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A Critique of the Thought of Cornelius Van Til

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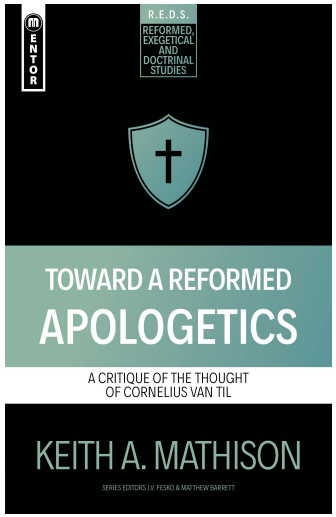

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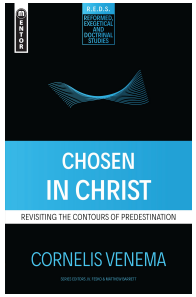

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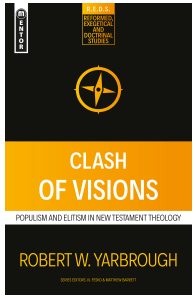

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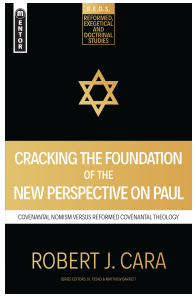

DESCRIPTION

Cornelius Van Til claimed that all traditional apologetic methodologies are flawed and that those Reformed Christians who use such methods are compromising their theology. His sought an apologetic method that is truly consistent with Reformed theology. For almost a century, theologians have debated this topic. This book seeks to take the debate in a more constructive direction by clearing away as much misunderstanding as possible in order that we might add to discussions of apologetic methods the actual practice of apologetics.

MARKETING POINTS

Part of Reformed Exegetical Doctrinal Studies series

Evaluates Van Tillian's views on apologetics

Clears away misunderstandings

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ENDORSEMENTS

This is a well–researched work on an important (and often contentious) topic. Mathison is to be commended for writing a book that is careful, clear, and charitable. Whether you consider yourself a committed Van Tillian, an appreciative critic of Van Til, or even if you've never heard of Cornelius Van Til, this book advances the discussion in a positive way. It is refreshing to read a book that aims to bring light into a difficult topic instead of just heat.

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... utterly convincing ...

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My only mark against Mathison is that he did not write this book fifteen years ago.

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Mathison should be commended for his humility and diligence to move the discussion forward in the best of ways.

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