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## Glaube

Hrsg. v. Friedrich W. Horn

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The word faith does not just denote one of theology's many topics, but rather encompasses Christian theology in its entirety. The authors of this volume present how faith is understood in biblical writings, trace the development of the concept of faith and its understanding throughout the history of the church, examine how faith was perceived in Jewish literature and religious studies, and conclude by asking where faith currently finds itself in contemporary church practice.

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## Tod

Hrsg. v. Ulrich Volp

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Does Christianity teach »the art of dying«? What defined and defines an effectual way of dealing with death? How did (further) developments in the Christian handling of death, burial and commemoration of the dead come about? From the viewpoint of the classical theological disciplines, this volume offers essential orientation on dealing with dying, death and burial in the Bible, in church history and history of thought traditions – but also in light of the challenges presented by today's funerary culture, and taking into consideration current theological debates on the consequences of each reflection on the close of life and the dead. Moreover, the collected essays stimulate further engagement with the tasks and enquiries human death presents to theology and faith.

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## Mensch

Hrsg. v. Jürgen van Oorschot

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Human as »the most familiar of living animal« (Aristotle) has been scrutinised throughout the sciences and across societies. This volume offers a basic orientation to human images in the Bible, the ecclesiastical and philosophical tradition, as well as to contemporary anthropologies from the point of view of the theological disciplines, supplemented by psychology of religion. The contributions are a result of debates between the authors and thus the book provides relevant themes for a cross-disciplinary anthropological debate.

## Segen

Hrsg. v. Martin Leuenberger

Volume 4429  
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The subject of blessing has recently, and once again, been attracting lively interest. Regarded as an abbreviation for a successful life, it takes into account multifarious phenomena which present themselves as variations of fundamental themes of cultures, religions and theologies: one wishes and strives steadfastly for oneself and others to be blessed, but without ever having the matter entirely in one's own hands.

The current volume pursues various ideas of blessings, looking at them from the perspectives of religious studies, biblical history, Jewish studies and church history, as well as systematic and practical theology. In so doing, it provides an interdisciplinary insight into the current state of research on the topic. The collection is thus an invitation for theology, church and society to engage over this equally fundamental and widely discussed topic.

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## Jesus Christus

Hrsg. v. Jens Schröter

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In this volume the person and activity of Jesus is presented from the perspective of different theological disciplines. The background of Jesus' activity in Old Testament writings is considered as is the relationship of his earthly career and the emergence of Christian faith. Developments in church history, caused by the earliest accounts of Jesus' life and teaching, are outlined. From a systematic viewpoint the new relationship to God, effected by Jesus Christ, is reflected on. The contribution from practical theology looks at forms of adaption of Jesus' person and teaching in ecclesiastical and social contexts. Finally, the role of Jesus in other religions is considered. Thus the volume presents the person of Jesus Christ as the centre of Christian faith according to the current status of research and does so in a manner which makes him accessible also for those not accustomed to theological terminology and discourse.

## Schriftauslegung

Hrsg. v. Friederike Nüssel

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In witnessing God's creative and salvific activity towards mankind, the Bible is the essential source for Christian churches and communities to address questions of faith, life and service. In order to answer such questions in a responsible and compelling way, Christianity developed methods for scripture exegesis, as of course did Judaism. Interpreting the bible in changing historical contexts eventually led to the differentiation of a canon of theological disciplines. The essays in this volume explore fundamental questions and current challenges in understanding and using the Bible today. In demonstrating how theological disciplines interact in scripture interpretation, the authors show why academic scripture reading is essential for the future of Christianity.

## Freiheit

Hrsg. v. Martin Laube

Volume 3771  
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The concept of freedom shaped the history of Christianity from the very beginning; at the same time it is one of the central concepts of the modern Western world. It is the debate over freedom on which the often tense relationship between Christianity and the modern age is focused. The authors of the articles in this volume explore the biblical and philosophical roots of the concept of freedom, trace their historical development and describe the current debates over freedom in theology and philosophy. In their common focus on the subject of freedom, they open up promising perspectives and at the same time raise our awareness of ambivalences, challenges and the potential of the concept of freedom.

## Gerechtigkeit

Hrsg. v. Markus Witte

Volume 3662  
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The volume provides an introduction to the theological reflections on justice. From the perspective of various disciplines of Protestant theology (Old Testament, New Testament, church history, systematic theology, religious studies, practical theology) as well as ancient Near Eastern history of law the authors show developments in the history of theology, historical contexts and current discussions on justice. The articles, written by well-known experts in the field and closely related to each other, are supplemented by an overview of pivotal terms (law, justification, grace, mercy, divine judgment, theodicy) and basic issues of a theological discourse on justice as well as a synopsis which provides a critical evaluation of the individual articles.

## Taufe

Hrsg. v. Markus Öhler

Volume 3661  
2012. XI, 262 pages.

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paper 15,99 €

Baptism is a ritual that most people in Western societies have experienced, either as their own baptism or as participants. There are continuing discussions about the real meaning of the ritual, of its execution, about the age of the candidates to be baptized, the qualification of baptizers themselves and why baptism is still regarded as essential. This volume deals with these topics from different theological perspectives: Old Testament and Jewish studies, New Testament and church history provide the basis for further inquiries from a dogmatic and practical-theological point of view. A discussion of baptism as a religious and social ritual is also included. On this basis, the volume provides insights into the current status of the debate as well as suggestions for future discussions about baptism as well as for ecclesiastical practice.

## Schöpfung

Hrsg. v. Konrad Schmid

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In the past decades, creation has become a much-discussed subject in theology in the face of ecological crises and the creationism debate as well. In addition, the concept of creation has also been applied in contexts apart from theology and the church. The frequent designation of the world as a creation in the sense of an environment which is to be preserved is usually too narrow a view and does not provide a sufficient interpretation of the various meanings of the theological discourse on creation. Conversely, the theological use of the term »creation« often suffers from a premature dismissal of its specific relation to the world. The articles in this volume show how creation can be seen in a theologically appropriate manner and at the same time in a form communicable to the public from the perspective of individual theological disciplines but also in its entirety.

## Abendmahl

Hrsg. v. Hermut Löhr

Volume 3499  
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A living »sacrament of unity« or a bone of contention between religious denominations? The Lord's Supper (or the Eucharist) was from the very beginning a pivotal distinguishing feature of Christianity. This volume deals with its historical origins, the importance attached to it, the controversies involved as well as the variety of present forms of the Lord's Supper. In addition, it provides an answer from the perspective of Protestant theology to the question of how the presence of Christ can be seen today in the Lord's Supper. The relationship to the communal meals in Israel (for example the feast of the Passover) and other ceremonial meals in antiquity completes the pictures from the perspective of religious and cultural studies. Thus the authors provide a comprehensive impression of the current research on the Lord's Supper inside and outside of theology in a readily comprehensible form and give a great deal of information for those wishing to deal in more detail with this subject.

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## Kirche

Hrsg. v. Christian Albrecht

Volume 3435  
2011. IX, 240 pages.

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paper 12,90 €

The church is one of the oldest and most important themes of theology. It did not however become a central theme until the modern era, in the 19th century in particular, with the help of and recourse to older texts which were interpreted from a modern perspective. The volume shows how the church became a theme in each of the various theological subdisciplines. The experts in each field enter into a discussion which reveals the convergences and divergences of the various perspectives.

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*Christian Albrecht* : Idealität und Realität der Kirche als Thema der Theologie

**Drecoll, Volker Henning**

## Trinität

Hrsg. v. **Volker Henning Drecoll**

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Is the doctrine of the Trinity a speculation, something of which there is little evidence in the Bible? Or does it lead us to the core of Christian theology, describing the identity of the Christian God? In this volume, the authors explore the roots and the prerequisites of the doctrine of the Trinity in the Bible and follow its development in the history of theology up to the present. In addition to this approach from the historical perspective, they deal with the question of which theological theory in particular should be advanced by a current doctrine of the Trinity and how this can be transferred to the various areas of church work. The authors also question its place in religious studies, focusing on Islam. The volume concludes with a section showing how the perspectives of the various disciplines are related to each other.