

Prolegomenon / Introductory Remarks

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The hybrid nature of this paper necessitates some preliminary comments. It was written for acceptance in both academic and colloquial readerships. It is academic for theological innovation and colloquial for contemporary application. Since all theology is practical—by nature of handling God’s life-changing revelation—there will be some literary taboos crossed in the occasional use of personal pronouns, like “I”, “you”, and their variants. While I realize that it is usually tacky for an author to talk about his paper like this, I felt like this occasion necessitated the explanation. The goal here is to explore Paul’s theology of salvation, as found in Romans 3:21-8:39, in such a way that warrants academic acceptance and general relevance.

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