, and Justin--is primarily a Christological and economic reality defined as "Christification." This model of theosis is placed in contradistinction to later Neoplatonic forms of deification.*

## **THEOSIS**

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### **DEIFICATION IN CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY, VOLUME TWO**

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## **DEIFICATION AND THE RULE OF FAITH**

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### **THE COMMUNICATION OF THE GOSPEL IN HELLENISTIC CULTURE**

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*WestBow Press Evangelicals are often surprised or maybe even shocked whenever they encounter the early Church Fathers' description of salvation in terms of deification, divinization, or apotheosis. It was Athanasius, the black dwarf, the champion of Nicene orthodoxy, who coined the phrase in his On the Incarnation, "God became man that man might become god." Hundreds of years before Athanasius, Irenaeus, disciple of Polycarp, disciple of the Apostle John, wrote of Christ's salvific provision for humanity using similar deification type concepts. Why did these Church Fathers use such seemingly foreign biblical concepts? Could it be that influential theologian, Adolf Harnack, is right and these church Fathers' implementation of deification reveal that the gospel changed from what Jesus originally intended after being exposed to Hellenistic culture? Not at all, at least, that is what this work argues. It does so, first, by comparing an overall understanding of deification in both Athanasius' and Irenaeus' respective writings. This section encompasses the first three chapters, which exhibit how the Fathers' use of deification is immersed in their respective descriptions of salvation history, the Trinity, and Christology. Further, this work assesses Harnack's proposal by comparing the Fathers' respective descriptions of deification with that of many Greek and Roman philosophers. Finally, this work seeks to propose that both Irenaeus and Athanasius contextualize the gospel by comparing the Father's respective descriptions of deification with their respective understandings of scriptural authority and the rule of faith.*

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## **AN OCEAN VAST OF BLESSING**

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### **A THEOLOGY OF GRACE**

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*Wipf and Stock Publishers Humans are made in the image of God, and authentically coming to be human means to become like him. This work pursues a robust and renewed theology of grace in conversation with the patristic traditions of Irenaeus, the Cappadocian Fathers, and Augustine, the medieval theology of Maximus and Aquinas, and such modern interlocutors as Soren Kierkegaard, Bernard Lonergan, John Milbank, and John Behr. It thereby regrounds our interpretation of Scripture in the wide tradition of the church. By doing so, it argues that Christ's incarnation, crucifixion, and resurrection form the only possible point of reference by which we can understand the universe, as God creates it and works in it to bring us into union with himself.*

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## **INTERNATIONAL THEOLOGICAL COMMISSION, VOL I**

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## **TEXTS AND DOCUMENTS, 1969-1985**

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*Ignatius Press This is one of a two-volume collection of texts and documents issued by the International Theological Commission (ITC), a body of theologians that advises the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. The texts and documents of the ITC address pressing theological issues, drawing upon theological experts from around the world who represent differing branches of theology yet who share a common commitment to authentically-Catholic theological reflection.*

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## **EASTERN ORTHODOX THEOLOGY**

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### **A CONTEMPORARY READER**

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*Baker Academic A clear introduction to Eastern Orthodoxy and key aspects of the tradition. Now contains new articles and additional readings on Orthodoxy and evangelicalism.*

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## **BEING IN CHRIST**

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### **A BIBLICAL AND SYSTEMATIC INVESTIGATION IN A REFORMED PERSPECTIVE**

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*Wipf and Stock Publishers 'Being in Christ' is a central theme in the message of the gospel. It is central for understanding the relation of Christian believers and the church with Jesus Christ, their Lord. It determines the identity of a Christian. It is helpful for understanding the presence of Christ and his salvation in the present. It can be developed as an element of a theological ontology. Finally, it is a theme with a great integrating power. In this book, the theme 'being in Christ' is analyzed in different perspectives. The attention is focused on the reality of 'being in Christ': its ontological implications. First, two representatives of the Reformed tradition are investigated: the English Puritan John Owen and the Dutch Neo-Calvinist Herman Bavinck. Second, a reconstruction of the Pauline and Johannine perspectives on 'being in Christ' is provided. Third, the theme is examined in the work of the English ethicist Oliver O'Donovan and the German-Swiss theologian Ingolf U. Dalferth. In the final chapter, the author gives his own systematic-theological proposal of a concept of 'being in Christ.'*

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## **TRANSFIGURATION AND HOPE**

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### **A CONVERSATION ACROSS TIME AND SPACE**

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*Wipf and Stock Publishers To read and visualize the transfiguration of Christ is to enter its mystery and encounter its hope. Like the Gospel writers and the disciples who climbed the mountain with Jesus, we struggle to tell the story and explain its meaning. Yet this astounding event reveals God's ultimate purpose in sending his Son—the complete restoration of humanity and all creation—our transfiguration in Christ. The light and glory of that moment reveal a destiny that is infinite and eternal, made possible by the power of grace. Transfiguration is the trajectory and goal of our spiritual journey. Across time and space, Christians have reflected on the*

mystery and hope epitomized in the transfiguration, yet their voices have been heard primarily within their own cultural and ecclesiastical contexts. This study gathers many of those voices from the panorama of Scripture and church history and finds in them the common theme of radical transformation in Christ. The point of this theological conversation is spiritual transfiguration and hope for each of us as we reach toward the future Christ has shown us in himself.

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## **THE ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN WORLD**

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*Routledge* Over the last century unprecedented numbers of Christians from traditionally Orthodox societies migrated around the world. Once seen as an 'oriental' or 'eastern' phenomenon, Orthodox Christianity is now much more widely dispersed, and in many parts of the modern world one need not go far to find an Orthodox community at worship. This collection offers a compelling overview of the Orthodox world, covering the main regional traditions of Orthodox Christianity and the ways in which they have become global. The contributors are drawn from the Orthodox community worldwide and explore a rich selection of key figures and themes. The book provides an innovative and illuminating approach to the subject, ideal for students and scholars alike.

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## **EXPLORING MORMON THOUGHT**

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### **VOLUME 3, OF GOD AND GODS**

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*Greg Kofford Books* In his long-anticipated third volume, *Of God and Gods*, Blake Ostler steps through the common complaint that Mormons aren't Christians because they believe in three separate individuals in the Godhead as well as the deification of human beings. He demonstrates the clear biblical understanding, both in the precursors of the Old Testament and the New, that Jesus and God the Father were not one in some incomprehensible "substance" while separate in person, but were actually distinct individuals. What made them one was their indwelling love. It is that loving unity into which they invite human beings. In language and thought accessible to the lay reader but simultaneously rigorous and scholarly, Ostler analyzes and responds to the arguments of contemporary international theologians, reconstructs and interprets Joseph Smith's important King Follett Discourse and Sermon in the Grove just before the Mormon prophet's death, and argues persuasively for the Mormon doctrine of "robust deification."

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## **TRIADOSIS**

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*BoD - Books on Demand* The complex nature of Christian communion with a personal God requires a nuanced expression. Since its inception, the early church affirmed God's unknowable nature and also participation in God through Christ. The church fathers employed the language of theosis in talking about union with God and human transformation in the likeness of God. However, the term theosis or deification is a broad category and requires precise explanation to avoid human dissolution into the divine in the mystical union it attempts to describe. In *Triadosis*, Eduard Borysov offers a new approach to the conundrum of the imparticipable divine

*nature and the prospect of personal union between human and the Trinity. Most significantly, he proposes that if God is Trinity, then we are created and restored in the image of the same tri-personal God.*

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## **CROSS-CULTURAL PAUL**

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### **JOURNEYS TO OTHERS, JOURNEYS TO OURSELVES**

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*Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing The apostle Paul was a cross-cultural missionary, a Hellenistic Jew who sought to be "all things to all people" in order to win them to the gospel. In this provocative book Charles Cosgrove, Herold Weiss, and K. K. Yeo bring Paul into conversation with six diverse cultures of today: Argentine/Uruguayan, Anglo-American, Chinese, African American, Native American, and Russian. No other book on the apostle Paul looks at his thought from multiple cultural perspectives in the way that this one does. From the introduction outlining the authors' cultural backgrounds to the conclusion drawing together what they learn from each other, Cross-Cultural Paul orients readers to the hermeneutical struggles and rewards of approaching texts cross-culturally.*

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## **BEING DEIFIED**

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### **POETRY AND FANTASY ON THE PATH TO GOD**

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*Fortress Press Being Deified examines the importance of deification to Christian theology and the place of human creativity in deification. Deification is an explanatory force for the major categories of Christian theology: creation, fall, incarnation, theological anthropology, as well as the sacraments. Deification explains, in part, the why of creation and the what of humanity: God created in order to deify, humanity is created to be deified; the what of the Fall: the desire for divinity outside of God's gifts; one of the purposes for the Incarnation: to deify; and what end the sacraments aid: deification. Essential to deification is human creativity for humans are created in the image of God, the Creator. In order to explore this dimension of deification, this essay focuses on works of poetry and fantasy, in many ways the pinnacle of human creativity since both genres cause the making strange of things familiar (language and creation itself) in part to make them better known, particularly as creations of the Creator.*

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## **JESUS: FALLEN?**

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### **THE HUMAN NATURE OF CHRIST EXAMINED FROM AN EASTERN ORTHODOX PERSPECTIVE**

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*Orthodox Witness Was Jesus Christ a fallen human being, like us? Was His human nature corrupt and sinful, inherently and necessarily subject to suffering and death? Did He inherit a fallen humanity? If His humanity was fallen how was He sinless? Did He have human ignorance? In what way was His human will involved in the plan of salvation? What effect did the hypostatic union have on His humanity? In Jesus: Fallen?, Emmanuel Hatzidakis, a Greek Orthodox priest, addresses these and other controversial questions pertaining to the human nature of Christ, which are debated*

*in many Christian denominations, and in his own Church. The theology advanced in the book is the traditional theology of the historic Church. In all the modern confusion of multiple Christs, here we have the perennial image of the incarnate God, the Theanthropos Christ. The book should appeal to every serious Christian and student of theology, history of dogma and Church History who is comfortable neither with liberalism nor fundamentalism, but who is searching for the authentically true teachings of Christianity. Hatzidakis draws richly from the patristic inheritance of East and West in an original, refreshing, and accessible way. He refutes opinions formed by many eminent postlapsarian theologians. This pivotal study is the first to address this topic from an Eastern Orthodox perspective and in this regard it constitutes an important contribution to Christology. A well-researched study it sheds light from an Eastern Orthodox perspective on this intriguing and crucial topic. It maintains that the subject of Christ's humanity and its understanding is neither a theologoumenon nor an abstract intellectual cogitation, but a matter of profound soteriological and anthropological import.*

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## **AN INFORMED FAITH**

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### **THE POSITION PAPERS OF R. J. RUSHDOONY**

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*Chalcedon Foundation Our faith should be an informed one because the God who created all things speaks to every sphere of life, and all facts should be studied in light of the revelation of God in Scripture. This is the foundation of Christian dominion. For R. J. Rushdoony, true government was the self-government of the Christian life in terms of God's law, so he wrote his position papers to better equip Christians to apply their faith to all of life. His objective was not to empower the state, or the organized church, but rather to call every person and institution to God's Word, which often put him at odds with both church and state. This three-volume collection of his position papers (1979-2000) are organized topically and are featured for the first time with an extensive index which will make this material far more accessible to the studious reader. This beautiful three-volume collection of hardback books topically organizes ALL of Rushdoony's position papers (not only the 115 originally published in Roots of Reconstruction, but also 118 later essays, including six recently discovered unpublished papers).*

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## **THEOLOGY AS ASCETIC ACT**

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### **DISCIPLINING CHRISTIAN DISCOURSE**

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*Peter Lang Nathan G. Jennings's captivating study explores the ascetical logic of the various practices that Christians call theology. By establishing ascetic practice as coherent within the logic of Christian thought, Jennings argues that Christian theology itself, as an embodied Christian practice, is a type of and participant in Christian asceticism. Jennings establishes that the implications of such an understanding of Christian theology can be brought to bear on modern Christian scholarship in profound and transformative ways. With engagements and references that span a vast terrain from Patristic authors to modern systematic theologians, *Theology as Ascetic Act: Disciplining Christian Discourse* is a significant contribution*

to both modern Christian thought and the study of asceticism.

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## **LIVING IN THE EIGHTH DAY**

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### **THE CHRISTIAN WEEK AND THE PASCHAL MYSTERY**

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*Wipf and Stock Publishers* “I came that you may have life and have it in all its fullness” (John 10:10). In this book, Revd Dr. Steven Underdown presents the paschal mystery—the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus—as the means by which the Son first realized that utter fullness of life which God had always intended for humankind. He also argues that it is only in and through the paschal mystery that human beings find their fulfillment. Only insofar as someone is open to be given in love is that person open to receive fullness of new life. The book explores some of the ways by which, under God’s grace, the church can establish patterns of life and worship which will enable growth into the paschal mystery. It focuses in particular on a weekly pattern of life established in various parish and monastic communities in which every week is celebrated as a kind of “Holy Week in miniature.” This pattern—termed the Pattern of the Week—is seen as providing a context for life-giving response to the divine initiative.

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### **THE ASHGATE RESEARCH COMPANION TO THEOLOGICAL ANTHROPOLOGY**

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*Routledge* In recent scholarship there is an emerging interest in the integration of philosophy and theology. Philosophers and theologians address the relationship between body and soul and its implications for theological anthropology. In so doing, philosopher-theologians interact with cognitive science, biological evolution, psychology, and sociology. Reflecting these exciting new developments, *The Ashgate Research Companion to Theological Anthropology* is a resource for philosophers and theologians, students and scholars, interested in the constructive, critical exploration of a theology of human persons. Throughout this collection of newly authored contributions, key themes are addressed: human agency and grace, the soul, sin and salvation, Christology, glory, feminism, the theology of human nature, and other major themes in theological anthropology in historic as well as contemporary contexts.

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### **JONATHAN EDWARDS AND DEIFICATION**

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#### **RECONCILING THEOSIS AND THE REFORMED TRADITION**

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*InterVarsity Press* The language of deification, or participation in the divine nature as a way to understand salvation, often sounds strange to Western Christians. But perhaps Western theologies have more in common with theosis than we thought. James Salladin considers the role of deification in the theology of Jonathan Edwards, exploring how Edwards's soteriology compares with the broader Reformed tradition.

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### **RELATIONSHIP IS THE TRANSFORMATIVE SPACE**

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## **LIVING IN THE NOT YET**

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### **DEIFICATION IN CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY**

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### **THE THEOSIS OF THE BODY OF CHRIST**

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### **FROM THE EARLY BRITISH APOSTOLICS TO A PENTECOSTAL TRINITARIAN ECCLESIOLOGY**

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