

## FROM THE EDITOR

# FACULTY ISSUE

**T**his edition of the *Criswell Theological Review (CTR)* features articles by several faculty members of Criswell College, Dallas, TX. While the current journal does not have a common theme, all articles deal with important biblical, theological and historical issues, which will be of interest to the academic and ministerial community.

David Brooks, *CTR* book editor and Professor of OT and Hebrew, writes our lead article, “The Complementary Relationship Between Proverbs and Moses’ Law.” While many scholars question Proverbs’ place in the canon and how its human wisdom relates to divine revelation, Brooks affirms that the precepts and values found in Proverbs are based upon the Law, and therefore, fit in nicely with the rest of the OT.

NT and Greek professor Daniel Streett offers our readers, “As It Was in the Days of Noah: The Prophets’ Typological Interpretation of Noah’s Flood,” in which he explores NT, OT, and Second Temple literature to show that the writers often viewed the flood as a type of eschatological judgment. This understanding provides the modern exegete with a hermeneutical foundation for dealing with flood typology in a similar manner.

In his “How the Post-Apostolic Church Responded to Government: Gleaning Public Do’s and Don’ts from the Second-Century Apologists,” C. Everett Berry, Professor of Church History and Systematic Theology, takes a critical look at the apologetic writings of Justin Martyr (ca AD 100), Athenagoras (ca AD 170), and Theophilus of Antioch (ca AD 180) and asks, “What can twenty-first century apologists learn from these Church fathers?”

Denny Burk Criswell College Professor of NT and Greek and Ray Van Neste of Union University (TN) join forces to pen “Inerrancy is not Enough: A Proposal to Amend the Doctrinal Basis of the Evangelical Theological Society.” With the recent conversion of Frank Beckwith to Roman

Catholicism and his subsequent resignation as ETS president fresh in mind, Burk and Van Neste call upon ETS to strengthen its “doctrinal basis” by adopting the doctrinal statement held by both the Tyndale Fellowship (UK) and the Universities and Colleges Christian Fellowship (UK).

Our next article, “Jonathan Edwards, Beauty, and Apologetics,” written by philosophy professor Joseph D. Wooddell, shows how Christians can use beauty for apologetic purposes. Wooddell draws upon Edwards, who equated beauty with virtue, and held that beauty was a mark of the people of God.

Our final selection “Sing unto the Lord a New Song,” comes from the creative mind of Paul Jacobs, Adjunct Professor of Counseling, who examines the top twenty contemporary Christian songs for their biblical and theological content. Using the same criteria he then analyzes the most popular hymns found in traditional hymnals and comes to an interesting conclusion.

A large section of Book Reviews, submitted by fellow scholars, follows the articles. We hope it will serve you well as you to decide which new books you need to read and own.

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