



Australian
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Paul and Human Flourishing

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Paul Conference 2025



Event Program

30 – 31 October 2025



Thursday 30 October

9–9:30am	Arrive – Tea and coffee	
9:30–11am	(Plenary 1) Paul and the Impossibility of Human Flourishing: (...with some help from Augustine). Joshua Jipp.	
11–11:30am	Morning Tea	
11:30–12:30pm	(Plenary 2) A Visit to the Cell: A Psychologist’s Dialogue with Paul on Suffering in Human Flourishing. Katherine Hurrell.	
12:30–1:30pm	Lunch	
1:30–3pm	Room 1	Room 2
1:30–2pm	Eudaimonic Theology and Prophetic Echoes: Paul’s Vision of Flourishing in Christ. Stefano Salemi.	Conscience in 1 Corinthians 8–10. DongWoo Oh.
2–2:30pm	The Stoic Notion of Adiaphora and Paul’s Moral Reasoning in Romans. Klaus Vibe.	Love, Actually: Paul’s Grand Vision for a Christ-Centered Community. Wendy Turnour.
2:30–3pm	Human Flourishing in the Epistle to the Philippians: Interrogating the Roman Past and the Future Hope of the Elysian Fields at Philippi. James Harrison.	From Subjugation to Shared Authority: Sexual Ethics and Relational Flourishing in 1 Corinthians 6:12–7:5. Scott Goode.
3–3:30pm	Afternoon Tea	
3:30–5pm	Room 1	Room 2
3:30–4pm	Salvation and Transformation by Union with Christ: The Central Role of Participation in Ephesians 2:1–10. Constantine Campbell.	Thinking the Messiah’s Thoughts: Paul’s Vision of Flourishing through φρονέω in Philippians. Keith McPherson.
4–4:30pm	Paul, the Philokalia, and the Byzantine Quest for Fulfilment. Doru Costache.	Intertextual Reference to Creation Narrative, Augmented Assertion of Universal Equality, or Subversive Argument against Gender Differentiation: Revisiting οὐκ ἔνι ἄρσεν και θῆλυ πάντες in Galatians 3:28. Sunny Chen.
4:30–5pm	Psychotherapy, Flourishing and the Apostle Paul: A Quest for Ontological Anchoring. Art Wouters.	
5–6pm	Drinks	
6–8pm	Dinner and Book Launch	

Friday 31 October

9–9:30am	Arrive – Tea and coffee	
9:30–11am	(Plenary 3) Hospitable Kings and Citizens: A Pauline Political Philosophy for a Good Society. Joshua Jipp.	
11–11:30am	Morning Tea	
11.30am–1pm	Room 1	Room 2
11:30–12pm	Pauline Theology, Positive Psychology and the Human Flourishing Project. Michael Bräutigam.	Identity and Flourishing in Galatians: Constructed or Imposed? Grant Buchanan.
12–12:30pm	Bi-focal Ethics and Human Flourishing in Philippians 4:8–9. Sean Winter.	Removing the Shadow of Prestige and Renewing Community Well-Being in 1 Timothy. Lyn Kidson.
12:30–1pm	Wisdom to be Lived and Embodied: Sapiential Scriptures in 1 Corinthians. Lydia Gore-Jones.	Rediscovering the Joy of Predestination and the Comfort of Election. Mark Warren.
1–2pm	Lunch	
2–3pm	Room 1	Room 2
2–2:30pm	Aiming at the Ultimate Flourishing: ἐπιδιорθόω and the Pauline Mission (Titus 1:5). Peter Bolt.	“You are our Glory and our Joy”: Rescuing Paul’s Metaphorical Paternity from the Dominion of the Paterfamilias. David Brown.
2:30–3pm	Paul’s Use of Old Testament Narrative in the Service of Human Flourishing. David Shaw.	Living the Christ-Life. Peter Laughlin.
3–3:30pm	Afternoon Tea	
3:30pm	Conference close	