In seven ‘steps’, this book follows Paul’s pilgrimage across three climactive view-points: Faith, Unity and Freedom. Paul is struggling to work out the meaning of Christ for a wide variety of communities, across boundaries of culture, language and social background. As the Archbishop of Wales notes in his Foreword, the central message is that we are saved by faith in Christ alone, and we seek to make this real in our contemporary struggles with issues of race, gender, poverty and inequality. John Davies tells how Paul’s letter was specially valuable to the Christian movement in South Africa during the years of apartheid. He also finds significant connections between Paul’s situation and that of the Christian movement in Wales. In fact the message is for many different communities in today’s world. The book is equipped with questions and devotional suggestions, for use as a 5-part or 7-part course – either for Lent or for more general service in individual or group study.

I am delighted to commend this as my Lent Book for 2016, knowing full well that it will repay pondering at any time. – Barry Morgan, Archbishop of Wales


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