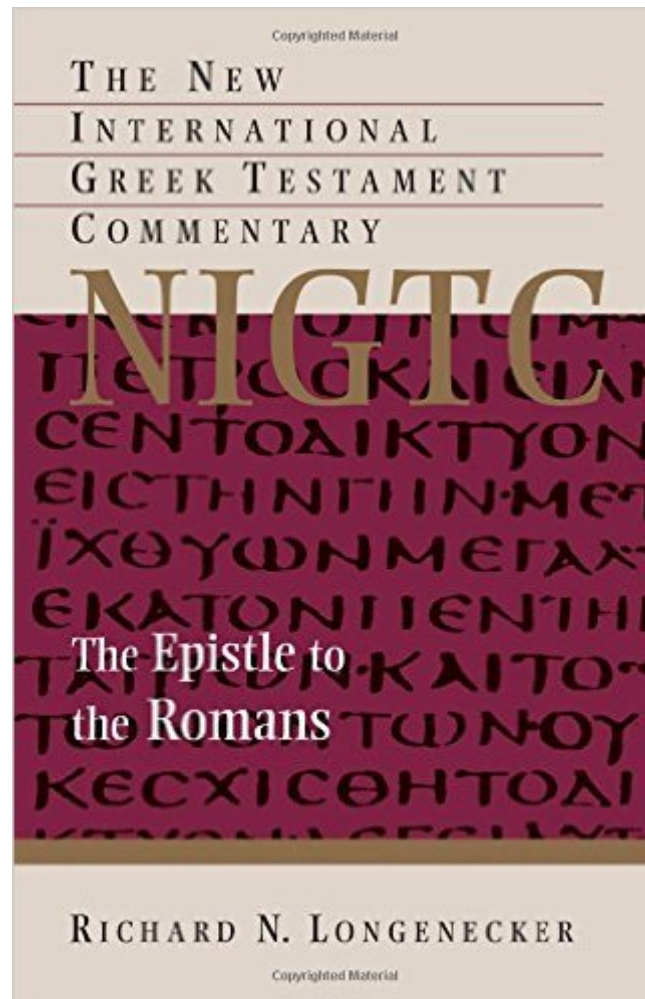


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Customer Reviews

Richard N. Longenecker recently released his new commentary on Romans in the NIGTC series. I got my copy in the mail not too long ago and have been slowly working through it (it's a mammoth 1,086 pages of commentary!). Below I list some of my own observations by way of a quick critical review. There is virtual consensus among Pauline scholars that Romans is structured with four clearly distinguishable sections: chs. 1-4, chs. 5-8, chs. 9-11, chs. 12-16. Further, commentators will typically emphasize one particular section as being the heart of Romans. Sometimes, but not always, the emphasis given to a particular section is correlate with that commentator's theological persuasions; e.g., those who understand justification in juridical terms will focus on Rom 1-4, those who focus more on participationist categories will look to Rom 5-8, etc. While Longenecker certainly doesn't ignore the juridical category, he does understand chs. 5-8 to be the essence, and primary

thrust, of Romans. This preference is reflected in statements like the following (pg. 566): What he appears to be doing in 5:9-11 is attempting to convince his addressees that there is much more to the Christian gospel than simply the forensic doctrine of justification 'by the blood of Christ' (ἡμεῖς ἐπεὶ ἠγάπησαμεν αὐτὸν ὁμοθυμαδὸν ἵνα ἡμεῖς ἁγιασθῶμεν ὑποκαταστήσωμεν αὐτὸν ἵνα ἡμεῖς ἁγιασθῶμεν ἵνα ἡμεῖς ἁγιασθῶμεν) or 'through the death of God's Son' (διὰ τοῦ θανάτου τοῦ υἱοῦ τοῦ θεοῦ) -- as important as that emphasis is in Christian proclamation. What also needs to be considered and experienced is what Christ has effected on behalf of those who respond to him by faith in terms of the 'personal,' 'relational,' and 'participatory' theme of reconciliation. Longenecker's primary dialogue partners are C.K. Barret, C.E.B Cranfield, James D. G. Dunn, Joseph A. Fitzmyer, Robert Jewett, Ernst Käsemann, Douglas J.

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