

“The essence of our faith begins in the confession that Jesus Christ is Lord. Systematic theologies usually arrive at this confession somewhere in the middle. Thomas (or Tom if you prefer) Noble begins exactly where faith begins. He writes with an appreciation for theological tradition, a keen eye on global shifts, and a wisdom to serve the people of God. I have looked forward to the release of this work and have already begun underlining and digesting Volume 1, Part 1: *The Grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ*. I invite you to join me. In a time when careful thinking has surrendered to sound bite, this is a needed gift to the world.”

Dan Boone, President
Trevecca Nazarene University, Nashville, Tennessee

“This is the world-class Christian systematic theology that the Wesleyan community of faith has been eagerly awaiting. Its conception, as well as the execution of its structure, which places Christ at the beginning of this three-volume work, results in a careful and scholarly informed exposition that celebrates the very heart of the Christian faith: God as revealed in Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit. Such a revelation makes all the difference such that humanity, not simply Christians, can never think about God, and a host of other things, in the same way again. I give this work my very highest recommendation. Kudos to Professor Noble!”

Kenneth J. Collins, Professor of Historical Theology and Wesley Studies
Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, Kentucky

“Thomas A. Noble’s Volume 1: *The Grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ* is the first installment of his three-volume *Christian Theology*, commissioned by the Church of the Nazarene, an international Christian community of over a half a million members. The two additional volumes, entitled *The Love of God* and *The Fellowship of the Holy Spirit*, will create the most significant and encyclopedic Wesleyan/Methodist three-volume systematic theology in at least a generation. And it will be one of the few fully Trinitarian systematic theologies composed by a theologian in Wesleyan/Methodist tradition. Noble is the most outstanding theologian the Church of the Nazarene has ever produced. There is no one today better prepared to craft this multi-volume *Christian Theology*. Volume 1 is vintage Noble—erudite, passionate, deeply aware of the Trinitarian character of the theology of the Wesley brothers, conversant in the ecumenical history of Trinitarian theology, and composed in dialogue with the current diverse and global expression of Christian faith and thought. Volume 1 is a tour de force expression of Trinitarian Wesleyan/Methodist theology.”

Elmer M. Colyer, Professor of Systematic Theology
Stanley Professor of Wesley Studies
Director of the United Methodist Studies Program
The University of Dubuque Theological Seminary, Dubuque, Iowa

“I can’t think of a better, more widely and deeply informed, and pedagogically more suitable text for theology students than Tom Noble’s massive writing on Christology—both from a critical-historical and historical-theological perspective. Rooted in the heart of Christian tradition, guided by the Wesleyan tradition, and highlighting the Nazarene distinctives, this mature, seasoned theologian’s primer introduces not only the students but also scholars, young and old, to the details of Christology. What a treasure, what a resource. I am proud to recommend this excellent work! I am looking forward to subsequent volumes in the project.”

*Veli-Matti Kärkkäinen
Professor of Systematic Theology, Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, California
Docent of Ecumenics, University of Helsinki*

“The task of the theologian is to foster the engagement of Christians with both the historic faith of the Church and the intellectual currents of their day. I can think of no one better gifted and prepared to undertake this task within the Wesleyan-Holiness community than Tom Noble. He brings a solid grounding in biblical, patristic, and Protestant sources into thoughtful conversation with contemporary trends and debates. These volumes distill his mature theological judgment as a rich resource for the community to which he has devoted his life.”

*Randy L. Maddox, William Kellon Quick Professor Emeritus of Wesleyan and Methodist Studies
Duke Divinity School, Durham, North Carolina*

“In service to the Triune God and God’s Church, Tom Noble has marshalled and deployed extensive biblical, historical and theological resources to produce a work that not only assumes its place among major systematic theologies in the Wesleyan-Arminian tradition, but also enriches the entire body of conciliar theology. By relying heavily upon historical as well as more recent sources, Noble has produced a work that creatively expounds and confirms the great tradition for today’s Church and Christian witness.”

*Al Truesdale, Emeritus Professor of Philosophy of Religion and Christian Ethics
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