

FHS 3: INTRODUCTION TO PAULINE LITERATURE

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Paul's Opponents and Champions

1. Paul's legacy

Toledot Yeshu (Paul responsible for the establishment of Christianity at the instigation of the rabbis)

Wrede: Paul as the "second founder of Christianity"

For: pervasive presence of Paul in the NT; converts and distance travelled; impact on Gentiles and Christianity as a "Gentile religion"; separation from Peter and other apostles

Against: Christians in Antioch, Rome and Africa; much of NT isn't "Pauline"; agreements with Peter and other apostles; Paul's gospel

Badiou and Žižek: creator not only of Christianity, but also of Christ

2. Second Century

2 Peter 3.16

Ignatius? Polycarp? Papias?

Marcion and Valentinus (Harnack and Vinzent)

Kerygmata Petrou/Clementine Homilies

Irenaeus and Tertullian

Acts of Paul and Thecla

2. Other Legacy

Augustine

Gregory of Nyssa

Luther and Calvin

John Wesley

Legacy: letters vs interpretation

3. Revisiting the Significance of Canonical Status

Paul's writings as "Scripture"

4. More recent champions of Paul

Jewish perspectives on Paul (Segal, Boyarin, Nanos)

Feminist perspectives on Paul (Schlösser Fiorenza, Wire, Castelli)

5. A Review of Paul

Workshopping potential exam questions

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