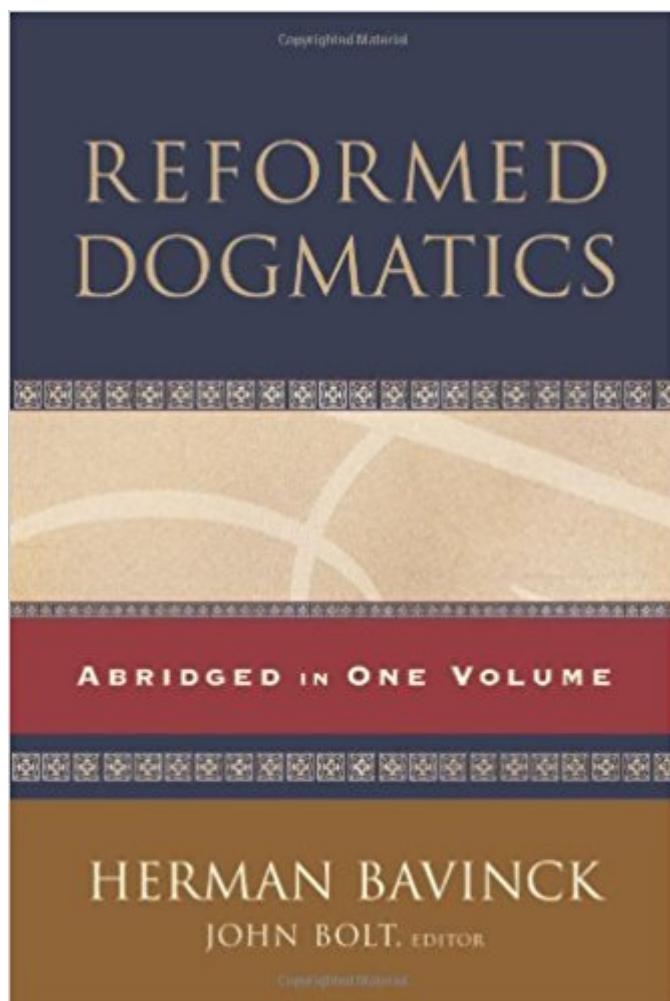


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# Reformed Dogmatics: Abridged In One Volume



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Herman Bavinck's four-volume Reformed Dogmatics is one of the most important theological works of the twentieth century. The recently completed English translation has received wide acclaim. Now John Bolt, one of the world's leading experts on Bavinck and editor of Bavinck's four-volume set, has abridged the work in one volume, offering students, pastors, and lay readers an accessible summary of Bavinck's masterwork. This volume presents the core of Bavinck's thought and offers explanatory materials, making available to a wider audience some of the finest Dutch Reformed theology ever written. Praise for Reformed Dogmatics "Bavinck's magisterial Reformed Dogmatics remains after a century the supreme achievement of its kind." --J. I. Packer, Regent College

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Herman Bavinck (1854-1921) succeeded Abraham Kuyper as professor of systematic theology at the Free University of Amsterdam in 1902. John Bolt (PhD, University of St. Michael's College) is professor of systematic theology at Calvin Theological Seminary in Grand Rapids, Michigan, where he has taught for more than twenty years.

Reformed Dogmatics by Herman Bavinck (1854-1921) is arranged like a standard systematic theology text and includes seven branches of theology overall. Bavinck was a seminal thinker in his day and deserves to be read in ours. The new abridged volume by Baker Academic is a welcome addition to the growing number of theological works in print. The writing, while dense at times is easy to follow and offers readers a Reformed framework which stands in the tradition as writers such as Warfield, Hodge, and Edwards. Perhaps an assortment of citations will give readers a better idea of Bavinck's style and theological convictions: The entire life of the Christian is dedicated to the worship of God - we are not our own; we are God's. We belong to God completely and always, in life and in death. Sin, therefore, is never an arbitrary matter, merely a whimsical displeasure of a jealous God. Sin is knowingly breaking God's command and flows from a heart that rebels against God. The human heart and head can rest in God's will, for it is the will of an almighty God and a gracious father, not that of a blind fate, incalculable chance, or dark force of nature. His sovereignty is one of unlimited power, but also of wisdom and grace. He is both king and father at

one and the same time. Mystery is the lifeblood of theological reflection. From the start of its labors, dogmatic theology is shrouded in mystery; it stands before God the incomprehensible One. This knowledge leads to adoration and worship; to know God is to live. The content of the Christian faith is the knowledge of God in his being and in his works. Even the abridged edition weighs in at 777 pages, so readers will need to demonstrate a measure of discipline and patience in order to reach the finish line of Dogmatic Theology. But the time and effort will be well-spent and one dives into the deep end of the theological pool. Highly recommend!

Though not a straight-up abridged version (but an editorial revision/condensed version), it retains the heart of Bavinck's theology without the distracting notes and debates about Dutch theologians that nobody really knows about. How much seminaries would benefit by using this as their primary systematics text!!

Awesome product!!

I really like this work, however, it would have been so much easier for study purposes if it had page numbers rather than Kindle locations. At this price I don't think it is too much to ask for page numbers. Great read though regardless.

This book cross references everything about church founding fathers and philosophers. I only had to use chapter 7-10 in this book. So I would say that it's a seminary book. Not down to earth. It creates really well rounded arguments. Not for the faint at heart. I'm glad that I took some church history classes and philosophy classes before I had this book so that the ideas weren't as new and confusing.

It is good to know about Herman Bavinck's magnum opus, Reformed Dogmatics, for those who have not been trained in theology.

One of the best reference books I ever read. Thank you and also Baker Academic Publishing, I bought it used but it is still good as brand new.

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