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### Paul's Vision of Oneness in the Living Christ Zondervan

There are only two paths: Freedom or Slavery Spirit or Flesh Faith or Law Blessing or Cursing Life or Death Which path are you on? This is Paul's argument in the first letter he ever wrote under the Spirit's inspiration. He wants his readers--then and now--to live in the path of freedom and life. The Galatians had traded salvation by grace alone through faith alone for a ""gospel"" of works of Law. Paul has some seemingly harsh words for them, because to replace grace with anything else is to destroy the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

### **On Marxism and Theology, II** InterVarsity Press

THIS COMPREHENSIVE, WIDELY USED TEXT by Michael Gorman presents a theologically focused, historically grounded interpretation of the apostle Paul and raises significant questions for engaging Paul today. After providing substantial background information on Paul's world, career, letters, gospel, spirituality, and theology, Gorman covers in full detail each of the thirteen Pauline epistles. Enhancing the text are questions for reflection and discussion at the end of each chapter as well as numerous photos, maps, and tables throughout. The new introduction in this second edition helpfully situates the book within current approaches to Paul. Gorman also brings the conversation up-to-date with major recent developments in Pauline studies and devotes greater attention to themes of participation, transformation, resurrection, justice, and peace.

### *Galatians* Mohr Siebeck

Oakes and Boakye rethink Galatians by examining the text as a vision for the lives of its hearers. They show how, in tackling the difficulties that he faces in Galatia, Paul offers a vision of what the Galatians are in their relationship with the living Christ. This offers a new understanding of the concept of unity in diversity expressed in Gal 3:28. The authors develop their views over six chapters. First, Oakes maps a route from the letter to a focus on its Galatian hearers and on Paul's vision for their identity and existence. In the next chapter, Oakes uses the Christology of

Galatians as a way to support the idea of *pistis* as current relationship with the living Christ. Boakye then offers three chapters analysing the letter's scriptural quotations and ideas about salvation and law. Boakye sees a key dynamic at work in Galatians as being a movement from death to life, as prophesied metaphorically by Ezekiel and as made literal for Paul in his encounter with the resurrected Christ, trust in whom becomes the route to life. Life becomes a key category for evaluating law. Boakye also draws Galatians close to Romans 4 in seeing in both texts the promise of the birth of Isaac, with Paul closely tying that to the resurrection of Jesus. Oakes then argues that the letter has a thematic concern for unity in diversity. In the first instance this is between Jews and gentiles but, in principle, it is between any other socially significant pair of groups.

### Acts and the Epistles Mohr Siebeck

As the early church took shape in the mid-first century, a theological struggle of great consequence was joined between the apostle Paul and certain theologians who had intruded into the churches founded by the apostle in Galatia. This letter is one of Paul's contributions to that struggle.

### Without Absolutes, God Is Not God Lulu.com

Paul's letters are of crucial importance for Christian theology and church life. The way in which the apostle Paul critically reflected on the meaning of the gospel message in light of Scripture, the traditions, ethics and Christian faith and hope, has had a significant and lasting impact on the Lutheran tradition. In this publication, the fourth and final in a series of LWF publications on biblical hermeneutics, renowned international scholars from the fields of biblical studies and systematic theology reevaluate to what extent twenty-first-century Lutherans can rediscover the Pauline paradigm of the "power of the Gospel" and hereby overcome ambiguous perceptions of the so-called "Lutheran reading(s)" of Paul. [Paulinische Hermeneutik. Die "Kraft des Evangeliums" erforschen] Die Briefe des Paulus haben eine grundlegende Bedeutung für die christliche Theologie. Besonders die lutherischen Kirchen sind dauerhaft davon geprägt, wie Paulus als Apostel die Bedeutung des "Evangeliums" im Lichte der Auslegung von Schrift und Tradition sowie der Konzeption frühchristlicher Ethik und der Explikation von Hoffnung und

Glaube herausgearbeitet und interpretiert hat. Die vorliegende Anthologie schließt einer Folge von vier LWB Publikationen zur biblischen Hermeneutik ab. International renommierte Bibelwissenschaftler und Systematische Theologen diskutieren, in welcher Weise lutherische Theologie im 21. Jahrhundert das paulinische Konzept von der "Kraft des Evangeliums" so wiederentdecken kann, dass ambivalente Vorstellungen von der sog. "Lutherischen Paulusperspektive" neu überdacht und überwunden werden können.

### *Abrahamic Descent, Testamentary Adoption, and the Law in Galatians* Living Stream Ministry

Migration is an issue that is under discussion worldwide and affects South Africa, the United States of America and Germany in a distinctive way. This book reflects academically on this significant and topical subject of migration from the often neglected perspective of the fields of theology and Christian ethics. While the majority of contributions are from the South African context, there are also chapters reflecting on the topic from the other two aforementioned contexts. While numerous publications have recently appeared on the subject, reflection from theology and Christian ethics are often lacking. As such, this scholarly publication wants to add ethical value to the local and global conversations on the theme from a theological perspective. The book reflects on migration from the perspectives originated in the disciplines of biblical studies (the Hebrew Bible and the New Testament), systematic theology, ecumenical studies, Christian ethics, practical theology, and missiology. It presents new and innovative inquiries primarily from a qualitative methodological viewpoint. The book unveils new themes for deliberation and provides novel interpretations and insights into existing research.

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### The Epistle of Paul the Apostle to The Romans Canongate Books

### **Rethinking Galatians** Lulu.com

Criticism of Religion offers a spirited critical commentary on the engagements with religion and theology by a range of leading Marxist philosophers and critics: Lucien Goldmann, Fredric Jameson, Rosa Luxemburg, Karl Kautsky, Julia Kristeva, Alain Badiou, Giorgio Agamben, Georg Lukács, and Raymond Williams. Apart from offering sustained critique, the aim is to gather key

insights from these critics in order to develop a comprehensive theory of religion. The book follows on the heels of the acclaimed *Criticism of Heaven*, being the second volume of a five volume series called *Criticism of Heaven and Earth*.

**Romans: Theological Masterpiece (Volume 2)** BRILL

Focusing on Paul's own statement about the Galatian crisis, Yon Kwon demonstrates that the letter is Paul's pastoral engagement with the backsliding Galatians rather than his theological altercation with his opponents, Paul deals with the crisis in Galatia by reminding the Galatians of the implications of their present deviation for their future - the 'not yet'-, instead of affirming the blessings already realized in Christ - the 'already'.

*On the Christianity of Theology* New Leaf Publishing Group

The fruit of decades of research, the picture of Paul that Martyn paints in this major work is arresting: both horrified and thankful to find in the crucifixion of God's Christ the death of the old cosmos and the birth of the new one, Paul was able to pre  
*Paul's Negotiation of Abraham in Galatians 3 in the Jewish Context* Canongate Books

In this volume, Bradley Trick argues that Hellenistic testamentary adoption provides the key to understanding Abrahamic descent and its implications for the law in Galatians.

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**Gospel-Rooted Living** Abingdon Press

In his letter to the Galatians, the apostle Paul makes his most passionate and direct appeal for a gospel free of ethnic or ritual exclusion. Alan Cole illuminates the potency and power of Paul's message to the Galatian church.

**Discovering Christ's Song in Our Worship** Wipf and Stock Publishers

Homiletics is taking a theological turn. But what does the preaching task look like if we think of it not so much as a mastery

of technique, but an exercise in theological method? Homiletical Theology in Action: The Unfinished Theological Task of Preaching tries to envision the work of homiletics as theological in root and branch. By placing theological questions at the center of the process, the authors, some of the leading lights of the field of homiletics, try to show how their work as preachers and homileticians is a thoroughgoing theological activity. By beginning with troublesome texts and problematic doctrines, they seek to show how preachers and homileticians engage in theology, not as consumers, but as producers--and in the thick of the kinds of questions that preachers have to ask. Practitioners and theological educators alike will catch a glimpse of how they too are residential theologians in their own preaching praxis.

**Law and Life** Lulu.com

Absolutes As a Christian it is foundational, I believe, to hold to absolutes. For example; a Christian should have absolutes about God's ontology (the principle of being), absolutes about theology (the study of God), absolutes about Christology (the study of Christ) and absolutes about pneumatology (the study of the Holy Spirit). Each of the foregoing absolutes, I believe, impact upon how one constructs a world view and how one considers the wider implications of God's kingdom work; hence, why I have titled this collection of essays Without absolutes, God is not God. I guess the reader will be asking him or herself why is there a requirement to hold to absolutes. The need for absolutes is not complex. In reality the argument determines whether one is a believer or non-believer in the triune God. A believer will weigh whether God revelationally speaks into this world generally and specifically. A non-believer will object to such a proposition and as a consequence leave him or herself open to other belief systems. To perhaps put it another way a non-believer is faced with the choice of deciding whether God is a reality or whether God is a creation of human imagination. Decision making, then, is crucial when accepting the triune God and his work. Does one make a decision to believe in God empirically or does one make a decision to believe in God from a position of faith? It is my view that God cannot be known empirically (i.e. by trial or experience) but rather he can only be known by faith. However, it depends on how we define faith. Those who accept other belief systems would argue that they too have a faith or a belief in some god or person. In the Christian context, however, faith is an action based on the

accepted evidence. In other words if one accepts that the written word of God is substantially true (2 Peter 1:20-21) and that the Word of God (Jesus of Nazareth) is who he is recorded as being or is who he claims to be (John 1:1-5; 14:6-7) then faith is given substance. But I would go further and argue that authentic faith is derived from a spiritual encounter with God which then enables the recipients faith response to be one which is prompted or ignited by God. My argument is supported from Scripture (1 Corinthians 12:9; Ephesians 2:8-9) and from personal experience. Both of the foregoing references I suggest argue that faith is a gift which has its origin in God. Hence, faith is not only prompted by God but also sustained by him. The analysis of such faith is that it is revelatory and constitutes an utter reliance on who God is and why he exists. Revelatory Faith Evangelicals argue that faith is a gift from God. However, this argument is treated with caution by others. Existentialism suggests that faith is made possible and so granted, by the gracious approach and self-disclosure of being . Interestingly, at this point, there is no great variance between the latter perspective and Martin Luther who argued that faith originates with, or is at least aroused, by God. Contemplating the third article of the Apostles Creed, he wrote: I believe that I cannot of my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him. But the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. Modernists, also argue that faith constitutes a persons response, but only after having been drawn to God's work of salvation. This argument suggests faith to be an a priori act of God, an act that prompts recognition that in the Christ, God is endeavouring to share his own life. This arousal of faith, then, affects worship, praise and prayer and the practise of Christian discipleship. The same argument suggests, further, that the prior love of God and the response of love that it generates are what shape a persons Christian faith. Biblical support for these theological reflections is found in Ephesians

**The Unfinished Theological Task of Preaching** Inspiration Speaks

This all-in-one commentary bundle on the book of Galatians features volumes from the NIV Application Commentary Series, Zondervan Exegetical Commentary Series, and Expositor's Bible Commentary Series. Each volume provides new and unique insights from leading biblical scholars Scot McKnight, Thomas

Schreiner, and Robert Rapa. The unique features from each volume along with the diverse insights provided by the authors gives you all the tools you need to study and master the book of Galatians.

#### Discipleship Lessons A&C Black

The Collected Works of Witness Lee, 1972, volume 3, contains messages given by Brother Witness Lee from July 3, 1972, through January 1, 1973. During the first two weeks of July, Brother Lee ministered in Chicago, Illinois. From July 21 through August 13 he was in Los Angeles, where he spoke the messages on the kingdom published in The Collected Works of Witness Lee, 1972, volume 2. From late August through the middle of October Brother Lee traveled up the West Coast, visiting San Francisco and San Jose, California; Seattle, Washington; and Portland, Oregon. There is no record of his speaking in these cities. From the middle of October through the first week in November he traveled to Seoul, Korea, and Taiwan. The only record of his speaking is in Taipei, Taiwan. After returning from Taipei, Brother Lee visited San Diego, California; Denver, Colorado; Indianapolis, Indiana; Akron, Ohio; Arlington, Texas; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Atlanta, Georgia; New Orleans, Louisiana; and Phoenix, Arizona, before returning to Los Angeles in the middle of December. He visited San Francisco at the end of the year. The contents of this volume are divided into eleven sections, as follows: 1. Thirteen messages given in Chicago, Illinois, from July 3 through 9. These messages are included in this volume under the title Life and Building in the Bible. 2. Eight messages given in Taipei, Taiwan, from October 29 through November 5. They were previously published in a book entitled The Consummation of God's Salvation. 3. Five messages given in San Diego, California, from November 10 through 12. These messages are published in this volume under the title Enjoying the Riches of Christ to Become the Church as the Fullness of God. 4. Five messages given in Denver, Colorado, from November 17 through 19. These messages are included in this volume under the title Enjoying Christ as the Life-giving Spirit for the Building Up of the Church. 5. Six messages given in Akron, Ohio, on November 25 and 26. The first four messages were recorded in handwritten notes. These messages are included in this volume under the title The Recovery of Enjoying Christ with His Riches for the Producing of

the Church and the Keeping of the Oneness of the Spirit. 6. Five messages given in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, from December 1 through 3. They are published in this volume under the title The Recovery of Eating and Enjoying Christ for God's Building. 7. Five messages given in Atlanta, Georgia, from December 5 through 7. These messages are included in this volume under the title The Christian Life and the Church Life in Galatians and Ephesians. 8. Five messages given in New Orleans, Louisiana, from December 8 through 10. The record for the first four messages consists of handwritten notes. These messages are included in this volume under the title Eating Christ for the Building Up of the Church as His Body. 9. One message given in Los Angeles, California, on December 17. This message was previously published in The Ministry magazine, volume 2, number 8, August/September 1998, in a chapter entitled "Migration in God's Move." 10. Eight messages given in Los Angeles, California, from December 22 through 25. These messages were previously published in a book entitled The Greatest Prophecy in the Bible and Its Fulfillment. 11. Six messages given in San Francisco, California, from December 29, 1972, through January 1, 1973. They were previously published in a book entitled Enjoying Christ as the All-inclusive Spirit for the Practical, Genuine, and Real Church Life.

#### **Galatians: Rescued** Baker Books

Paul was the most influential figure in the early Christian church. In this epistle, written to the founders of the church in Rome, he sets out some of his ideas on the importance of faith in overcoming mankind's innate sinfulness and in obtaining redemption. With an introduction by Ruth Rendell

#### **The Epistle of Paul the Apostle to The Romans** Canongate Books

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#### **An Anthology of Reflections** InterVarsity Press

Galatians shines as Paul's foundational exposition of core Christianity. It's amazing how many so-called Christians don't really "get it." They think that the basis of Christianity is living a good moral life and doing good works. And - so long as you don't mess up your life entirely - you'll end up in heaven. And, oh yes, Jesus died for our sins, whatever that means. Paul's Letter to the Galatians deals with this kind of shallow understanding head-on. He had won the Galatians to Christ. But now some Jewish-Christians had begun to convince these Gentile believers that they couldn't be saved unless they were circumcised and kept the Mosaic Law. The new Christians were about to go backwards - from faith in Christ to faith in law-keeping - and Paul is adamant that this is a fall from grace. As you study Galatians, you'll begin to grasp the core of the gospel that helped Martin Luther to the conviction that we are saved by faith alone. You'll also learn to walk by the Spirit and bear the fruit of the Spirit in your character. This volume explores Galatians in 9 lessons. Thought-provoking discussion questions make it a useful tool for personal enrichment, small groups, and classes. Extensive footnotes assist teachers and preachers with background research for sermon preparation.

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