

INTRODUCTION TO JOHN HADDON LEITH

Main Texts

Leith, John H. *An Introduction to the Reformed Tradition: A Way of Being the Christian Community*, revised edition. Atlanta: John Knox, 1981. 264 pp.

This book helps set forth the Reformed tradition as understood by the Foundation and as the Foundation seeks to promote it.

———. *Basic Christian Doctrine*. Louisville, Kentucky: Westminster John Knox, 1993. xviii + 350 pp.

This book intends to set forth the basic doctrine of the Christian faith in clear and understandable language. Parallel readings in his other writings:

http://foundationrt.org/bw/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/Leith_BCD_Parallels.pdf

———. *The Reformed Imperative: What the Church Has to Say That No One Else Can Say*. Philadelphia: Westminster, 1988. 152 pp.

This book intends to articulate the unique message of the Christian faith.

———. *From Generation to Generation: The Renewal of the Church According to Its Own Faith and Practice*. Louisville, Kentucky: Westminster John Knox, 1990. 223 pp.

This book is an excellent statement of the nature and practice of the Christian pastoral ministry. By saying what the church is to be and to do, it also says what the minister is to be and to do. In many ways, this sets forth the program of the Foundation.

Background Reading

Leith, John H. *The Church: A Believing Fellowship*, revised edition. Atlanta: John Knox, 1981; Eugene, Oregon: Wipf & Stock, 2011. viii + 196 pp.

This introduction was written for young people in a communicant's class. It was later used in the denomination's Sunday School curriculum. It has also been used for adult classes and officer training.

———. *Assembly at Westminster: Reformed Theology in the Making*. Richmond, Virginia: John Knox, 1973; Eugene, Oregon: Wipf & Stock, 2008. 127 pp.

———. *Reformed Theology and the Style of Evangelism*. Edited by James C. Goodloe IV. Atlanta, Georgia: Presbyterian Church in the United States, 1973; Richmond, Virginia: Union Theological Seminary, circa 1989; in *Pilgrimage of a Presbyterian: Collected Shorter Writings*, edited by Charles E. Raynal, Louisville, Kentucky: Geneva Press, 2001; Eugene, Oregon: Wipf & Stock, 2010.

- . *John Calvin's Doctrine of the Christian Life*. With a foreword by Albert C. Outler. Ph.D. diss., Yale University, 1949; Louisville, Kentucky: Westminster John Knox, 1989; Eugene, Oregon: Wipf & Stock, 2010. 230 pp.
- . *Crisis in the Church: The Plight of Theological Education*. Louisville, Kentucky: Westminster John Knox, 1997. xiii + 125 pp.
This book mounts a sharp critique of the church and its seminaries; to date, the charges have gone unanswered.
- . *Pilgrimage of a Presbyterian: Collected Shorter Writings*. Edited by Charles E. Raynal. Louisville, Kentucky: Geneva Press, 2001. xx + 363 pp.
These writings, including sermons, articles, addresses, and essays, span six decades. They are not readily available otherwise.
- Leith, John H., ed. *Creeds of the Church: A Reader in Christian Doctrine from the Bible to the Present*, third edition, Atlanta: John Knox, 1982. x + 736 pp.
- Calvin, John. *The Christian Life*, ed. by John H. Leith. San Francisco: Harper & Row, 1984; Eugene, Oregon: Wipf & Stock, 2009. xv + 111 pp.

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