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The Bible played a vital role in the lives, theology, and practice of the

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Protestant Reformers. These essays from the 2016 Wheaton Theology Conference bring together the reflections of church historians and theologians on the nature of the Bible as "the people's book," considering themes such as access

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to Scripture, the Bible's role in worship, and theological interpretation.

Martin Luther posted his Ninety-five Theses on the church door at Wittenberg in 1517. In the three years that followed, Luther

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clarified and defended his position in numerous writings. Chief among these are the three treatises written in 1520. In these writings Luther tried to frame his ideas in terms that would be comprehensible not only to the clergy but to people

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from a wide range of backgrounds. To the Christian Nobility of the German Nation is an attack on the corruption of the church and the abuses of its authority, bringing to light many of the underlying reasons for the Reformation. The

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second treatise, The Babylonian Captivity of the Church, contains Luther's sharp criticism of the sacramental system of the Catholic church. The Freedom of a Christian gives a concise presentation of Luther's position

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on the doctrine of justification by faith. The translations of these treatises are all taken from the American edition of Luther's Works. This new edition of Three Treatises will continue to be a popular resource for individual

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BELIEVERS - In an Age of
Modern Myth" challenges today's
popular myth that Martin Luther
was a happy ecumenist, a Roman
Catholic at heart who having
disrupted church unity for reasons
of good faith, was nevertheless

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eagerly seeking a path home to Rome. Frustrated with the slow pace of visible church unity, some Lutheran ecclesiasts have busied themselves in recent years with creating a more ecumenically friendly Luther - by literally

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makes the powerful case that the picture of Martin Luther and his role in the Reformation being taught in American schools, churches, and seminaries today is largely fictional, bearing almost no resemblance to the actual man of

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history. By removing layers of mythology applied to Luther in recent decades to make him more episcopally palatable, the author reveals a powerful portrait of a reformer who boldly emphasized the simple faith of the laity over the

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professional clericalism of his day in often shocking, humorous, and irreverent ways. This book challenges historians and theologians of all denominations, both professional and armchair, to reassess what Luther's

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the Reformation's core principles offers an answer to critics of Protestant biblical interpretation. Vanhoozer explores how a proper reappropriation of the five solas--sola gratia (grace alone), sola fide (faith alone), sola

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scriptura (Scripture alone), solus
Christus (in Christ alone), and sola
Deo gloria (for the glory of God
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biblical interpretation and establish
interpretive authority. He offers a
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The apostle Paul declares in 1 Peter 2:9-10 (NIV)... But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a

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Baptist principles.

For centuries Christians have had the concept of the priesthood of all believers firmly engrained in their minds. The prophethood of all believers, on the other hand,

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is, so Stronstad believes, the main focus of Spirit-baptism in Luke-Acts. A landmark study in Lukan pneumatology, this book is aimed at a mixed readership ranging from the scholar to the informed

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"In God's dispensation and economy, the leading ministry is the priesthood. In this universe God has an administration, a divine economy. His economy is the way He arranges or dispenses.

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Therefore, it is a kind of dispensation. According to the Bible there are three main ministries in God's divine dispensation: the priesthood, the kingship, and the prophethood. The priesthood

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**is the leading ministry of the
three and brings the kingship
and prophethood into
function. In other words, both
the kingship and the
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***The Priesthood
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Traditionally associated with
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Priesthood, biblical scholar John Bergsma convinces readers that Jesus did, in fact, intend for a ministerial priesthood to be a key feature of the New Covenant. Bergsma shows how the priesthood is a

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major thread holding together
the biblical story
line—beginning with Adam's
loss of the gift of priesthood in
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of restoring his descendants
to a priestly status over the

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This classic work, first
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the movement in Germany
called Pietism. In it a young
pastor, born and raised during

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the devastating Thirty Years War, voiced a plea for reform of the church which made the author and his proposals famous. A lifelong friend of the philosopher Leibnitz, Spener was an important influence in

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the life of the next leader of German Pietism, August Herman Francke. He was also a sponsor at the baptism of Nicholas Zinzendorf, founder of the Moravian Church, whose members played a

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crucial role in the life of John Wesley.

The priesthood of all believers is a pillar undergirding Protestant ecclesiology. Yet the doctrine has often been used to serve diverse

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agendas. This book examines the doctrine's canonical, catholic, and contextual dimensions. It first identifies the priesthood of all believers as a canonical doctrine based upon the royal priesthood of

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Christ and closely related to the believer's eschatological temple-service and offering of spiritual sacrifices (chapters 1-3). It secondly describes its catholic development by examining three paradigmatic

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shifts, shifts especially associated with Christendom (chapters 4-6) and a suppression of the doctrine's missional component. Finally, the book argues that a Christian doctrine of the

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priesthood of all believers should be developed with a Christocentric-Trinitarian understanding of the missio Dei. This suggests there are especially appropriate ways for the royal priesthood to

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relate to the Father, to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit. A
canonically and catholically
informed priesthood of all
believers leads contextually to
particular ecclesial practices.
These seven practices are 1)

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Baptism as public ordination to the royal priesthood; 2) Prayer; 3) Lectio Divina; 4) Ministry; 5) Church Discipline; 6) Proclamation; and 7) the Lord's Supper as the renewal of the royal priesthood.

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practical significance of a doctrine which has been part of her faith from the beginning? Such pertinent and far-reaching questions are discussed in the book. The author deals with the development of the doctrine

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of the royal priesthood of the faithful, showing that it is based on the Bible, is strongly supported by the church fathers, and is prominent in the writings of theologians of the Middle Ages. While the neglect of the doctrine has

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adversely affected the life of the church, the emphasis upon it in many centuries has prompted movements which have resulted in spiritual quickening, intellectual renewal, and new ventures in Christian service. The Royal

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Priesthood of the Faithful is a dynamic formula of reform. The true church is revealed as a consecrated, interceding, witnessing, and serving priesthood of faithful people. The rediscovery of this doctrine, to which Luther gave

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a new name, brought fresh life and new insights to the church in the sixteenth century. It may be that in present circumstances, in a different though no less needy world, its message, believed and applied, may yet do the

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same again. This book is a companion volume to Dr. Eastwood's The Priesthood of All Believers, which examines the doctrine from the Reformation to January of 1962. The two volumes together present a complete

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tend to develop vibrant
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all believers, need to develop***

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more fully their ecclesiological underpinnings, while historic churches, with a well-developed theology of the priesthood of all believers, need a renewed vigor to allow this theology to shape their congregational lives. With

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of all believers by setting ecclesiology, postmodern culture, and congregational practices in dialogue. Elements of the discussion include ecumenical and Free church perspectives, Trinitarian correspondence,

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religious movements of the last five hundred years. Apart from that doctrine it is impossible either to understand or appreciate the cause of the Reformation, the impetus of the Puritan Movement, or the widespread

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for no such systematic
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Theology shows that this doctrine is the basis of three dominant concepts which Luther stressed--Faith, Word, and Congregation--and that Luther's seven marks of the true Church arise from it. A study of Calvin leads to the

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conclusion that the doctrine of vocation is the necessary counterpart of the Priesthood of all Believers, that election is always related to consecration, service, and mission; it is an election to priesthood. An investigation

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of Wesley shows that he took this doctrine seriously and provided opportunities for the People of God to exercise their priestly privileges in the service of the Word, of the Church, and of the World. From all this comes the

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***inescapable conclusion that in
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liturgical revival.

'The priesthood of all believers' is a biblical doctrine. Sadly, Satan has laid his meddling fingers on this glorious gospel principle and twisted it to the ruin of many. How? For a start, the

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overwhelming majority of believers, for all practical purposes, believe in the priesthood of NO believers. Oh, I know we frequently parrot the phrase 'the priesthood of all believers', and, of course, it features in

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most of our Confessions of Faith: 'We believe in the priesthood of all believers'. Oh, yes. But too often it has become a mere slogan, a mantra. A form of words without real content or implication, it makes no

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