



Nature, Functions and Contexts of Christian Doctrine

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- Critical studies of recent proposals (e.g., Christine Helmer, Mike Higton, David Bentley Hart, Anne E. Carpenter, Willie James Jennings);
- How biblical exegesis is employed in constructive doctrinal work;
- Studies of particular doctrinal loci in particular contexts;
- The role of doctrine in making Christian truth claims;
- The role of particular doctrines in forming, deforming, and reforming the Christian imagination;
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