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Kevin Hester Publishes Book Review

NASHVILLE, TN—The *Journal of Early Christian Studies* (Winter 2009 issue) published a two-page review by Free Will Baptist Bible College professor Kevin Hester in which he examines Bernard Green's 2008 book, *The Soteriology of Leo the Great*. Green's volume is part of the Oxford Theological Monograph Series (Oxford University Press).

Dr. Hester concludes that while the cost of Green's book (\$130) limits its classroom use, "it sets out a good beginning for what I hope will be a new flurry of scholarship on the long neglected topic of Leo as a theologian."

Hester identifies chapters four through six as the strongest part of the work and the most germane to Green's thesis that Leo's soteriology is focused on the unity of two natures in the one mediator. The first two chapters present the historical background, describing the growing Christian presence in Rome as well as damage done by clerical and monastic infighting, the influence of Ambrose, waffling on the Pelagian issue, and the debate on Nestorianism.

Appointed program coordinator for Biblical and Theological Studies at FWBBC in 2008 where he also teaches History courses, Dr. Hester is a regular presenter at theological and educational forums. His first book, *Eschatology and Pain in St. Gregory the Great: The Christological Synthesis of Gregory's Morals on the Book of Job*, was published in 2007 by Paternoster Press.

Hester graduated from FWBBC with a B.A. (1993), earned an M. Div. at Covenant Seminary (1997), and a Ph.D. at Saint Louis University (2000). He joined the FWBBC Bible faculty in 2003.