

保罗基督论及其神性内容

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Paul's greatest impact on Christianity is his successful expansion of the Jesus Movement into the Gentile world. This created favorable conditions for the future development of Christendom. Paul also championed the theology of justification by faith as opposed to justification by works, i. e. adherence to the law. In so doing, Paul translated the personal faith in Jesus into the doctrine of Christology. On the one hand, the doctrine of justification by faith effectively freed the new faith from the fetters of traditional Judaism; on the other hand, it removed an important intellectual obstacle in the way of Gentile conversion. Moreover, in discussing divine nature in his Christology, Paul established in absolute terms the pre-existence, incarnation, and redemptive work of Jesus Christ. Paul especially spared no efforts to effectively explicate the redemptive significance of faith in the cross of Jesus Christ.

18世纪德国诗人莱辛(G. E. Lessing)区分了“耶稣的宗教”(the religion of Jesus)和“基督教宗教”(the Christian religion)。到现代,马丁·布伯(Martin Buber)也相应区分了“耶稣的信仰”(the faith of Jesus)和“对耶稣的信仰”(the faith in Jesus)。大体上说,对