Children and the Lord's Supper

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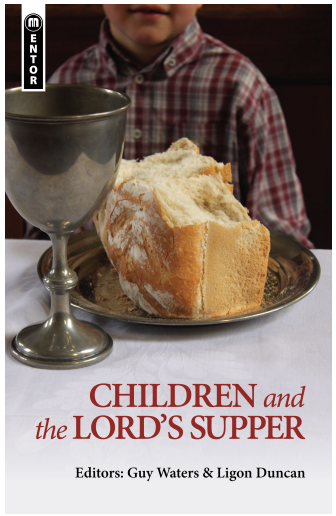

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ENDORSEMENTS

Like an unending case of the "terrible two's," infant communion advocacy stubbornly persists in many Reformed churches. Finally we have a single resource to counter the scope of exegetical, biblico-theological, historical, systematic, and practical arguments proffered by paedocommunion proponents. Honest, persuasive, yet irenic, this compilation of essays puts to bed infant communion's errant theologizing and exposes the ecclesiologically hazardous results of its practice. But the authors have done much more than polemicize. They have served a positively edifying and nourishing meal for the Church on the theology and practice of the Lord's Table. I heartily recommend partaking in Children and the Lord's Supper.

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Pastors and elders are shepherds of the hearts and souls of their people. Parents are shepherds of the hearts and souls of their children. All shepherds have a significant stake in this consideration of whether covenant children should participate in the Lord's Supper prior to making their own public profession of faith. Are shepherds hurting the children by keeping them from coming to Christ if they keep them from participating in the Supper or are they helping and protecting the children by pointing them to Christ before they participate in the Supper? I believe the latter and I am grateful for this careful Biblical consideration of the issue.

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