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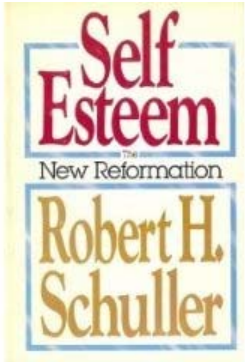
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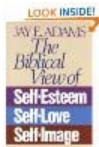
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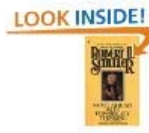
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The last two decades have certainly seen a reformation in the church as it has adopted the self-esteem gospel as the heart of its message, and Robert Schuller is one of the prophets of this movement. But, unlike the Protestant Reformation of the 16th century, this reformation is moving the church further away from God's Word, not closer. Schuller sounds orthodox at first. He uses familiar catchphrases of the Bible: sin, salvation, kingdom of God. For example, he writes: "I am convinced that the deepest of all human needs is salvation from sin and hell." But, unfortunately, Schuller means something different by those words than what you might think. Understanding sin to be "rebellion against God" is "shallow and insulting the human being." Schuller defines sin as "any act or thought that robs myself or another human being of his or her self-esteem" and hell as "the loss of pride that naturally follows separation from God." And what is God? Schuller refers to him as "the ultimate and unfailing source of our soul's sense of self-respect." "Lack of faith" is defined as "a profoundly deep sense of unworthiness." The cross of Christ is seen as "God's price tag on a human soul." And "the most serious sin is the one that causes me to say, 'I am unworthy.'" Schuller goes so far as to say that: "once a person believes he is an 'unworthy sinner,' it is doubtful if he can really honestly accept the saving grace God offers in Jesus Christ." The kingdom of God is not the reign and rule of Jesus Christ but the "community of caring and Christ-inspired, compassionate people, who are committed to building a self-respecting society of persons whose inalienable right to self-worth controls communications, evangelism, economics, social ethics, and political systems. What about self-denial? Schuller says that "self-affirmation . . . is the pathway to self-denial." In short, Schuller empties these terms of their biblical meaning and realigns everything with man at the center. According to him, "classical theology has erred in its insistence that theology be 'God-centered,' not 'man-centered.'"

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