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## *Preface*

IN view of the numerous studies of baptism that have been published in recent years it would seem that the appearance of yet another volume on the subject requires some explanation. In point of fact few books dealing with New Testament baptism have come from those who believe that the theology of baptism requires it to be a responsible act. The standard work from this point of view is Dr. G. R. Beasley-Murray's *Baptism in the New Testament* (1962) which is unlikely to be superseded for a good time to come. The present study can in no sense rival his scholarly treatment, nor does it make any claim to be an original contribution to present debate. Rather it sets out to provide a shorter and more introductory study of baptism in the New Testament for which there does seem to be some need. It is the author's hope and prayer that this slim volume will go some way to fill this need and be used to promote a deeper awareness among Christians of all confessions of the centrality and importance of being baptised into Christ.

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## List of Abbreviations

STANDARD abbreviations have been used for the books of the Bible, and they, together with other abbreviations in common use, are omitted from this list.

### LITERATURE

- CGT* Cambridge Greek Testament (Old Series)  
*CGTC* Cambridge Greek Testament Commentaries (New Series)  
*EGT* Expositor's Greek Testament (London)  
*EQ* Evangelical Quarterly  
*ExT* Expository Times  
*ICC* International Critical Commentary (Edinburgh)  
*JTS* Journal of Theological Studies  
*LXX* Septuagint Version  
*MNTC* Moffatt New Testament Commentaries  
*NEB* New English Bible (New Testament, 1961)  
*NLC* New London Commentary on the New Testament  
*NTS* New Testament Studies (Cambridge)  
*PGC* Penguin Gospel Commentaries (London)  
*SB* H. L. Strack and P. Billerbeck, *Kommentar zum Neuen Testament etc.* (1922ff.)  
*SyTh* Scottish Journal of Theology  
*TB* Babylonian Talmud  
*TWNT* G. Kittel and G. Friedrich, *Theologisches Wörterbuch zum Neuen Testament* (ET as *Theological Dictionary of the New Testament*, i (1964), ii (1965), iii (1966), iv (1967))  
*VT* *Vetus Testamentum* (Leyden)

### GENERAL

- ad loc.* at the appropriate place  
cf. compare  
Ed. Editor  
edn. edition  
ET English Translation

<i>ff.</i> or <i>f.</i>	and the following verse(s), page(s), etc.
<i>nd.</i>	no date
<i>op. cit.</i>	in the work quoted
<i>s.v.</i>	under the heading of

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