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Book Review

Brad H. Young, *Paul the Jewish Theologian*. Pp: 256; Cost: \$22.00 (paperback)

Brad H. Young's book, "Paul the Jewish Theologian," is an insightful look at the Apostle Paul's theology from a Jewish perspective. Young seeks to demonstrate that Paul's theological thought was rooted in his Jewish background and that his teachings were consistent with those of the Jewish tradition.

Young begins by providing a brief overview of Paul's life and his conversion to Christianity. He then moves on to discuss Paul's understanding of the law and its role in the lives of believers. Young argues that Paul's view of the law was not one of rejection, but rather, he believed that the law had a continuing role in the lives of believers.

In the following chapters, Young explores Paul's view of salvation, faith, and works. He argues that Paul's emphasis on faith was not a rejection of works, but rather, he believed that faith and works were complementary aspects of salvation.

Young then turns his attention to Paul's view of the Gentiles and their inclusion in the people of God. He argues that Paul saw the Gentiles as equal heirs of God's promises and that their inclusion in the people of God was not a departure from Jewish tradition but rather a fulfillment of it.

In the final chapter, Young compares Paul's theology to that of the Jewish philosopher Philo. He argues that while there are similarities between the two, Paul's theology was distinctively Christian and rooted in his encounter with the risen Christ.

Overall, Young's book is a valuable contribution to the study of Paul's theology. His emphasis on Paul's Jewish background provides a unique perspective on his teachings, and his careful analysis of Paul's view of the law, salvation, and the Gentiles is both insightful and thought-provoking. I would highly recommend this book to anyone interested in the study of Paul's theology, Jewish-Christian relations, or the intersection of faith and works.