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Justification by Faith

The Reason for Separation Between Jews and Christians? Reflections on Paul, Luther, and Jewish Tradition



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McGuinn Hall 521, Chestnut Hill Campus

According to Luther, it was the apostle Paul who in his Letter to the Romans explored that faith in Jesus Christ is the sole basis for justification. For Protestant Theology – at least in its Lutheran shape – justification by faith alone plays an essential role ever since. Sometimes this doctrine is also considered to be the reason for the “parting of the ways” between Jews and Christians. In more recent times, however, in Pauline studies as well as by scholars of ancient Judaism, the meaning of justification in Paul’s theology and its relationship to Jewish tradition have been reconsidered. This lecture will explore what Paul in his Letter to the Romans has to say about Jewish and Christian belief in God, on justification by faith and its relation to Jewish thought, and whether Luther got it right in interpreting Paul. It will also be asked what all this means for Jewish-Christian relations today.

This event is free and all are welcome.

Please email cjlearning@bc.edu if you would like to attend.



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