

The Nature of Paul's Theology

1. Introduction
2. Two issues have dominated the study of Paul's theology: the *coherence* of his theological reflection and the *center* of his thought.
 - a. The issue of Paul's coherence (and significance):
three positions
 - i. Paul as the Prince of Theologians
 - ii. Paul as a Developing Theologian
 - iii. Paul as a Religious Mystic
 - b. The issue of the "center" of Paul's theology
 - i. Is talk of a "center" to Paul's theology helpful?
 - ii. What center should we choose? Two cautions
 - iii. A proposal for the "center" of Paul's theology

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