## VISIONS OF GOD And ideas on deification in patristic thought

Visions of God and Ideas on Deification in Patristic Thought illustrates the complexity and variety of early Christian thought on the subject of the image of God as a theological concept, and the difficulties that arise in the interpretations of particular authors who gave a cardinal place to the image of God in their expositions of Christian doctrine. The first part of this volume illustrates both the presence and the absence of the image of God in the earliest Christian literature; the second examines various studies in deification, both implicit and explicit; and the third explores the relationship between iconography and the theological notion of the image.

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