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The nineteen essays in this collection concern various aspects of Paul and his writings: Paul's letters in relationship to the Fourth Gospel; Paul as apostle or apostate; Paul as a writer; Paul's letter to the Romans and its language; pagans and the search for God (in Romans); the gospel perspective on idolatry and human degradation (Rom 1:18-32); "not a spirit of slavery to fall back in fear" (Rom 8:15); living with Christ after death (2 Cor 5:1-10; Phil 1:23); "you are no longer strangers and aliens" (Eph 2:19; Col 1:21); "the hope to which you have been called" (Eph 4:4); "each in his own measure" according to Eph 4:7, 11-12—ministry in the church; "who gave himself" (Gal 2:20)—priestly language in Paul; the Spirit of Jesus Christ; one Spirit, diverse gifts, one body (1 Cor 12:3b-13); original aspects of Pauline pneumatology; Paul's collection for the church of Jerusalem; cases of violence in Paul's biography; the power of patience (ὕπομονή) in Paul; and the wisdom of the cross in Paul. Penna, professor emeritus of NT at the Pontifical Lateran University in Rome, is the author of a three-volume commentary on Paul's letter to the Romans (2004-2008).