

## Editorial

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Welcome to the twentieth volume of the European Journal of Theology! I am grateful to Dr Stephen P. Dray (UK) for his help in preparing this issue. Again the New Testament is well represented in this issue – which might form a challenge to our readers to provide the editor with articles on other subject areas. We would also appreciate an increased variety among the nationalities of the contributors.

The article by Professor Howard Marshall is the edited version of a paper he presented in Berlin at the conference of the Fellowship of European Evangelical Theologians (FEET) in 2010. You will not be surprised that his presentation led to lively discussions. In the meantime the preparations for the 2012 FEET conference are well under way. In the conference theme, 'Beyond the Bible: Moving from Scripture to Theology and Practice', it is easy to detect the impact of Professor Marshall's paper.

We look forward to seeing many of you, God willing, in Berlin on 24-28 August, 2012.

The website of FEET is being updated and I invite you to take a look at <http://www.feet-europe.net>. In the future we want to make public the abstracts of articles published in EJT on this site, as well as an overview of past articles. More details about the 2012 conference will also be added online as they become available. Our publisher is also on the web at <http://www.paternosterperiodicals.co.uk/european-journal-of-theology>.

I received a comment from Dr Robin Parry, formerly of Paternoster, on the editorial in the previous edition (19.2) of EJT. In it I referred to the 'demise' of Paternoster but Robin reminds me that Paternoster is not deceased and still going, albeit under new ownership, as can be seen on <http://www.authenticmedia.co.uk>. My apologies.

## Aspects of the Atonement

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I. Howard Marshall

The Christian understanding of the meaning of the death of Jesus Christ and its relationship to the salvation of sinful humanity is currently the subject of intense debate and criticism. In the first two chapters Howard Marshall discusses the nature of the human plight in relation to the judgment of God and then offers a nuanced defence of the doctrine of the substitutionary death of Jesus Christ for sinners. The third chapter examines the place of the resurrection of Christ as an integral part of the process whereby sinners are put in the right with God. In the final chapter Marshall argues that in our communication of the gospel today the New Testament concept of reconciliation may be the most comprehensive and apt expression of the lasting significance of the death of Christ. The papers are expanded versions of the 2006 series of Chuen King Lectures given in the Chinese University of Hong Kong.

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