

## From the editor

Nineteenth-century Scottish Presbyterianism produced some of the richest examples of Christian piety in the history of the church. Rooted in the Reformed faith of such Scottish Reformers as John Knox and fired by the passion for true revival found in such Evangelical authors as Jonathan Edwards, men like the Bonar brothers and Robert Murray M'Cheyne penned Christian classics that will be read as long as biblical Christianity is treasured.

To help develop an appreciation for this Scottish piety, we explore in this issue of *Eusebeia* Horatius Bonar's Christ-centered spirituality as well as friendship as a means of grace in the lives of the Bonar brothers, M'Cheyne and their other friends. We thank Clint Humfrey for his contribution on this subject.

We also include a previously unpublished text by Horatius Bonar of the complaints of an old minister. Penned by Bonar in his old age, it well reveals the channels in which his piety ran. It, along with virtually everything that Bonar ever published, can be found on a soon-to-be-released CD-Rom by *Lux Publications* (see the ad on page 2). This CD-Rom can be purchased from the Edwards Centre office at Toronto Baptist Seminary, or directly from Lux Publications.

Finally, but not least, we have an essay by Roger Pascoe on the nature of biblical ministry, a vital topic for our day. The

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need for a philosophy of ministry that is rooted biblically is great as we live in a time where the innovations of worldly wisdom are penetrating the church, usurping biblical authority.

This autumn 2004 issue marks the one year anniversary of not only *Eusebeia*, but also *The Jonathan Edwards Centre for Reformed Spirituality*. It has been a good year, by God's grace, and we have been encouraged by the reception of the Centre by His people. We covet your continued prayers and your support.

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