

Book review
Paul the Jewish Theologian

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1. Title: Paul the Jewish Theologian Author: Brad H. Young Publisher: Baker Academic
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2. Author bio: Brad H. Young is a professor of biblical literature in Judeo-Christian studies at the Graduate Department of Oral Roberts University. He holds a Ph.D. from Hebrew University in Jerusalem and is well-known for his research on the Jewish roots of Christianity.
3. Chapter summaries:
4. Chapter 1: Introduction Young introduces the main theme of the book, which is to explore the Jewish roots of Paul's theology and how it is essential to understand Paul's teachings in their original context.
5. Chapter 2: Paul the Jewish Theologian The author delves into Paul's Jewish background, education, and Pharisaic affiliation, arguing that Paul's theology is deeply rooted in Judaism.
6. Chapter 3: Pentecost, the Nations of the World, and the Apostle Paul Young discusses the importance of Pentecost in the life and ministry of Paul, emphasizing the global mission of the early Church and its connection to Jewish tradition.
7. Chapter 4: Judaism and Christianity: Diverse Perspectives on Torah This chapter examines various perspectives on Torah within both Judaism and early Christianity, highlighting the similarities and differences between the two traditions.

8. Chapter 5: The Torah: Roots of Grace and Faith in Paul's Message The author explores the role of the Torah in Paul's theology, emphasizing the concepts of grace and faith and how they are rooted in the Jewish understanding of the law.
9. Chapter 6: Torah: The Dead Letter or the Living Word? Young discusses the interpretation of the Torah in Paul's teachings, arguing that Paul saw the Torah as a living word rather than a dead letter.
10. Chapter 7: The Transcendence of Torah in Paul's Teachings The author investigates how Paul's understanding of the Torah transcends the written law by focusing on the inner transformation of believers and the role of the Holy Spirit.
11. Chapter 8: Love as the Foundation of Christian Ministry: The Model of 1 Corinthians 13 This chapter explores the importance of love in Paul's ministry, using the example of 1 Corinthians 13 to demonstrate how love is the foundation of Christian service and community.
12. Chapter 9: The Essence of Paul's Jewish Faith Young delves into the core elements of Paul's Jewish faith and how they influenced his teachings and understanding of Jesus as the Messiah.
13. Chapter 10: Seven Pillars of Paul's Jewish Theology In the final chapter, the author outlines seven key aspects of Paul's Jewish theology, emphasizing the importance of understanding Paul's teachings within their original Jewish context.

14. Comparison to another work: In comparison to E.P. Sanders' "Paul and Palestinian Judaism," Young's book offers a more focused examination of Paul's Jewishness and its impact on his theological views.

15. Evaluation and recommendation: Overall, "Paul the Jewish Theologian" provides a valuable and insightful perspective on the Apostle Paul's teachings by emphasizing his Jewish roots. Brad H. Young's in-depth analysis of Paul's theology and its connection to Jewish thought makes this book a valuable resource for anyone interested in understanding the historical context and development of early Christianity. I highly recommend this book to those seeking to deepen their understanding of the Apostle Paul and his theological views within the framework of Judaism.