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Book Reviews



Colyer, E. (2019). *The trinitarian dimension of John Wesley's theology*. St. Louis, MO: New Room Books. 344 pp. \$45.00. ISBN 9781945935442

This book is well-suited for readers seeking more information on systematic theology, soteriology, and the historical development of Christian doctrines. In a thorough and scholarly fashion, Elmer Colyer outlines the development of the doctrines of the trinity, as espoused by John Wesley in his various writings. As Professor of Historical Theology at the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary, Colyer is well positioned to present a broad basis for his conclusions. The text is obviously meant for a Methodist audience, but also fills a gap in our knowledge of the development of doctrines related to the Trinity in various denominations. Colyer traces the theories both diachronically, beginning in the 1600s with various Protestant movements in England, as well as viewing Trinitarian thought against a background of soteriology and ecclesiology. The book contains five long chapters, each devoted to an aspect of Trinitarian thought and controversy. His scholarly conclusion follows, along with a post-script in which he makes sense of the content in terms of re-introducing Wesley's theology as a major thrust in current Methodist thought and practice, much of which has veered far off course.

Highly recommended for academic library collections that seek to provide deep and broad coverage of systematic theology, and the history of key Christian doctrines. This text is well-suited for collections in seminary libraries, and for academic libraries at Christian universities that offer high-level advanced degree coursework in theology.

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