

illuminates the relation between the Old and New Testaments. Its rich theological dialogue in the footnotes is profitable for the reader and expands his or her knowledge.

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Holy Trinity: Holy People, The Theology of Christian Perfecting, by T. A. Noble, Didsbury Lecture Series. Eugene, OR: Cascade, 2013. 242 pp. ISBN 978-0-227-17413-5. Softcover, US\$30.00.

T. A. Noble is a British Nazarene (Holiness) theologian who currently teaches at Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City, MO (USA). A veteran theologian and well-respected member of the Wesleyan Theological Society, Noble exhibits skills not only in historical theology, but also in constructive systematic (dogmatic) theology. The contents of this work, originally presented in the "Didsbury Lecture Series," which is presented annually at Nazarene Theological College, Manchester (UK), has become "a well-established feature on the theological calendar in Britain" (Series Preface). For those unfamiliar with Wesleyan/Holiness scholarship, Noble has established himself as a much respected thinker. A person of engaging demeanor and smooth delivery (both in public presentation and published texts), Noble has produced a very readable review that commands a wider hearing.

The volume features nine chapters, plus a helpful "Bibliography." But its two distinguishing features are (1) Noble's ability to give succinct summaries of key moments in the history of soteriology from the long tradition of Christian thought (early church, medieval, Reformation, and on up from the eighteenth to the twenty-first centuries). And (2), as one might suspect, his forte also includes his interpretation of Wesley on the theme of sanctification/perfection and his influence on eighteenth and subsequent centuries of dialogue and debate over transforming grace, with special reference for the way of salvation has been prized by Bible-believing Protestants. His sympathetic review of, yet critical response to Wesley's teaching on perfection, is a must read for any student of soteriology, and especially for those who care deeply about issues which have swirled about the theses of transforming grace/perfection.

Thankfully, Noble has made a further contribution to this ongoing, often controversial theme. And this has to do with his very attempts to

integratively highlight the Trinitarian component of soteriology, especially when it comes to the right relationship between convincing (converting), justifying and sanctifying grace. The latter is what really caught my attention at a recent presentation by Noble at the 2016 annual meeting of the Wesley Studies Section of the Evangelical Theological Society meeting in San Antonio, TX. I immediately sensed that Noble deserved a further hearing and made a straight-path to the book exhibit to procure my personal copy of his incisive study on “Christian Perfecting,” its essential setting in the larger contours of Christian soteriology and its Trinitarian setting. I urge every reader to give the volume a careful, reflective reading.

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