另一位馬丁:協調爭議、 追求和睦的布塞珥

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摘要

學界向來重視新教改革者在教義方面的成果,較少及於他們在教牧實踐方面的努力。本文旨在提出一較平衡的視角,對史特拉斯堡的馬丁布塞珥進行個案研究。本文首先簡述布塞珥的生平,向華人讀者介紹這位備受忽略的第一代改革者。本文接著較細節描述布塞珥在教牧實踐上的努力,包括他(一)追求和睦,協調路德與慈運理間的聖餐爭論;(二)與人為善,栽培年輕的加爾文;以及(三)避免爭論,晚年在英格蘭有所不為。於新教改革運動將滿 500 週年的此際,本文呈現一位將所知化為所行的改革者,從而指出其重視教牧實踐、不懈身體力行的一面。

Abstract

It has been common for scholars to pay more attention to the Protestant Reformers' theology than to their pastoral practice. This article seeks to provide a more balanced view by focusing on Martin Bucer of Strasbourg as a case study. The article begins by providing a biographical sketch of Bucer, specifically for the Chinese readers' better understanding of the first-generation Reformer who has been much neglected. The article proceeds to investigate closely Bucer's pastoral practice in detail, including 1) his determined endeavour to bring Luther and Zwingli to agreement on the issue of the nature of the Eucharist; 2) his considerable encouragement and careful guidance for the young Calvin; and 3) his intentional restraint from being involved in controversies in his later years in England. As the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation is approaching, this article presents a Reformer who practices what he preaches, and highlights the practical and pastoral dimension of Bucer's—and many other Reformers'—work.