

J. Paul Sampley – Author & Professor Emeritus



An internationally recognized scholar of the Apostle Paul, J. Paul Sampley earned his BA at Duke University and the BD and STM at Southern Methodist University. Driven by a deep desire to study the Apostle Paul, he completed his MA and PhD at Yale University. Paul's fascination with his ancient namesake was piqued by the Apostle's vision of how grand humans can be individually and together and how ready and able those same people are to shoot themselves in the foot. Paul also paid strong attention to how this Jewish Apostle felt called to go to non-Jews and managed to bridge the considerable cultural divide between Jews and non-Jews with a message that all people are equal in God's eyes, even though they all lived in a Roman world structured on hierarchy, privilege and slavery.

With his wife Sally at his side—and as his editor!—Paul has authored many articles and several books, including his most recent publication, *Walking in Love: Moral Progress and Spiritual Growth with the Apostle Paul*. He spent a long career on the faculties of Drew, Indiana and Boston Universities and was a visiting professor in South Korea and Indonesia. After 21 years at Boston University as Professor of New Testament and Christian Origins, Paul and his wife Sally retired first to their hand-built home in the hills of western Massachusetts and more recently to the warm climes of the southern California desert.