Of course, in two volumes of this size most readers will differ with the author at a variety of points. Space permits mention of only one. To rephrase this reviewer, I found exegesis of 5.12, especially the phrase "because all of this is obscure" (p. 237f). Dunn avoids saying "all this is obscure" - he dislikes the concept of 'corporate solidarity', unnecessarily, I believe. But what does it mean? His explanation on p. 296 is better, but Dunn never explains how the text alluded to "conveys" 'humanity's continued acts of sin' (ibid.). In addition, Dunn denies that Paul's discussion of Adam requires that Adam actually was a historical figure (e.g. that his sin was a literal, historical event.

In commenting on 'we die in sin' on 6:2 Dunn prefers a literal understanding of Adam's death and those in Adam (pp. 307f). Surely not! This refers to the believer's death in Christ, as the following verse 6:3 affirms. All else (e.g. 5.12) but not all to die sin. Only Christians died. Dunn corrects this misunderstanding in the Explanation section (p. 326).

I believe Dunn shows an unwarranted reliance on textual notes in his affirmation of Jesus' deity. Most all Dunn allows Paul to say that Jesus is "in God's right hand" (p. 618), or that he should 'recognize God-in-Christ-or-God-through-Christ" (p. 416). He devises an unfaithful parallel between Jesus and God. Dunn is too hard to show that Paul viewed "Jesus as inferior to God" I suspect he finds or intimates inferiority where there is none (see e.g. 14.3, 6:18, 12:4, 17:22, 20:13-5)

A few final comments or questions remain. The decision is ultimately made to a result in an Index only slightly more than three pages. This is grossly inadequate for a work of this volume's length. One prefers references to a reference tool. The wealth of data in these volumes makes it difficult for many to keep track of sources. I also felt that Dunn too frequently simply referred readers to elsewhere in the work, rather than providing a reference tool for his textbook. The wealth of data in these volumes makes it difficult for many to keep track of references. I also felt that Dunn too frequently simply referred readers to elsewhere in the work, rather than providing a reference tool for his textbook.
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