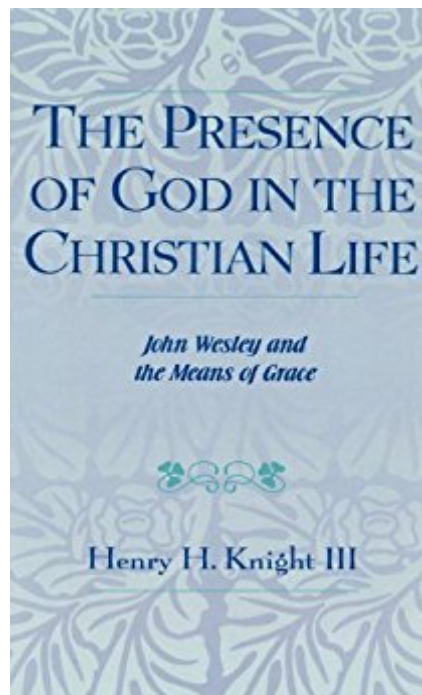


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There are many great books that teach us the theology and practice of the Wesleyan movement. This book must be considered near the top of any student's list. Henry Knight is a fantastic scholar well-read in the diverse arena of Christian theology. He writes with great humility, faith, and passion. This book is not a "popular theology" book intended for mass consumption. Yet, it is written clearly enough, and simply enough, that anyone can read and understand it. I highly recommend this book to everyone I meet. Knight publishes this work as a result of his dissertation. He unifies Wesley's

theology with his practice. This book shows us what Wesley means by all the technical Christian codewords: salvation, justification, sanctification, grace, and many others. This book is not a systematic word study. Rather, it is a practice in plain speaking. Knight roots us the contextual surroundings of Wesley's life. Wesley stood between the antinomians and proponents of works-righteousness. He drew a picture of God's graceful activity in the human life that stops short of nothing less than our complete renewal in the image of God. In this book, Knight shows us the journey of holiness. He expounds on the real things we can do that help us know God more fully, experience divine grace more deeply, and live a life more faithfully. Knight enlivens the means of grace, not as obligatory acts, but as vehicles by which we can be transformed by God's love. Through faithful practice of these disciplines, according to Wesley, we can live in such a way that God's love governs all our actions and all our thoughts. I can only imagine what the world would be like if each of us, myself included, took seriously the opportunity to engage The Presence of God in the Christian Life.

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