

Editor's Notes

The theme of this issue of the *Anglican Theological Review* is salvation, a topic that co-editors Grant LeMarquand and George Sumner identified and then developed with a group of distinguished evangelical Anglican theologians. We are deeply grateful for their work, and most appreciative of the helpful and thought-provoking ideas and insights they have presented.

Why salvation? LeMarquand and Sumner give an account of the origins of this issue in the first paragraph of their Introduction. This issue is a response of sorts to the Summer 2008 *ATR* issue “Homosexuality, Ethics, and the Church” (available at <http://www.anglicantheologicalreview.org/read/conversations/5/>). The present issue does not refute the discussions there, nor does it propose an alternative view, which is at any rate well articulated in the Winter 2011 *ATR* issue “Same-Sex Relationships and the Nature of Marriage.” Rather, as the Introduction says, the present issue addresses some of the fundamental theology that shapes and is shaped by the considerations and controversies that are often more immediately evident. In short: what Christians have to say about the work of Jesus Christ—salvation—has a great deal to do with what we say about human sexuality, the Christian moral life, the form and content of the liturgy, and so on.

Nor is Christian—or Anglican—belief about salvation uniform and settled for all time. The co-editors' Introduction sums up some of the pressing questions today: “Is the doctrine of salvation too narrow in this pluralistic age? Have we, in our deeply historicized and supposedly post-metaphysical age, outgrown such claims? And what about the inherent unfairness of substitution, or the offense of offering up for death one's child?” There are no easy answers to these questions. And even within the particular “parties” one might identify in the current church, significant differences and disagreements exist. Evangelical Anglicans (for example) do not agree on what Paul had in mind relative to justification by faith. This, then, has implications for how one views the Christian moral life, including specific dispositions and behaviors.

The essays in this issue probe some issues and questions that are of fundamental significance to all Christian believers, evangelical and catholic, conservative and liberal. They do so in part by drawing on Scripture, Anglican tradition, and important theological studies that continue to shape theological considerations today. Through this method, they bring in front of us important aspects of our common heritage which must be taken into account as we seek faithfully to spread the Good News in today's world.

And for those who are not evangelicals, these essays offer an opportunity to broaden understanding of theological method and fundamental commitments and to deepen appreciation for an aspect of the Anglican theological tradition with which many are, unfortunately, unfamiliar.

Most importantly, this issue invites us all to ponder anew what God has done for us in Christ.



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