

## Paul And The Faithfulness Of God

Paul and the Gift transformed the landscape of Pauline studies upon its publication in 2015. In it, John Barclay led readers through a recontextualized analysis of grace and interrogated Paul ’ s original meaning in declaring it a “ free gift ” from God, revealing grace as a multifaceted concept that is socially radical and unconditional—even if not unconditional. Paul and the Power of Grace offers all of the most significant contributions from Paul and the Gift in a package several hundred pages shorter and more accessible. Additionally, Barclay adds further analysis of the theme of gift and grace in Paul ’ s other letters—besides just Romans and Galatians—and explores contemporary implications for this new view of grace.

John Barclay explores Pauline theology anew from the perspective of grace. Arguing that Paul’s theology of grace is best approached in light of ancient notions of “gift,” Barclay describes Paul’s relationship to Judaism in a fresh way. Barclay focuses on divine gift-giving, which for Paul, he says, is focused and fulfilled in the gift of Christ. He both offers a new appraisal of Paul’s theology of the Christ-event as gift as it comes to expression in Galatians and Romans and presents a nuanced and detailed consideration of the history of reception of Paul, including Augustine, Luther, Calvin, and Barth.

A renowned scholar calls for a change of direction for the study of Jesus in the 21st century.

The pistis Christou construction in Paul’s letters has ignited heated debates among Pauline scholars and theologians. On the one side, some claim that the phrase denotes human faith placed in Christ. Others, however, contend that pistis Christou in Paul alludes to the faithfulness of Christ himself, with Christ’s pistis chiefly demonstrated in his willingness to suffer and die upon the cross. Yet both sides of this debate overlook Paul’s emphasis on the faithfulness and continuing work of the risen and exalted Christ. In The Faithfulness of the Risen Christ, David J. Downs and Benjamin J. Lappenga focus upon the resurrection and exaltation of Jesus in their discussion of pistis Christou. They claim that when Paul writes of Christ’s pistis, he refers to the faithfulness of the risen and exalted Christ. Downs and Lappenga carefully survey Paul’s use of pistis in Philippians, the Corinthian letters, Galatians, Romans, and Ephesians, revealing how pistis epitomizes the risen Christ’s continuing faithfulness toward all those who participate in him by pistis. Downs and Lappenga effectively reframe any future consideration of the pistis Christou construction for both New

Testament scholars and theologians by showing that the story of Jesus in the letters of Paul extends to the faithfulness of the exalted Christ Jesus, who will remain faithful to those justified through union with Christ.

Paul and the faithfulness of God

Essays on Paul, 1978-2013

The Lost Message of Paul

An Epistolary Biography

What the Quest for the Historical Jesus Missed

Christian origins and the question of God. Parts I and II.

Reconstruction of the life of St Paul, paints a picture of the world in which he preached his revolutionary message and explains the significance of his lasting impact

A revised version of his 1978 book published by Kingsway, expounding Tom Wright’s view of ‘Biblical Christianity.’ Short chapters written in an accessible and popular style explore key issues of belief and their practical outworking in daily life. Anecdotes and reflections backed by Tom Wright’s deep biblical knowledge are presented in an easy-to-read style. The book has been updated and also has a new foreword by the author.

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

A dynamic reading of Paul’s faith language, outlining its subtle nuances as belief, trust, and faithfulness. Faith language permeates the letters of Paul. Yet, its exact meaning is not always clear. Many today, reflecting centuries of interpretation, consider belief in Jesus to be a passive act. In this important book, Nijay Gupta challenges common interpretations of Paul and calls for a reexamination of Paul’s faith language. Gupta argues that Paul’s faith language resonates with a Jewish understanding of covenant involving goodwill, trust, and expectation. Paul’s understanding of faith involves the transformation of one’s perception of God and the world through Christ, relational dependence on God, and active loyalty to Christ. Pastors and scholars alike will benefit from this close examination of Paul’s understanding and use of faith language. For Gupta, Paul’s understanding involves a divine-human relationship centered on Christ that believes, trusts, and obeys.

A Reader’s Guide to Paul and the Faithfulness of God

Has the Church misunderstood the Apostle Paul?

Small Faith, Great God

Paul and the Power of Grace

Reinventing Paul

The Faithfulness of the Risen Christ

***Ranks the Apostle Paul as “one of the most powerful and seminal minds of the first or any century,” and argues that we can now sketch with confidence a new and more nuanced picture of Paul and the radical way in which his encounter with Jesus redefined his life, his mission and his expectations for a world made new in Christ. Reprint.***

***In this important study Hays argues against the mainstream that any attempt to account for the nature and method of Paul’s theological language must first reckon with the centrality of narrative elements in his thought. Through an in-depth investigation of Galatians 3:1-4:11, Hays shows that the framework of Paul’s thought is neither a system of doctrines nor his personal religious experience but the “sacred story” of Jesus Christ.***

***Besides Jesus, no one has kept me from despair, or taken me deeper into the mysteries of the gospel, than the apostle Paul.”—John Piper***
*No one has had a greater impact on the world for eternal good than the apostle Paul—except Jesus himself. For John Piper, this impact is very personal. He does not just admire and trust Paul. He loves him. Piper gives us thirty glimpses into why his heart and mind respond this way. Can a Christian-killer really endure 185 lashes from a heart of love? Can a mystic who thinks he was caught up into heaven be a model of lucid rationality? Can an ethnocentric Jew write the most beautiful call to reconciliation? Can a person who lives with the unceasing anguish of empathy be always rejoicing? Can a man’s description of the horrors of human sin be exceeded by his delight in human splendor? Can a man with a backbone of steel be as tender as a nursing mother? If we know this man—if we see what Piper sees—we too will love him. Paul’s testimony is a matter of life and death. Piper invites you into his relationship with Paul in the hope that you will know life, forever.*

***In an ever-changing world, how can a Christian remain faithful to Jesus Christ? The Christians of Colossae faced the same question, and Apostle Paul helped them know the answers and keep the faith they had received. Rev. Tasler helps modern disciples understand Paul’s letter from prison that shows the Colossians how to stay faithful to the Gospel in all circumstances. Devious teachers had added false teachings to the Gospel. Paul urged them to remain faithful to Christ, despite what others might try to teach them. This twelve session Bible Study will apply Paul’s teachings to modern life, strengthening our faith and helping us remain faithful to our Lord.***

A Biography

Paul and the Faithfulness of God: pt. 4. Paul in history

Christian Origins and the Question of God

The Apostle Paul and His Letters

Paul and the Language of Faith

30 Reasons

Experience Paul’s world-changing writings in the full, chronological context of his life story—from Pharisee and persecutor of the church to the most influential defender of the gospel of Jesus Christ. “Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ. . . .” So goes Paul’s typical introduction, a modest title for one of Christianity’s most authoritative figures. Unique among the apostles, Paul was well-educated and well-respected in the Jewish community of the day. His story is one of dramatic conversion and passionate instruction. His life’s work was becoming a servant of Jesus Christ. From pastor and teacher Dr. John MacArthur, *One Faithful Life is the first-of-its-kind harmony of Paul’s message and life. As with One Perfect Life—which weaved the Gospels into the seamless narrative of Jesus’ life—One Faithful Life walks us chronologically through the biblical ministry of Paul, tying together background information from the Gospels, the book of Acts, and Paul’s epistles to the growing movement of Christ-followers. In this comprehensive storyline of the Apostle Paul’s life, you’ll find: Verse-by-verse explanations and section introductions from one of the most respected pastor-teachers of our time Introductory commentary of the major themes and purpose of each of Paul’s letters A fresh perspective on the enduring truths of the gospel message*

***This companion volume to Paul and the Faithfulness of God and Paul and His Recent Interpreters brings together N. T. Wright’s most important articles on Paul and his letters over the last three decades. The book begins with Wright’s auspicious essay of 1978, when as a young, aspiring scholar he gave the annual Tyndale lecture in Cambridge, and proposed, for the first time, “a new perspective” on Pauline theology. The book ends with an expanded version of a paper he gave in Leuven in 2012, when as a seasoned scholar at the height of his powers, he explored the foundational role of Abraham in Romans and Galatians.***

***The church has received a great gift, a fresh vision of Paul’s theology given to us by N. T. Wright, the prominent New Testament scholar of our generation. This gift is in the form of a massive two-volume book, the result of forty years of research, writing, and wrestling with central themes of the Christian faith. While Wright’s work is a gift, it may be a bit daunting for the majority of Christians to read. In this helpful reader’s guide, Derek Vreeland sums up the primary arguments and conclusions from N. T. Wright by creating a readable roadmap to help you navigate through Wright’s big book on Paul’s theology. Using this reader’s guide prayerfully will open your eyes to see new things in the ancient writings of Paul, things which will cause your faith to grow and the church to be strengthened.Wright has interpreted Paul for us; let this book sum up Wright for you.What people are saying about Through the Eyes of N. T. Wright:“...Derek Vreeland has given us a gift. As a pastor and a scholar, Vreeland has carefully worked his way through Wright’s magnum opus and synopsisized it in a clear and readable way. Employing precise yet jargon-free language, Vreeland has given us a gateway into Wright’s world, a world where the stunning faithfulness of God is revealed in Jesus Christ.”– GLENN PACKIAM, Lead Pastor, New Life Downtown, Colorado Springs, Colorado “The best result of Derek Vreeland’s summaries of the magisterial work of N. T. Wright, Paul and the Faithfulness of God, will be when readers read Derek with a view to dipping here and there for long spells in Wright’s own book. Wright’s book on Paul is very, very long – and probably too long for many who most need it – but the prose is accessible and the insights remarkable so this summary of Paul and the Faithfulness of God will open up the fullness of this new vision of the apostle Paul. I commend Derek’s work because I commend Wright’s work.”– SCOT MCKNIGHT, Professor of New Testament, Northern Seminary, Lombard, Illinois“Derek Vreeland’s reader’s guide is an excellent distillation of Paul and the Faithfulness of God and thus a true gift.”– BRIAN ZAHND, Lead Pastor, Word of Life Church, St. Joseph, Missouri “N. T. Wright’s two-volume work on Paul is nothing less than mountainous–hugely formidable and intimidating. So, even those already familiar with Wrightian terrain can be glad for a guide, especially one as capable as Derek Vreeland. In this introduction, Vreeland thankfully does not restate Wright in simpler, briefer terms; instead, he identifies decisive concepts and themes and explains in his own words their significance for Wright’s larger project. The result is a work that not only provides access to the height, depth, and width of Wright’s work on Paul, but also draws us into fresh engagements with the sacred Scriptures themselves.”– CHRIS GREEN, Assistant Professor of Theology, Pentecostal Seminary, Cleveland, Tennessee “I often ask my friends what theologians will be remembered, 500 years from now, as the dominant voices of our era. I am convinced that N. T. Wright will stand at the top of that list. Whether you agree with him, or disagree, his influence is difficult to challenge. In this concise book, my friend Derek Vreeland has provided a genuine resource to help today’s church parse the words and theology of Wright. Even though I generally love Wright’s teaching, I do find a few areas of disagreement with his view of Pauline theology. Regardless, even in disagreement, the study of Wright is vital for all contemporary theologians and Vreeland has done the church a service by making Wright’s theology more accessible for every believer. You should read this book.” – MICAH FRISB, Vice President of LifeWay Research, LifeWay Christian Resources, Nashville, Tennessee***

***This companion volume to N. T. Wright’s Paul and the Faithfulness of God and Pauline Perspectives is essential reading for all with a serious interest in Paul, the interpretation of his letters, his appropriation by subsequent thinkers, and his continuing significance today. In the course of this masterly survey, Wright asks searching questions of all of the major contributors to Pauline studies since the Enlightenment.***

A Harmony of the Life and Letters of Paul

In Fresh Perspective

Paul and His Recent Interpreters

The Acts of the Apostles

Justification

The Gift of the New Realm in Christ

All historical work on Paul presupposes a story concerning the composition of his letters -- which ones he actually wrote, how many pieces they might originally have consisted of, when he wrote them, where from, and why. But the answers given to these questions are often derived in dubious ways. In Framing Paul Douglas Campbell reappraises all these issues in rigorous fashion, appealing only to Paul’s own epistolary data in order to derive a basic “frame” for the letters on which all subsequent interpretation can be built. Though figuring out the authorship and order of Paul’s letters has been thought to be impossible, Campbell’s Framing Paul presents a cogent solution to the puzzle.

***With a scholar’s mind and a pastor’s heart, Tom Wright walks you through Romans in this guide designed especially with everyday readers in mind. Perfect for group use or daily personal reflection, this study uses the popular inductive method combined with Wright’s thoughtful insights to bring contemporary application of Scripture to life.***

***N. T. Wright offers a comprehensive account and defense of his perspective on the crucial doctrine of justification. Along the way Wright responds to critics, such as John Piper, who have challenged what has come to be called the New Perspective. Ultimately, he provides a chance for those in the middle of and on both sides of the debate to interact directly with his views and form their own conclusions.***

***‘The Apostle Paul and His Letters’ presents a detailed examination of the apostle’s seminal writings in the Book of Acts. Paul was writing primarily to converts who had joined church communities only recently, mostly forsaking either Judaism or paganism. Paul’s emphases on faithfulness toward God, the faithfulness of Jesus, and his moral teachings are always primary themes. The book discusses a range of topics: the circumstances that led Paul to write each letter; Paul’s emphasis on the morality of the believers to whom he was writing; the influence of Old Testament, Qumran, and pagan writings on Paul’s own; the intellectual and cultural context of the time; and how careful attention to Paul’s language can shed light on his meaning. This book is written for a wide range of interested readers, including students, pastors, church workers and others interested in learning about Paul as a person and his work.***

Faith and the Exalted Lord in the Pauline Letters

Reading from the Perspective of the Last Judgment

The Original Message of a Misunderstood Apostle

Framing Paul

Paul Was Not a Christian

God’s Plan Paul’s Vision

Through an exhaustive analysis of Paul’s letters to the Galatians and the Roman, illuminating answers are given to the key questions about the teachings of Paul.

Pamela Eisenbaum, an expert on early Christianity, reveals the true nature of the historical Paul in Paul Was Not a Christian. She explores the idea of Paul not as the founder of a new Christian religion, but as a devout Jew who believed Jesus was the Christ who would unite Jews and Gentiles and fulfill God’s universal plan for humanity.

Eisenbaum’s work in Paul Was Not a Christian will have a profound impact on the way many Christians approach evangelism and how to better follow Jesus’s—and Paul’s—teachings on how to live faithfully today.

Under the guidance of one of the world’s leading New Testament scholars, you and your small group will here discover that the bizarre images of Revelation conceal one of Scripture’s clearest and most dramatic visions of God’s plan for creation.

We have misunderstood Paul, badly. We have read his words through our own set of assumptions. We need to begin with Paul’s world view, to see things the way he saw them. • What if ‘original sin’ was never part of Paul’s thinking? • What if the idea that we are saved by faith in Christ, as Luther argued, was based on a mistranslation of Paul’s words and a misunderstanding of Paul’s thinking? ‘Over the centuries,’ writes Steve Chalke, ‘the Church has repeatedly failed to communicate, or even understand, the core of Paul’s message. Although Paul has often been presented as the champion of exclusion, he was the very opposite. He was the great includer.’ Steve Chalke MBE is a Baptist minister, founder and leader of the Oasis Charitable Trust, and author of more than 50 books.

The Paul Debate

Critical Questions For Understanding The Apostle

Romans

Why I Love the Apostle Paul

Paul

Through the Eyes of N. T. Wright

N. T. Wright’s magnum opus Paul and the Faithfulness of God is a landmark study on the history and thought of the apostle Paul. This volume brings together a stellar group of international scholars to critically assess an array of issues in Wright’s work. Essays in Part I set Wright in the context of other Pauline theologies. Part II addresses methodological issues in Wright’s approach, including critical realism, historiography, intertextuality, and narrative. In Part III on context, scholars measure Wright’ representation of early Judaism, Greek philosophy, paganism, and the Roman Empire. Part IV turns to Wright’s exegetical decisions regarding law, covenant, and election, the “New Perspective,” justification and redemption, Christology, Spirit, eschatology, and ethics. Part V at last speaks to the implications of Wright’s work for the church’s theology, sacraments, and mission, and for global responsibility in a “postmodern” age. The volume includes a critical response from Wright himself.

This major contribution to Pauline scholarship by a widely-respected New Testament scholar is the culmination of over forty years of teaching on Paul. Brendan Byrne demonstrates that topics often discussed in Pauline studies and Christian theology go astray when the significance of the last judgment falls from view. Offering a fresh Catholic perspective that engages with centuries of Protestant interpretation, this book recaptures the significance of the motif of the last judgment for the interpretation of Paul.

Acts is the sequel to Luke’s gospel and tells the story of Jesus’s followers during the 30 years after his death. It describes how the 12 apostles, formerly Jesus’s disciples, spread the message of Christianity throughout the Mediterranean against a background of persecution. With an introduction by P. D. James

A landmark study of the apostle’s writings by one of the world’s leading Pauline scholars Winner of the 2022 ECPA Christian Book Award for Bible Reference Works This highly anticipated volume gives pastors, scholars, and all serious students of the New Testament exactly what they need for in-depth study and engagement with one of Christian history’s most formative thinkers and writers. A Theology of Paul and His Letters is a landmark study of the apostle’s writings by one of the world’s leading Pauline scholars Douglas J. Moo. Fifteen years in the making, this groundbreaking work is organized into three major sections: Part 1 provides an overview of the issues involved in doing biblical theology in general and a Pauline theology in particular. Here Moo also sets out the methodological issues, formative influences, and conceptual categories of Paul’s thought. Part 2 moves on to Paul’s New Testament writings, where Moo describes each Pauline letter with particular relevance to its theology. Part 3 offers a masterful synthesis of Paul’s theology under the overarching theme of the gift of the new realm in Christ. Engaging, insightful, and wise, this substantive, evangelical treatment of Paul’s theology offers extensive engagement with the latest Pauline scholarship without sacrificing its readability. This volume brings insights from over thirty years of experience studying, teaching, and writing about Paul into one comprehensive guide that will serve readers as a go-to resource for decades to come. ABOUT THE SERIES: The Biblical Theology of the New Testament (BNTN) series provides upper college and seminary-level textbooks for students of New Testament theology, interpretation, and exegesis. Pastors and discerning theology readers alike will also benefit from this series. Written at the highest level of academic excellence by recognized experts in the field, the BNTN series not only offers a comprehensive exploration of the theology of every book of the New Testament, including introductory issues and major themes, but also shows how each book relates to the broad picture of New Testament Theology.

Paul and the Gift

One Faithful Life

Paul’s Divine Christology

The Faithful Disciple

The Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the Romans

Paul and the Economy of Salvation

“This text [v. 4] is printed in two book sections: First book comprises Parts I and II and frontmatter. Second book has Parts III and IV plus bibliography and indices. This highly anticipated two-book fourth volume in N. T. Wrights magisterial series, Christian Origins and the Question of God, is destined to become the standard reference point of the Bible and theology. The mature summation of a lifetimes study, this landmark book pays a rich tribute to the breadth and depth of the apostles life, and offers an unparalleled wealth of detailed insights into his life, times, and enduring impact. Wright carefully explores the whole context of Paul’s thought and activity–Jewish, Greek, religious, and imperial–and shows how the apostles worldview and theology enabled him to engage with the many-sided complexities of first-century life that his churches were facing. Wright also provides close and illuminating readings of the letters and other primary sources, along with critical insights into the major twists and turns of secondary literature. The result is a rounded and profoundly compelling account of the man who became the worlds first, and greatest, Christian theologian” -- Publisher description.

This first volume in the series Christian Origins and the Question of God provides a historical, theological, and literary study of first-century Judaism and Christianity. Wright offers a preliminary discussion of the meaning of the word god within those cultures, as he explores the ways in which developing an understanding of those first-century world.

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N. T. Wrights magnum opus Paul and the Faithfulness of God is a landmark study on the history and thought of the apostle Paul. Here international scholars critically weigh and assess an array of issues in Wrights work, including exegetical, historical, and theological method, contexts of first-century Judaism and Christianity, Wrights construction of Paul, apocalypticism, paganism, and the Roman Empire, and consequences for theology and interfaith relations today. The volume includes Wrights response.

A Bible Study Based on the Letter of Paul to the Colossians

The Theology of Paul the Apostle

Revelation

Paul and the Faithfulness of God

The Narrative Substructure of Galatians 3.1-4.11

God and the Faithfulness of Paul

***In the last two decades N. T. Wright has produced a succession of connected volumes that explore the nature and origins of Christianity. Wright has consistently argued that Christianity, while indebted to Second Temple Judaism, represents a significant development. With major books on method and background, Jesus, and the resurrection already in print, in Paul and the Faithfulness of God, Wright added a comprehensive study of the Apostle to the Gentiles. The Paul Debate is essential reading for those who both agree and disagree with Wright, and for all who want to understand the compelling voice of one of the most read and productive Pauline scholars in the past decades.***

***Using Paul’s letter to the Romans as the foundation for his monumental study of Paul’s theology, James D. G. Dunn describes Paul’s teaching on God, sin, humankind, Christology, salvation, the church, and the nature of the Christian life.***

A New Perspective on Jesus

Pauline Perspectives

The Faith of Jesus Christ

A Theology of Paul and His Letters

Christian origins and the question of God. Parts III and IV.