

Dear Friends of the Foundation:

You will remember that we have shared a few emails recently quoting **Karl Barth**. Today I saw it announced on [Presbyweb](#) that a *revised* and *digitized* version of **Karl Barth's Church Dogmatics** is being made available. This is machine searchable. It includes English translations of the Greek and Latin passages. This will make his work accessible as never before.

Here is a link to, and the text of, the announcement on the **Princeton Theological Seminary** website (the links in the announcement are general ones; I have included some more precise ones farther below, as well as some pricing information):

www.ptsem.edu/news/pr-bin/2007-2008/churchdogmaticsdigitized.php

Princeton Theological Seminary and T&T Clark/Continuum Announce Cooperation in the Publication of the Digitized Edition of Karl Barth's Church Dogmatics

Princeton, NJ, May 16, 2008—Princeton Theological Seminary and T&T Clark/Continuum announce the publication of a revised and digitized edition of Karl Barth's *Church Dogmatics*, arguably the greatest theological work of the twentieth century. This agreement will make it possible for the first time to query and search the nearly 8,000 pages of the *Church Dogmatics*.

"Students, scholars, and pastors will welcome the arrival of a digital version of the *Church Dogmatics*," said Clifford Anderson, curator of special collections and member of the advisory committee for the Center for Barth Studies at Princeton Seminary. "It has been our longtime goal to bring Karl Barth's masterpiece into the digital age."

The Swiss-German theologian Karl Barth (1886–1968) was the most original and significant Reformed theologian of the twentieth century. He was one of the central figures in the Confessing Church in Germany, which opposed the Nazi Regime. Barth began the *Church Dogmatics* in 1932 and continued working on its thirteen volumes until the end of his life. Barth's writings continue to guide and instruct the preaching and teaching of pastors and academics worldwide.

Princeton Theological Seminary produced the digitized text of the *Church Dogmatics* with the assistance of a generous grant from the Lilly Endowment, Inc. Care was taken to ensure that the digital text allow scholars to perform searches not only on individual words and phrases, but also on biblical texts and citations. English translations of Barth's Greek and Latin phrases, left untranslated in the print edition, have now been incorporated into the text and are presented alongside the original, relieving students of the need to read the text with dictionaries at hand.

After completing the digitizing of the full work, Princeton Theological Seminary will continue to maintain and update the electronic text of the classic translation edited by

Geoffrey Bromiley of Fuller Theological Seminary and the late Thomas F. Torrance of Edinburgh University. "T&T Clark retain copyright of the classic text produced under the editorial supervision of my father Thomas F. Torrance and Geoffrey Bromiley," said Iain Torrance, president of Princeton Theological Seminary, "but translation projects of this magnitude evolve, and Princeton Seminary has now established copyright of the electronic form of the translation, which it regards as a 'living text' that will be revised and corrected by new generations of Barth scholars."

This new version of the *Church Dogmatics* will be made available in three ways:

A full searchable CD-ROM version from Logos Bible Software, available from April 2008 (<http://www.logos.com/>)

As part of the Digital Karl Barth Library in German and English from Alexander Street Press (<http://www.alexanderstreet.com/>)

A new paperback print edition in 31 volumes, presenting the text in a new layout, incorporating the translations of Greek and Latin texts in a student-friendly format, available from December 2008 through T&T Clark.

For more information, contact the Communications/Publications Office at 609.497.7760 or visit www.ptsem.edu.

Princeton Theological Seminary was founded in 1812 as the first seminary established by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church. It is the largest Presbyterian seminary in the country, with more than 700 students in seven graduate degree programs.

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www.logos.com/products/details/2607

Barth's Church Dogmatics (14 volumes)

Suggested Retail Price	Sale Price	You Save
CD-ROM \$840.00	\$699.95	\$140.05

This downloadable book requires Libronix Digital Library System 3.0e or greater. Click the Add to Cart button to see options for updating your system if you're running an older version.

UPDATE: This is the newly revised, forthcoming edition of Barth's *Church Dogmatics*, which

reflects the work of a team of leading experts at Princeton Theological Seminary's Center for Barth Studies. It is not currently available in print. The text is presented in a new, user friendly format, and all Greek and Latin passages will include English translation alongside the original.

Karl Barth, who lived from 1886-1968, was perhaps the most influential theologian of the 20th century. *Church Dogmatics*, Barth's monumental life-work that consists of more than 6 million words, was written over the span of 35 years. In it, Barth covers in depth the great doctrines of the Word of God, God, Creation and Reconciliation. He made it his task "to take all that has been said before and to think it through once more and freshly to articulate it anew as a theology of the grace of God in Jesus Christ."

If you have an interest in theology, you should own Barth. And at the deep prepublication discount we're offering, you might as well get all the volumes at once. Barth's dogmatic theology is loaded with engaging and provocative ideas, which will challenge you for years to come.

"[Barth] undoubtedly is one of the giants in the history of theology." —*Christianity Today*

Two characteristics that define Barth's theology are his emphasis on the person of Christ (Barth "works from Christ outward") and his insistence that ethics and theology cannot be separated. Barth taught that "theology is ethics," since knowing God entails doing his will.

Barth's theology was shaped by his experience of living and teaching in Germany during the rise of Nazism. By 1934, Barth had become a leader in the Confessing Church movement, which stood in courageous opposition to Nazism at a time when the German Protestant church had largely endorsed National Socialism. This stand cost him his professorship at Bonn University and he was forced to flee the country in 1935.

Barth has been called neo-orthodox, evangelical, and Reformed. Indeed, his views developed remarkably over his lifetime as he moved from a liberal position to one of dialectical theology (theology founded on paradoxes or tensions). Later in life, Barth abandoned the views of Friedrich Schleiermacher, Rudolf Bultmann, and the liberal tradition. He argued that God was not made in man's image but is instead "Wholly Other."

Barth is probably best described as "ecumenical" since his work is read by Protestants and Roman Catholics, mainstream and evangelicals. Indeed, Barth was described by Pope Pius XII as the most important theologian since Thomas Aquinas, and his work continues to be a major influence on students, scholars and preachers today.

Additional Details

Church Dogmatics (translated from the German *Die Kirchliche Dogmatik*)

by Karl Barth

series editors, Thomas F Torrance and Geoffrey Bromiley

T&T Clark, 2008

"There are at least three key ideas in [Barth's] early thought critical for his later writings. The first is the absolute transcendent sovereign God in contrast to sin-dominated mankind. Second is a dialectical theological method which poses truth as a series of paradoxes. For example, the infinite became the finite; eternity entered time; God became human. Such paradoxes create tension, in which one finds both a crisis and truth. The crisis, the third idea, involves humans. The individual discovers in the tension of the dialectic a crisis of existence, judgment, separation, belief/unbelief, acceptance/rejection of the ultimate truth of God concerning mankind as revealed in the Word." —Biographical entries from *Evangelical Dictionary of Theology*

"Life is short and Karl Barth is long." —Henry Cocks

"Barth's greatest influence was theological, with his emphasis on God's sovereignty placing him firmly in the Reformed (Calvinistic) tradition. He differed radically from the mainstream of continental European theology, rejecting both its subjective emphasis on religious experience and the prevalent idea that Christian doctrine is subject to, or limited by, its historical origins. By reaffirming what Kierkegaard had called an 'infinite qualitative difference' between God and humankind, Barth rescued theology from captivity to anthropology—that is, he reasserted God's reality and sovereignty over human knowledge or imagination." —[Who's Who in Christian History](#)

How to Use Barth for Preaching or Teaching

"My whole theology, you see, is fundamentally a theology for parsons. It grew out of my own situation when I had to preach and teach and counsel a little." —Karl Barth

You may wonder how 14 vast tomes of theology could be useful for the weekly task of preparing a sermon. The fact is, Barth is a pastor's theologian. And both the print publisher and electronic publisher have worked to ensure that his voluminous writings can be easily accessed for practical use. The print publisher created a final index volume of the series, which provides excellent, practical aids to preaching. And the electronic edition from Logos Bible Software will introduce some additional features to assist preachers and teachers using this work.

Preaching a Text

Volume 5 is titled "Index, With Aids for the Preacher." Fortunately, the volume lives up to its name. In addition to the indices you'd expect—places, names, and Scripture references—Volume 5 devotes 287 pages to a lectionary that pairs suggested Scripture texts with excerpts from *Church Dogmatics*. For each Sunday of the year, the lectionary lists six or more suggested Scripture passages that could form the basis of a sermon. It

then provides selections of Barth's exposition and commentary on those Scriptures, extracted from the other 13 volumes. The electronic edition will make it easy to jump to those excerpts, read the full context, and glean ideas that enhance, undergird and enrich your sermon.

As with any other Logos book, you will be able to search the 14-volume set for a given Bible reference or range of verses. You can even create a custom collection containing *Church Dogmatics* (and any other [theologies](#) you may own) and tell Passage Guide to search these works every time the report is run. This will turn up all the places Barth deals with the passage you're studying!

Preaching a Topic

If you preach topically, use the subject index to find a place where Barth addresses "discipleship" or "anxiety," for example. When you find his treatment of the subject you will also discover the Scriptural texts Barth uses to discuss the topic.

Praise for the Print Editions

"Future generations of theological students will have to reckon with Barth's work just as they have had to come to grips with Augustine, Aquinas, Calvin, and Schleiermacher...The chief merit of his work lies not in the doctrinal positions he has taken—though they are important—but in the challenge to a fresh hearing of God's Word in Scripture by all who are concerned for pure doctrine in the preaching of the church." —*Interpretation*, 11.1, review of volume 1, part 2

"...this volume is a mine of sensitive, Biblically illuminated insight into the problems of human life with which it deals. This is its greatest value for all readers, including those who are not theologians by passion or instinct." —[Theology Today](#), review of volume 3, part 4

"...if you as a preacher or teacher of the Word open yourself to the theological depths of this preacher's theologian, your hearers will begin to notice the difference." —Arnold B. Come, San Francisco Theological Seminary, [Theology Today](#), review of volume 5

Electronic Books Included

The Doctrine of the Word of God, Volume 1, Part 1

The Word of God as the Criterion of Dogmatics; The Revelation of God

528 pages

The Doctrine of the Word of God, Volume 1, Part 2

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928 pages

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Volume 3, Part 4**

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Creator

720 pages

**The Doctrine of
Reconciliation, Volume 4,
Part 2**

Jesus Christ, the Servant as Lord

896 pages

**The Doctrine of
Reconciliation, Volume 4,
Part 3.2**

Jesus Christ, the True Witness

496 pages

**Index, With Aids for the
Preacher, Volume 5**

576 pages

About the Author

Excerpted from the [Columbia Encyclopedia](#)

Barth, Karl (bärt), 1886–1968, Swiss Protestant theologian, one of the leading thinkers of 20th-century Protestantism. He helped to found the Confessing Church and his thinking formed the theological framework for the Barmen Declaration. He taught in Germany, where he early opposed the Nazi regime. In 1935 when he refused to take the oath of allegiance to Adolf Hitler, he was retired from his position at the Univ. of Bonn and deported to Switzerland. There he continued to expound his views, known as dialectical theology or theology of the word.

Barth's primary object was to lead theology back to the principles of the Reformation (called neo-orthodoxy). For Barth, modern theology with its assent to science, immanent philosophy, and general culture and with its stress on feeling, was marked by indifference to the word of God and to the revelation of God in Jesus, which he thought should be the central concern of theology.

In the confrontation between humanity and God, which was Barth's fundamental concern, the word of God and God's revelation in Christ are the only means God has for Self-revelation; Barth argued that people must listen in an attitude of awe, trust, and obedience. This theological position is also related to those of Emil Brunner, Friedrich Gogarten, and Rudolf Bultmann, although Barth's position is the stricter.

Barth's writings include *The Epistle to the Romans* (tr. 1933), *The Word of God and the Word of Man* (tr. 1928), *Credo* (tr. 1936), and *Church Dogmatics* (Vol. I-IV, tr. 1936–62).

Further Reading

See our [blog post on Barth](#) for a huge list of articles in Libronix about Barth and his *Church Dogmatics*.

I contacted **Logos Bible Software** to ask them about this product and about the pricing, telling them that I wanted to share this information with my email reading list, and this is the response they sent back to me (emphasis added); **if I am reading this correctly, he is willing to make the CD-ROM of the Church Dogmatics available for \$599.95, if you contact him directly:**

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Here is a link to, and a copy of, the page at **Alexander Street Press** (the second of the three ways this will be made available) about the *Digital Karl Barth Library*; it appears that this is a more extensive collection of materials, available not on CD-ROM but on-line:

alexanderstreet.com/products/bart.htm

The Digital Karl Barth Library

In association with the Theologischer Verlag Zürich (TVZ) and Princeton Theological Seminary, Alexander Street Press is pleased to announce *The Digital Karl Barth Library*. This online collection will support a new generation of research into the works of one of the 20th century's most influential theologians.

Content

The database features the entire corpus of Barth's *Gesamtausgabe*. Published under the TVZ imprint, this definitive edition of Barth's works in German currently comprises 42 volumes of theological writings, lectures, letters, sermons, and interviews. As additional print volumes of the *Gesamtausgabe* become available, they will be added to Alexander Street's *The Digital Karl Barth Library*. Also included is Barth's *magnum opus*, the 14-volume *Kirchliche Dogmatik*.

During the second phase of the project, Alexander Street will supplement the exhaustive German-language content with English translations of Barth's most important works—in particular, the monumental *Church Dogmatics*. Working in concert with Princeton Theological Seminary and the TVZ, Alexander Street also will add digitized photographs, audio files, and other archival content. The combination of definitive German-language editions, scholarly English translations, and extensive archival content—all available in a coherent, easy-to-access online collection—will make *The Digital Karl Barth Library* an unparalleled resource for students and scholars studying the life and thought of this modern-day "church father."

A Powerful Research Tool

Every document in *The Digital Karl Barth Library* is hand keyed and features metadata tagging specifically designed to meet the research needs of scholars. The same dedication to scholarly research has guided the development of Alexander Street's

search and presentation platform, which enables users to perform highly sophisticated searches and to view, organize, and analyze results with extraordinary speed and precision. For example, researchers can return comprehensive, accurate results in seconds for the following kinds of queries:

Find all references to suffering and tribulation in Barth's sermons.

In Barth's exegetical writings, identify words that occur most frequently in close proximity with the keyword ΛΟΓΟΣ (logos).

Locate instances where Barth mentions Hitler in his letters.

Searching all Barth's works, find all citations of Romans, chapter one.

Publication Details

The Digital Karl Barth Library is available on the Web, either by annual subscription or through a one-time purchase of perpetual rights. A library that purchases perpetual rights may request an archival copy of the data.

For pricing, trial requests, and other information, contact sales@alexanderstreet.com.

I have emailed them about pricing, but I have not received a reply yet. When I do, I will pass that along to you.

I cannot find anything yet at [T & T Clark/Continuum](#) about the new paperback edition, but I will be happy to share that if and when I do.

I suspect that some of you already know a great deal more about this project than I have been able to find out today. If you can help enlighten us all about this, I would be most appreciative.

Grace and Peace,

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