

**THE SUFFERING AND VICTORIOUS CHRIST. TOWARD A MORE
COMPASSIONATE CHRISTOLOGY.** By Richard J. Mouw and Douglas A.
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This book is an expansion of a presentation that was held at a conference at Tokyo Christian University in the summer of 2010. An important question was raised at the conference: can a more compassionate and relevant global Christology be articulated? Expanding on both assessments “*Christus victor*” (emphasis on Jesus’ victory) and “*Christus dolor*” (emphasis on Jesus’ suffering among us) the authors explain that these “contrasting” theologies can nurture each other to develop a robust global Christology. The book places significance on both views, in light of the ever present challenge to unite Jesus’ immanence to his transcendence. The first four chapters define the author’s theological heritage and limitations ranging from Catholic, Lutheran and Calvinist traditions. Chapter five invites the reader to bridge Reformed views that ranges from Sojourner Truth’s African American experience during slavery, to Franz Pieper’s systematic theology. Chapter six deal with current challenges as the authors contrast both sides of the spectrum vis-à-vis their biblical and doctrinal guidance. Finally, they drive the reader to make their own conclusions, as they move toward a more compassionate Christology. Although, it is understandable that the scope of work was limited to such aforementioned traditions, other Christological expressions were not considered. The book still represents an honest and transparent journey to further enrich today’s ecumenical global theological agenda.