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We apologize for publication delays in recent years. We assure you that all overdue issues are in process and will be mailed as each is printed. We plan to be back on our normal quarterly publication schedule by January 2008. Thank you for your patience! The Editors

Reading the Scriptures with Richard Hays

The first three articles of this issue engage three important books written by Richard B. Hays, the George Washington Ivey Professor of New Testament at The Divinity School of Duke University. Our seminary was privileged to host him on our campus in January 2004, when he was the keynote speaker for the annual Symposium on Exegetical Theology. His paper for that occasion, "Can the Gospels Teach us How to Read the Old Testament?," has been published elsewhere.¹ The first three articles in this issue were originally papers given at this symposium. Arthur Just based his study on Hays's doctoral dissertation and first book, *The Faith of Jesus Christ*, which continues to be a seminal work on the πίστις Χριστοῦ question.² Charles Gieschen examines *Echoes of Scripture in the Letters of Paul*, which is Hays's important exploration of intertextuality between the Old and New Testaments.³ Dean Wenthe looks at *The Moral Vision of the New Testament*, where Hays argues how the Scriptures speak theologically and authoritatively for the life of the church today.⁴

Richard Hays has made at least three significant contributions to New Testament scholarship in the past twenty five years. First, like few others, he has uncovered the narrative substructure of the Pauline Epistles, showing how the story of Israel and Jesus undergirds Paul's pastoral writing. Second, he has listened for echoes of the Old Testament and demonstrated how such study richly enhances our exegesis of the New Testament. Third, Hays has been an advocate for, and an example of, theological interpretation for the life of the church today.⁵ Although you will find things to disagree with in Hays's work, we hope that these articles will help more of our readers to become familiar with his contribution so that it may enrich your reading of the Scriptures.

The Editors

¹ Richard B. Hays, "Can the Gospels Teach us How to Read the Old Testament?" *Pro Ecclesia* 11 (2002): 402-418.

² Richard B. Hays, *The Faith of Jesus Christ: The Narrative Substructure of Galatians 3:1-4:11*, Second Edition (Grand Rapids and Cambridge, UK: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 2002 [1983 original]).

³ Richard B. Hays, *Echoes of Scripture in the Letters of Paul* (New Haven and London: Yale University Press, 1989).

⁴ Richard B. Hays, *The Moral Vision of The New Testament: A Contemporary Introduction to New Testament Ethics* (New York: HarperSanFrancisco, 1996).

⁵ See, for example, Richard B. Hays, "Reading Scripture in Light of the Resurrection," *The Art of Reading Scripture*, ed. Ellen F. Davis and Richard B. Hays (Grand Rapids and Cambridge, UK: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 2003), 216-238.