

Through Christ's Word: A Festschrift for Dr. Philip E. Hughes. Edited by W. Robert Godfrey and Jessie L. Boyd III. Phillipsburg: Presbyterian and Reformed, 1985, 252 pp., \$10.95 paper.

This admirable volume is a fitting tribute to Hughes on his seventieth birthday. Few scholars have cast their net as widely and as competently as Hughes, and therefore the editors decided to divide the volume into three parts. Part 1 offers five NT studies. H. Ridderbos writes on "The Word Became Flesh"; L. Morris contributes an essay on "Love in the Johannine Epistles"; F. F. Bruce provides some reflections "On the Social Identity of Early Christians"; C. Spicq writes on "Revelation 18:17"; and M. Silva contributes an essay on "Semantic Change in the Greek Bible." The second part embraces three OT studies. The first, "Trial by Ordeal," is by M. G. Kline. R. B. Dillard writes "David's Census: Perspectives on 2 Samuel 24 and 1 Chronicles 21"; and E. B. Smick reflects on "Israel's Struggle with the Religions of Canaan." Appropriately the third section, on historical and theological studies, is the longest. J. I. Packer contributes an essay on "Arminianisms." W. S. Reid writes on "John Calvin: Lawyer and Legal Reformer." The essay on "Friedrich Spanheim (1600-1649)" is by R. Nicole. The final three essays are: W. W. Benton, Jr., "Federal Theology: Review for Revision"; J. N. Akers, "Southern Presbyterians and Slave Mission: Conflict and Accommodation in the Old South"; and W. R. Godfrey, "Church and State in Dutch Calvinism." The book concludes with a bibliography of Hughes' writings. *In multos annos!*

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