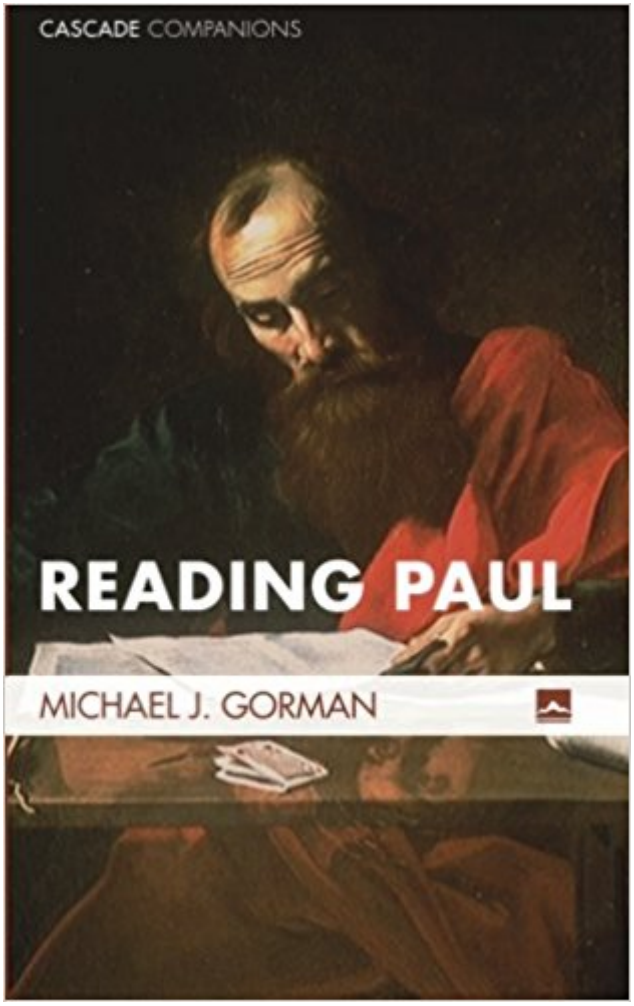
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In this new introduction to the Apostle Paul and his gospel, written especially for lay readers, for beginning students, and for those unsure about what to make of Paul, Michael J. Gorman takes the apostle seriously, as someone who speaks for God and to us. After an overview not only of Paul's radical transformation from persecutor to proclaimer but also of his letter-writing in the context of Paul's new mission, Reading Paul explores the central themes of the apostle's gospel: Gorman places special emphasis on the theopolitical character of Paul's gospel and on the themes of cross and resurrection, multiculturalism in the church, and peacemaking and nonviolence as the way of Christ according to Paul. Gorman also offers a distinctive interpretation of justification by faith as participation in Christ-an interpretation that challenges standard approaches to these Pauline themes. Reading Paul demonstrates that the apostle of faith, hope, and love speaks not only to our deepest spiritual needs but also to the challenging times in which we live.

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Michael J. Gorman is professor of sacred Scripture and dean of the Ecumenical Institute of Theology at St. Mary's Seminary & University in Baltimore, Maryland. His previous books include Cruciformity: Paul's Narrative Spirituality of the Cross (2001) and Apostle of the Crucified Lord: A Theological Introduction to Paul and His Letters (2004).

Book was in great shape.

Great introductory work to the Pauline epistles - including one (very) long sentence.

Great insight into New Testament writings.

Articulate, accurate, and interesting reading. I highly recommend this book and this author.

Great

Good reading and interesting perspective on Paul's letters. I was a little disappointed that although the author mentioned important controversial issues on Paul and his letters, he did not really followed up on these issues much.

Gorman's book breaks down the letters of St. Paul into comprehendible topics which critically analyze the key points in his letters. He also refrences the letters themselves quite frequently so it is helpful for readers who feel the need to look up bible passages. This book presupposes that the reader knows nothing about Paul other than he is a guy who wrote letters to churches. By the end of the book I felt like a Pauline expert!

This short little book on Paul is compressed with insightful comment and quotable observations. If you are looking for something short that clearly encapsulates Paul and his core messages, choose this book. If you are teaching any classes about Paul to non-scholars, this also is a wonderfully accessible resource.

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