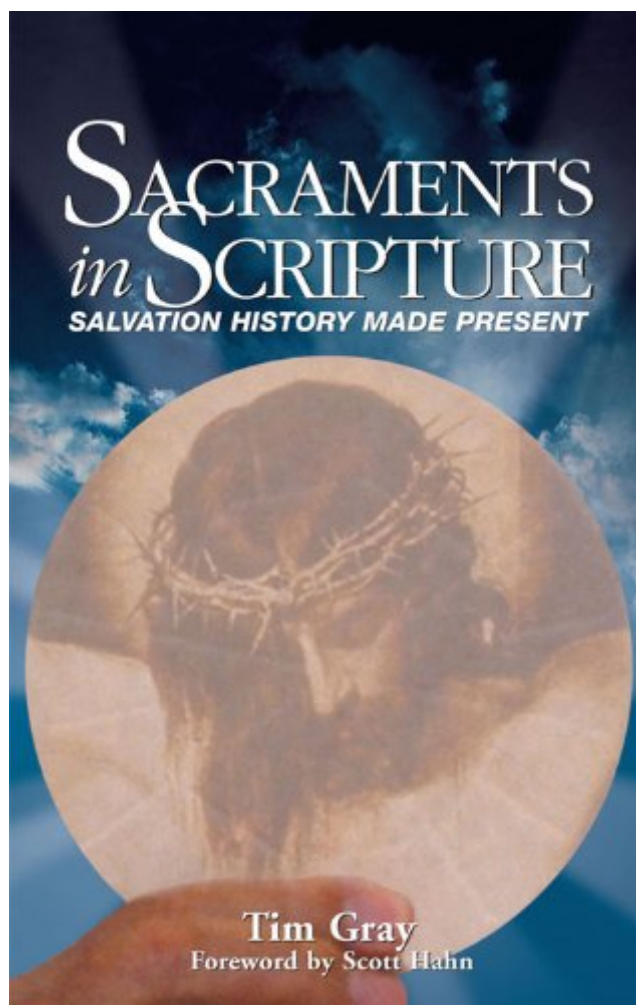


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Synopsis

Sacraments in Scripture: Salvation History Made Present is a Bible study on the seven sacraments, prefigured in the Old Testament and instituted by Jesus Christ in the New. Following the teaching of the Second Vatican Council and the Catechism of the Catholic Church on Sacred Scripture, Tim Gray delves into the biblical origin for each of these masterpieces of God's love. In this Scripture study, Tim Gray guides readers through the Gospels, showing Christ's deliberate acts to inaugurate these sacred signs as the foundation of the New Covenant. With review questions at the end of each chapter, this study is ideal for both group and individual study, and is perfect for learning how to answer contemporary objections to the sacraments.

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This short, breezy read is really well done. Many Catholics incorrectly understand the sacraments either as man-made inventions of the Church or as arbitrary creations by Christ. Gray tackles both misconceptions by clearly showing that the sacraments are merely the final evolution of God's saving grace, that centuries and centuries of salvific force foreshadow and precede them. For

example, in Genesis chapter 22, Issac asks Abraham as they carry wood up the mountain, "Behold, the fire and the wood; but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Issac of course was to be the offering, but at the last minute God provides a ram in the thicket. It is interesting to note, however, that it is a ram that is sacrificed and not a lamb. Gray explains why--and how that lamb must eventually be provided (Hint: the Sacrament of the Eucharist!). Having read five or six books focused specifically on the sacraments, this is probably the most interesting and accessible text of the group, despite being the shortest. It also partners nicely with a more technical study such as Stravinskys' 'Understanding the Sacraments'. Highly recommended for both devotional and catechetical reading! 95pp

I enjoyed this book much. Brief but rich chapters on each Sacrament. Enlightening insights on every page. Shows how each Sacrament is a distinctive participation in the life of Christ. A fine aid to appreciation of grace-- God's transforming life in us. Joe Conti, Ph.D. Dept of Comparative Religion California State University, Fullerton

This book provides a clear and concise explanation of the sacraments. It covers the Old Testament and the New Testament readings for each sacrament as well as the application of each. This is set up as a bible study with questions at the end of each section.

This is a "Must Read" for any Catholic who wants to the Biblical basis for what they have always believed. And it is an excellent source for Protestants who want to know the truths of the Catholic faith.

Excellant reading for cradle Catholics and for non Catholic Christians who wish to know how Catholics connect the Bible and sacraments and that it is not an 'either or' situation, but a both together.

This book has definitely explained a lot about my religion that I did not understand or even did not know. This book has explained so much of the sacraments and what they mean in a way that people these days would understand and not in the language of the Bible times. I really just inspired me to be a better person and strive to be as close to God like in my decisions and attitude in a better way than the past. I would highly recommend.

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