

# Mere Christian Hermeneutics

Transfiguring What It Means to Read the Bible Theologically

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From the author of *Is There a Meaning in This Text?* comes a call to embrace a "mere"—that is, a unified yet robust—Christian hermeneutic, outlining the principles for reading the Bible as Scripture everywhere, at all times, by all Christians.

In 1952, C. S. Lewis's *Mere Christianity* eloquently defined the essential tenets of the Christian faith. With the rise of fractured individualism that continues to split the church, this approach is more important now than ever before for biblical hermeneutics.

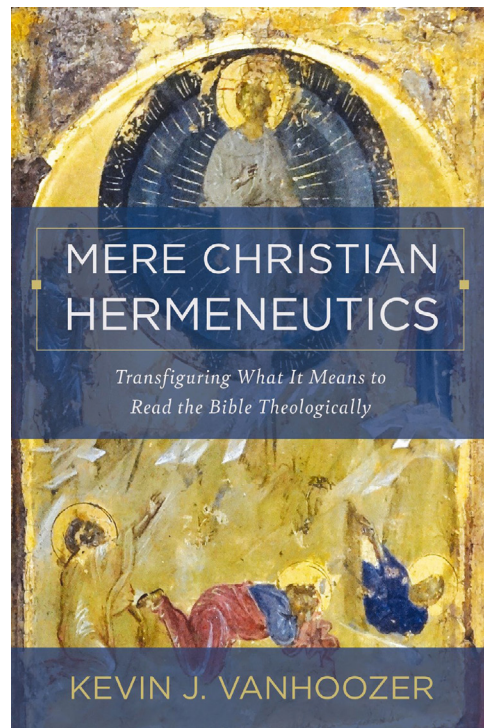
Many Christians wonder how to read the text of Scripture well. After all, developing a strong theory of interpretation has always been presented by two enormous challenges:

1. A variety of actual interpretations of the Bible, even within the context of a single community of believers.
2. The plurality of reading cultures—denominational, disciplinary, historical, and global interpretive communities—each with its own frame of reference.

In response, influential theologian Kevin J. Vanhoozer puts forth a "mere" Christian hermeneutic—essential principles for reading the Bible as Scripture everywhere, at all times, and by all Christians.

Irenic without resorting to bland ecumenical tolerance, *Mere Christian Hermeneutics* is a powerful and convincing call for both church and academy to develop reading cultures that enable and sustain the kind of unity and diversity that a "mere Christian hermeneutic" should call for and encourage.

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