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“highly recommended” tools are extremely helpful. They contain his remarks on the structure of the work with emphasis on the theological view of the author. He has chosen to focus on print resources and those in English.

Bible Study Tools is easy to use and will be beneficial for collecting important resources that cover all aspects of biblical studies.

Reviewer

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Schreiner, T. (2015). *Faith alone: The doctrine of justification*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan. 284 pp. \$19.99. ISBN 9780310515784

The doctrine of justification was one the foundational principles from which Luther launched the Reformation. And it is that concept that is at the heart of *Faith Alone: The Doctrine of Justification* by Thomas Schreiner. This work is the first published title from “The 5 Solas Series” produced by Zondervan and edited by Matthew Barrett. In his trademark careful style, Schreiner walks the reader through main areas and gives a historical tour of the *sola fide* concept through the ages, covers the biblical and theological basis for the doctrine, and raises contemporary challenges that the doctrine still faces today. The first section of the work sets about to defend the doctrine of *sola fide*, but he honestly notes that in the early church fathers “we see that justification by faith alone was embraced, even though the implications of the doctrine were not worked out completely” (p. 31). The second section addressed the main import of the issue since some “scholars have questioned whether it deserves the prominence it has been given” (p. 133). This middle section is weighty but clearly and concisely written for such an important topic. He continues the thread of conversation from the distant past, the more recent past, and up to the modern conversation affecting the world today. The final section primarily focuses on the discussion between Catholicism which “sees justification and sanctification as two different ways of describing the same reality, whereas for Protestants they are inseparable, yet still distinguishable from one another” (p. 214). Solid introduction to the topic of justification and highly recommended for any library interested in having a concise, but thorough, work on hand.

Reviewer

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