Christus Victor: An Historical Study of the Three Main Types of the Idea of the Atonement (English and Swedish Edition)

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This edition of the modern theological classic carries a new introduction by Jaroslav Pelikan. From the Foreword: "Gustaf Aulen's Christus Victor is in many ways worthy of the overworked accolade 'a modern classic'. For in the almost forty years since its appearance in English it has become the starting point for countless essays, articles, and books on the doctrine of the Atonement; and its title has established itself in the theological usage of Swedish, German, and English as a technical term in its own right, so that even those who have not read the book use the phrase. Its appearance in paperback should introduce an entire generation of new readers to the historical and theological exposition through which Bishop Aulen, then professor of systematic theology at the University of Lund, first drew the attention of an international audience. It is the criterion of a great work of theology that it sets the ground rules for a discussion even if that discussion goes beyond the original argument."

Bishop Gustaf Aulen (1879-1977) was a distinguished Swedish theologian, educator, lecturer, writer, and leader of the ecumenical movement. A leader of the Lundsian School of Theology, Aulen is also known in the English speaking world for his 'Faith of the Christian Church'

Other Books

T&T Clark Companion to Atonement, The T&T Clark Companion to Atonement establishes a vision for the doctrine of the atonement as a unified yet extraordinarily rich event calling for the church's full appropriation. Most edited volumes on this doctrine focus on one aspect of the work of Christ (for example, Girard, Feminist thought, Penal Substitution or divine violence). The Companion is unique in that every essay seeks to both appropriate and stimulate the church's understanding of the manifold nature of Christ's death and resurrection. The essays are divided into four main sections: 1) dogmatic location, 2) chapters on the Old and New Testaments, 3) major theologians and 4) contemporary developments. The first set of essays explore the inter-relationship between the atonement and other Christian doctrines (for example Trinity, Christology and Pneumatology), opening up yet further avenues of inquiry. Essays on key theologians eschew reductionism, striving to bring out the nuances and breadth of the contribution. The same is true of the biblical essays. The final section explores more recent developments within the doctrine (for example the work of Rene Girard, and the ongoing reflection on "Holy Saturday"). The book is comprised of 18 major essays, and an A-Z section containing shorter dictionary-length entries on a much broader range of topics. The result is a combination of in-depth analysis and breadth of scope, making this a benchmark work for further studies in the doctrine.

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