

SUMMARY

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Apostle Paul and the Roman Law

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The thesis deals with problematics associated with the life and first of all with Apostle Paul's Roman citizenship. The first chapter contains a brief description of Paul's life which de facto makes the outline of the whole work.

Special attention is being paid to Paul's origin, his education and last but not least to his conversion to Christianity. Noticed is also Paul's missionary activity and his end.

In the second part of the first chapter there is discussed the view of the Scripture on the Roman citizenship of the Apostle, supplemented with a historical excursus about the history of Roman citizenship as such taking into special consideration the time of Paul's life i.e. the time of the Early Principate. Of course, the possibility of the Apostle's double citizenship is mentioned. From Paul's civil state follow necessarily his rights which form his further destiny. In particular there are concerned Paul's iudicial proceedings which are extensively discussed in the Acts of the Apostles.

The second chapter therefore engages in the history and necessities of Roman iudicial proceedings and the appellate right of Roman citizens, which was used by Paul as Roman citizen, too.

Whereas the second chapter of the work is devoted to the analysis of Paul's iudicial proceedings from the point of view of period non-biblical sources, the third chapter takes primarily into consideration the New Testament testimony and thus compares Paul's iudicial proceedings with those of Jesus. A special attention is paid to the intention of the author which in large measure formed the biblical narrative of Paul's iudicial proceedings.

The last chapter contains a treatise of Paul's imprisonment.

The work offers an analysis of the legal problematics concerning Paul's citizenship and his judicial case. From the comparison of the historical information and biblical text, concretely the interpretation of the author of Acts of the Apostles, then clearly arises not only his influence on the description of the whole case but also his conception of proper Roman iudicial proceedings. The work is hence pervaded by an analysis of the author's range and an analysis of the conception of the iudicial proceedings.