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ABOUT THIS BIBLIOGRAPHY

This bibliography is my collection, annotation and contribution to the growing mass of literature on the New Perspective on Paul (NPP). It is by no means an exhaustive collection, although I hope it is far more extensive than the average bibliography you'll find at the end of lecture notes or even at the back of a textbook. There are works that could appear under three or four different headings (esp. when they deal with Luther, Law, Justification and Judaism rolled into one!). I have tried to stratify the various monographs and articles in a thematic way, but some works could easily overlap under different headings. I have also cited only a handful of materials available on the internet and I limited my selection to works which I deem to be significant to the on-going debate. A fuller referencing of electronic materials is conveniently catalogued on the 'Paul Page'. My thanks to Mark Mattison for posting this bibliography on his webpage and I hope it benefits students and scholars alike.

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