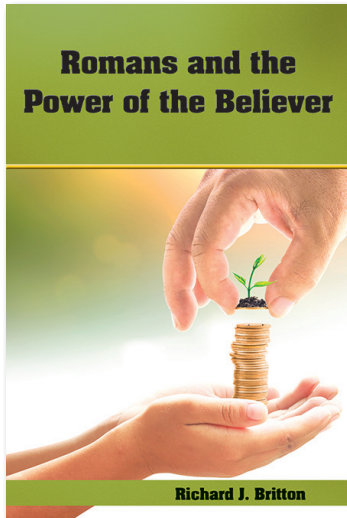


SBL PRESS



January 2023, 214 pages
Semeia Studies 99

Paperback \$35.00
ISBN 9781628373127
Hardcover \$55.00
ISBN 9781628374414
E-book \$35.00
eISBN 9781628374421

Romans and the Power of the Believer

Richard J. Britton, editor

Richard J. Britton uses the critical theory of Jacques Derrida, Giorgio Agamben, and others to examine the financial, gift, and olive tree metaphors of Paul's Letter to the Romans. Drawing upon papyri about money, gifts, and friendship, Greek and Roman farming handbooks, and later sources, including the Book of Mormon and writings from colonized places, Britton questions the way some people understand faith, grace, and identity in the New Testament and beyond. Britton asserts that the believer is not a passive recipient of God's grace and righteousness but rather an interpreter, reader, and decision maker actively involved in reciprocal exchange and enhancement of God's eschatological and soteriological project. Believers, he concludes, negotiate meaning through their own interaction with texts and traditions in combination with their own personal relationship with the divine and the world. Turning to the contemporary world, Britton contends that, if we want to upend the oppression of established religion and ideology, we must first appreciate the believer as a powerful and responsible agent within God's cosmic project.

Richard J. Britton is an independent scholar affiliated with the Ronin Institute for Independent Scholarship. While continuing to write on the New Testament and Paul, Britton's research now focuses on the criminology of religious extremism and terror. He is an ordained Elder and Lay Preacher in the United Reformed Church.

PURCHASES, EXAM AND DESK COPIES:

SBL Press Customer Service
P.O. Box 2243, Williston, VT 05495
Phone: 802-864-6185 / 877-725-3334 (toll-free)
Fax: 802-864-7626
Email: sblpressorders@aidcvt.com
Web: www.sbl-site.org/publications

REQUEST REVIEW COPIES FROM:

SBL Press
Heather McMurray, Sales Manager
825 Houston Mill Road, Suite 350, Atlanta, GA 30329
Phone: 404-727-3096
Email: heather.mcmurray@sbl-site.org