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Gerhardt uses the second part of her book to build a case for why the church should help these oppressed women. She goes back to Luther and his belief that man is depraved and unable to save himself. Man must rely on Christ's work on the cross to free him from death and sin. Gerhardt believes this freedom allows him to die to his selfish ambition and live a Christ-focused life loving others. She then looks to Dietrich Bonhoeffer and his practical demonstration of Luther's theology in his fight against Nazi Germany. Rather than only condemn the horrible acts Hitler and his followers committed, Bonhoeffer believed it right to resist the regime by helping Jews escape Hitler's brutality. Gerhardt calls for the same kind of action by the church to help suffering and oppressed women.

The Cross and Gendercide is carefully footnoted and includes a nine-page bibliography for further study. Gerhardt builds her case well and gives the church much to think about. Academic libraries would find this a go-to resource to support courses on human trafficking or counseling.

The Dead Sea Scrolls,

by P.W. Flint. Nashville, TN: Abingdon Press, 2013.

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Peter Flint's *The Dead Sea Scrolls* provides an excellent tool for students studying the current importance and historical context of the Dead Sea Scrolls. Flint explains the discovery of the scrolls, their historical use, and their modern scholarly treatment. He discusses the archaeology of the discovery sites, the age of the scrolls, and the often-contested nature of the people at Qumran who likely wrote and used many of them. Several chapters discuss the history of other ancient texts that formed the modern Bible and how the Dead Sea Scrolls contribute to a renewed understanding of the process. Sections provide specific readings and treatments of the contents and ancient uses of the scrolls. The twelve chapters of *The Dead Sea Scrolls* can be read sequentially; however, each one stands on its own. This inevitably creates some repetitive information but also allows the book to work nicely as a reference tool. The author also provides a thorough bibliography and useful indices of abbreviations, definitions, key words, and ancient groups and figures as well as many explanatory tables, graphs, and pictures. The book refers to an online supplement (<http://www.abingdonacademic.com/dscrolls>); however, at the time of this review most of the online resources were listed as "Coming Soon."