



# Bibliographies for Theology

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## Sacraments of Christian Initiation

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### 1. CHRISTIAN INITIATION: SURVEYS & INTRODUCTIONS

Everett Ferguson, *Baptism in the Early Church: History, Theology, and Liturgy in the First Five Centuries* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2008). This is an extraordinarily wide-ranging and exhaustive 900-page study of the rites and theology of Christian baptism. Ferguson devotes full chapters to all the leading figures: Clement of Alexandria, Tertullian, Cyprian, Origen, Cyril of Jerusalem, Ephrem the Syrian, Theodore of Mopsuestia, John Chrysostom, Ambrose, Augustine. No stone is left unturned. There are dozens of briefer explorations of the lesser-known (but not necessarily less important): Serapion of Thmuis, Aphrahat, Zeno of Verona, Maximus of Turin, Quodvultdeus. He explores a host of issues and controversies: the origins and growth of infant baptism, the debate on rebaptism, the delay of baptism, deathbed baptisms, the theology of original sin. Finally, he treats at length the archeological data, of baptisteries and font. This is the fruit of a lifetime of study. Not to be missed.

Maxwell E. Johnson, *The Rites of Christian Initiation: Their Evolution and Interpretation* (Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press [A Pueblo Book], 1999). A superb survey. Johnson surveys the development of the rites and theology of Christian initiation from the New Testament to their current forms in the Roman Catholic, Episcopal, and Lutheran Churches. He cites and analyzes key classic texts, critically assesses contemporary rites, and calls for an ecumenical baptismal spirituality.

- Maxwell E. Johnson, ed., *Living Water, Sealing Spirit: Readings on Christian Initiation* (Collegeville: The Liturgical Press [A Pueblo Book], 1995). A very valuable collection of important essays drawn mainly from the journal *Worship*.
- Maxwell E. Johnson, "Christian Initiation," in *The Oxford Handbook of Early Christian Studies*, ed. Susan Ashbrook Harvey & David G. Hunter (New York: Oxford University Press, 2008), 693-710.
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- Frank C. Senn, "Everett Ferguson's *Baptism in the Early Church*: A Liturgical Appraisal," *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 20 (2012): 439-456. This whole issue of the *Journal of Early Christian Studies* is devoted to appraisal of Ferguson's landmark study; essential for appreciating the state of the discussion.

## 2. BAPTISM IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

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- Raymond Brown, "We Confess One Baptism for the Remission of Sins," *Worship* 40 (1966) 260-271.
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- Martin Connell, "Nisi Pedes, Except for the Feet," *Worship* 70 (1996) 517-530. An important study of the role of foot-washing in early Christian initiation.
- Oscar Cullmann, *Baptism in the New Testament*, trans. J.K.S. Reid (London: SCM Press, 1950). Quite dated, but a classic study by one of the leading exegetes of the century.
- James D.G. Dunn, *Baptism in the Holy Spirit: A Re-Examination of the New Testament Teaching on the Gift of the Holy Spirit in Relation to Pentecost* (Westminster John Knox, 1997).

- David Hellholm, Tor Vegge, Oyvind Norderval, and Christer Hellholm, eds., *Ablution, Initiation, and Baptism: Late Antiquity, Early Judaism, and Early Christianity* (Berlin: de Gruyter, 2011).
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### 3. HISTORY OF BAPTISM: PATRISTIC TEXTS

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- E.C. Whitaker, ed., *Documents of the Baptismal Liturgy*, rev. ed., Maxwell E. Johnson (Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 2003). This has long been recognized as the standard anthology of ancient texts on baptism. The original edition, dating from the early 1970s, was always hard to find in the United States and has been out of print for quite a while. Thankfully, it is again available. Maxwell Johnson, the leading contemporary scholar on baptism, has corrected errors and expanded the original.
- Lawrence J. Johnson, ed., *Worship in the Early Church: An Anthology of Historical Sources*, 4 vol. (Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 2009). A massive comprehensive anthology of documents touching every aspect of early Christian worship. While this is not exclusively devoted to baptism as the two above are, it is more recent and more comprehensive in the range of texts it offers:
- Vol. 1: *Second Century / Third Century*. Texts include: Ignatius of Antioch, *Shepherd of Hermas*, *Odes of Solomon*, Justin Martyr, Irenaeus of Lyons, apocryphal literature (*Epistle of the Apostles*, *Acts of John*, *Acts of Paul*, *Acts of Peter*), and Melito of Sardis; Tertullian, Cyprian of Carthage, Hippolytus, Novatian, Gregory Thaumaturgus, *Didascalia*, *Acts of Thomas*, and Origen.

- Vol. 2: *Fourth Century*. Texts include: Optatus of Milevis, Zeno of Verona, Damasus, Ambrose of Milan, Hilary of Poitiers, Basil the Great, Gregory of Nazianzus, Gregory of Nyssa, Councils & Synods, John Chrysostom, Aphraates, Ephrem the Syrian, *Apostolic Constitutions*, Epiphanius of Salamis, *Anaphora of Addai and Mari*, Eusebius of Caesarea, Cyril of Jerusalem, Egeria, the *Canons of Hippolytus*, Athanasius, and Didymus the Blind.
  - Vol. 3: *Fifth Century*. Texts include: Augustine of Hippo, Rufinus of Aquileia, Victor of Vita Innocent I, Peter Chrysologus, Leo I, Maximus of Turin, John Cassian, Prosper of Aquitaine, Faustus of Riez, Gennadius of Marseilles, ancient church statutes, Nicetas of Remesiana, Palladius, Socrates, Theodore of Mopsuestia, Theodoret of Cyrus, Narsai of Nisibis, Sozomen, Jerome, Cyril of Alexandria, and Mark the Deacon.
  - Vol. 4: *Sixth Century*. Texts include: Fulgence of Ruspe, Ennodius, Rule of the Master, Benedict of Nursia, Popes Vigilius, Pelagius and Gregory the Great; Cassiodorus, the *Liber pontificalis*, Avitus of Vienne, Caesarius of Arles, cyprian of Toulon, Gregory of Tours, Columbanus, Theodore Lector, Braulio of Saragossa, Martin of Braga, Finnian, Pseudo-Dionysius the Areopagite, Evagrius Scholasticus, John Moschus, John of Scythopolis, and papyri.
- R.J.S. Barrett-Lennard, ed., *The Sacramentary of Sarapion of Thmuis: A Text for Students*, Alcuin / GROW Liturgical Study 25 (Bramcote: Grove Books, 1993).
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#### 4. HISTORY OF BAPTISM: STUDIES

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