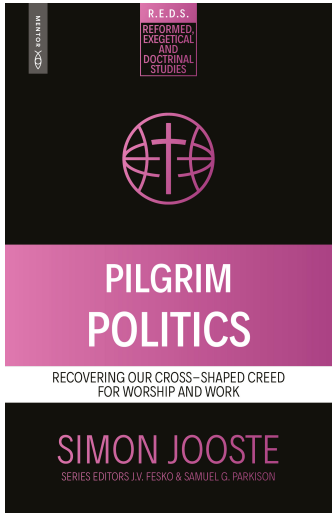
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Recovering Our Cross-Shaped Creed For Worship and Work

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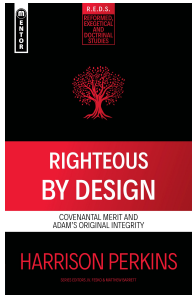


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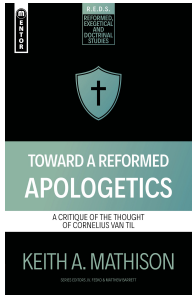
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DESCRIPTION

A Bold Call to Recover the Cross in a Confused Age

Pilgrim Politics by Simon Jooste challenges Christians to rethink faith, power, and public life. Rooted in Scripture and Reformation theology, it calls the church away from political ambition and cultural conformity toward a cross-shaped identity under Christ's two-fold reign. A compelling call to live faithfully as pilgrims in a divided world.

Why read it:

- **Reclaims Paul's theology of the cross**
- **Critiques modern distortions of Christianity**
- **Connects faith with real-world politics**
- **Draws on insights from Martin Luther**
- **Offers a global, timely perspective**

AUTHOR

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ENDORSEMENTS

Jooste carefully traces the historical and psychological antecedents of the devastation of apartheid as well as the blind spots accompanying postmodern ideologies. While rich in historical and psychological insight, the book's central message is simple and full of hope: the comfort of Christ is present in human suffering, and we find rest in Him. As a therapist, I am grateful that Jooste serves as a bridge, bringing sound psychological insight into conversation with theology and pastoral leadership.

Sarah Baitis
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Jooste covers a lot of ground, but in a page-turning way. However, he does not just relate the bad news; he points a biblical way forward that is as deep as our complicity with the powers of this age. I heartily recommend this work!

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Moving past the triumphalist who wields doctrine for political gain and the postmodern who co-opts faith to elevate the unencumbered self, Jooste thoughtfully maps the only faithful pathway forward: that of the crucified Christ.

Dr. James Berry
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... Simon Jooste paints a compelling biblical picture of the church—a gathered, dual-citizen community of weak and suffering pilgrims destined for heavenly glory.

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