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Torrance, J.B. *Worship, Community and the Triune God of Grace* (Paternoster Press, United Kingdom: 1996)

There is only one true Priest by whom humanity is drawn near to God. There is only one mediator between God and man. There is only one offering that is acceptable to God, and that is the offering of His Son, Jesus Christ. (Torrance, 1996: 21).

The Greek word used is *anamnesis* and is of rich liturgical significance. It does not merely mean recollecting a past event, rather it means to remember in such a way that we see our actual participation in that past event, and also to see our destiny and future as bound up within it. (Torrance, 1996: 84-85).

“At the Lord’s Table we do not merely remember the passion of our Lord as an isolated date from nineteen hundred years ago. Rather, we remember it in such a way that we know by the grace of God we are the people for whom our Saviour died and rose again, we are the people whose sins Jesus confessed on the cross...we are the Israel of God to whom God has said ‘I will be your God and you will be my people’.” (Torrance, 1996: 86)

“At the centre of the New Testament stands, not our religious experience, not our faith or repentance or decision...but a unique relationship between Jesus and the Father. Christ is presented to us as the Son living a life of communion with the Father in the Spirit, presenting himself in our humanity through the eternal Spirit to the Father on behalf of humankind.” (Torrance, 1996: 19)

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Grace not only means God giving himself in love to man through Jesus Christ, it also means the coming of God as man in order to do for us, what we are not capable of doing for ourselves. In particular, he presents us, inside of himself, to the Father. (Torrance, 1981: 141)

God in Christ has spoken his word of forgiveness and love which at the same time is also his word of judgement and condemnation. So, inherent in our accepting the forgiveness and love, is our humble submission to the guilty verdict. But who among us can make that perfect response of love, the perfect submission? What we cannot do for ourselves, God has done for us in Christ. (Torrance, 1981: 143)

“Our response in faith and obedience is a response to the Response already made for us by Christ...”. (Torrance, 1981: 141).