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Title of Dissertation:

Teitl eich Traethawd Hir

'Quest for an apocalyptic Pauline discipleship: Locating and evaluating Christian identity and praxis within the theology of Apocalyptic Paul.'

Aims and Objectives:

Nodau ac Amcanion

To determine what an apocalyptic understanding of discipleship is in Paul's gospel according to the Apocalyptic Paul school of interpreters and from my own thoughts on their apocalyptic gospel.

To construct a theological picture of Christian identity and praxis by locating this from within Apocalyptic Paul scholarship including extracting relevant apocalyptic concepts from apocalyptic systematic theological categories.

By way of a critical evaluation of the foregoing, to reach conclusions *inter alia* on what theological value and significance an apocalyptic understanding of Pauline discipleship offers to Pauline theology and Christian praxis.

Abstract (approximately 500 words):
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The dissertation is an investigation into what an apocalyptic understanding of Paul's gospel means for the life of the believer by locating and defining Christian identity and praxis from theological ideas within Apocalyptic Paul scholarship.

The related questions the investigation will seek to answer are 'What do Apocalyptic Paul scholars have to say about the life of the believer?' Specifically, 'What theologically constitutes discipleship (i.e. Christian identity and praxis) through an apocalyptic hermeneutical lens?' and 'Does an Apocalyptic Paul theological understanding of discipleship offer unique insights into Christian identity, and have distinctive implications for praxis, as opposed to merely accentuating and providing an apocalyptically nuanced theological undergirding to what is generally understood by Pauline discipleship?'

I currently envisage the following chapters. A general introduction. One which sets out my argument (this is still to be identified). A literature review of Apocalyptic Paul scholars and their respective contributions to the interpretive school. Criticisms of Apocalyptic Paul (including those by N. T. Wright). The background and relevance of intertestamental Jewish apocalypses to Apocalyptic Paul and the dissertation questions. Identification of what constitutes the apocalyptic, apocalyptic language and motifs and the theological method(s) of Apocalyptic Paul. My main chapter(s), with various sections and sub-sections, will relate to locating and defining apocalyptic discipleship. My theological methodology will be to construct an outline of Christian identity and praxis drawing upon specific comments on discipleship by Apocalyptic Paul scholars and from inferences I consider relevant to discipleship from systematic theological categories within Apocalyptic Paul theology. Such categories may include Apocalyptic Epistemology, Apocalyptic Christology, Apocalyptic Soteriology, Apocalyptic Pneumatology, Apocalyptic Cosmology, Apocalyptic Eschatology and Apocalyptic Ethics (to the extent these prove to be relevant systematic theological categories). I may have to construct these systematic theological categories myself from various statements by Apocalyptic Paul scholars, I will comment on specific Pauline verses key to Apocalyptic Paul understandings and will note alternatives to apocalyptic readings. My locating and defining apocalyptic discipleship will form the basis for a critical evaluation from which conclusions can be drawn to answer the dissertation questions. I am

envisaging that the latter will be set out in a concluding section which may also briefly set out what my conclusions might suggest for further investigation in the future.

I do not intend to advocate that Apocalyptic Paul is the correct way to interpret Paul. My approach will be of one who is interested in investigating Apocalyptic Paul scholarship and theology for an apocalyptic dimension to, and to determine what apocalyptic theologizing contributes to, Pauline Christian identity and praxis.

My argument for the dissertation will be identified and developed from my reading and research of Apocalyptic Paul scholarship. The questions to be explored and the title of the dissertation may be modified in light of such reading and research.

The dissertation may utilise and build upon certain parts of assessments submitted on Apocalyptic Paul scholarship in HPRS7019 The Study of Theology. Where relevant, comments on Ephesians and Colossians will be included as Pauline authorship is largely accepted within faith communities and scholarship where praxis is an expression and authentication of faith.

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