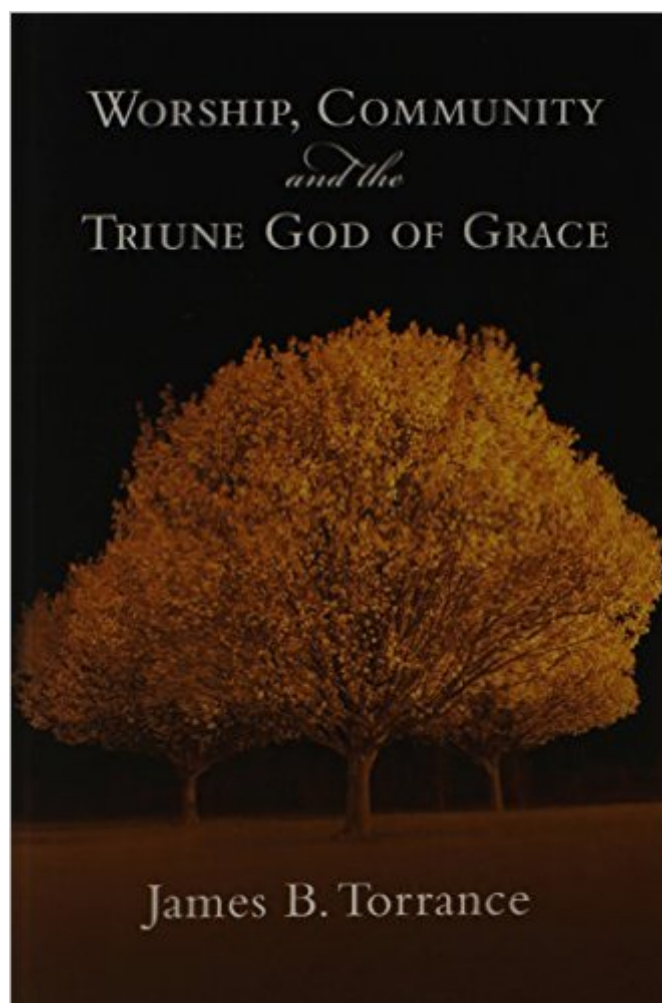


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# Worship, Community And The Triune God Of Grace



## Synopsis

Here is a book that sets our worship, sacraments, communion and language of God back on track. In a day when refinement of method and quality of experience are the guiding lights for many Christians, James Torrance points us to the indispensable who of worship, the triune God of grace. Worship is the gift of participating through the Spirit in the incarnate Son's communion with the Father, writes Torrance. This book explodes the notion that the doctrine of the Trinity may be indispensable for the creed but remote from life and worship. Firmly rooted in Scripture and theology, alive with pastoral counsel and anecdote, Torrance's work shows us just why real trinitarian theology is the very fiber of Christian confession.

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If the Torrance brothers stand for anything, it The Mediation of Christ. T.F. Torrance's book by that title is labeled as a "devotional theology" on account of its scant academic apparatus, but it remains an extremely dense and thoroughly argued presentation of Christ's mediatorial role between God and Man as the core of Reformed theology, specifically in Calvin and Barth. For those who may find that gem a bit too daunting, this book by his brother James Torrance would be a great place to start. It presents many of the same ideas in a much more accessible manner, with concrete applications for worship, anthropology, and human speech about God. For Torrance, it is the mediation of Christ that compels us to speak of all the practices in the life of the church in a trinitarian fashion. That Christ is simultaneously both the complete and representative human and very God as the second

member of the Trinity means that our worship in the church is a participation in the Triune life, mediated through Christ. Where there is Unitarian theology, there is a God whom we must appease through our self-wrought offerings. But where there is Trinitarian theology, there is a God who has already offered to himself what we could not offer. Thus the constant distinction Torrance draws throughout this book between being cast back upon our own spiritual efforts and being invited to participate in grace. The grace in which we participate is the life of faithfulness that Jesus lived towards the Father, so that where we do not know how to pray, he prays for us; where we betray God, he remains faithful even unto death. Another essential insight drawn in the book is the impact that the Trinity has on our anthropology.

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