

The Paul Debate: Critical Questions for Understanding the Apostle. By N. T. Wright. Waco, TX: Baylor University, 2015. Pp. xi + 110. \$34.95.

This short monograph is Wright's response to reviews of his lengthy study *Paul and the Faithfulness of God* (2013). Although W. does not respond to specific scholars by name, "[t]he chapters of this book are steeped in and shaped by the reviews" (ix). The author's approach is to focus on specific points and arguments that have been contested, and to set them forth in a coherent presentation.

W.'s work is divided into five chapters. Chapter 1 takes up the issue of the background and coherence of Paul's theology. W. contends that the apostle, in light of the Christ event, expounds its significance in terms of the most basic and pressing of Jewish questions (Who is God? Who are God's people? What is their future?). Chapter 2 argues for Paul's robust high Christology and explains that he came to articulate a portrait of Jesus that configured Jewish Scriptures and traditions in a new way, one catalyzed by the surprising revelation of a crucified-and-risen Messiah. Chapter 3 maintains that Paul's theological vision contains both covenantal theology and apocalyptic elements, while in chapter 4 W. presents his understanding of justification by faith as referring primarily to the ingathering of Gentiles into God's people, as well as to the forgiveness of sins. Both chapters illustrate W.'s salutary insistence on holding together aspects of Paul's work that many exegetes put forth as either-or options. Finally, chapter 5 is an apology for W.'s methodology for which he has been criticized.

This very readable volume will be attractive to interested readers who have neither time nor energy to work through W.'s larger tome. It is a concise summary of an eminent New Testament scholar's interpretation of Paul.

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Framing Paul: An Epistolary Biography. By Douglas A. Campbell. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2014. Pp. xxii + 468. \$39.

Campbell attempts to construct an "epistolary frame" around Pauline-attributed letters, determining each letter's authenticity and dating each letter relative to one another and in broader terms. After a lengthy methodological introduction (chap. 1), he builds his "epistolary backbone" with Romans and 1–2 Corinthians (chap. 2). He then integrates other letters into that developing frame in succeeding chapters, surveying Philippians and Galatians (chap. 3), 1–2 Thessalonians (chap. 4), Philemon, Colossians, and Ephesians (chap. 5), and Titus and 1–2 Timothy (chap. 6). C. sets aside widely assumed theories and starts his Pauline reconstruction from the ground up. He discerns a ten-letter canon, including Ephesians (304), Colossians (337), and 2 Thessalonians (220), with no composite letters, and an early 40s dating of 1–2 Thessalonians (220–29).

Perhaps the strongest feature of this book is the many methodological insights C. brings to bear on the problem, including patristic reception (102), Scheidel's