

Background of my supervisor Dr. Barry Matlock

Dr. Matlock gained his first degree in theology at Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Afterwards, he came to the University of Sheffield Department of Biblical Studies and obtained his PhD. His PhD thesis is *Unveiling the Apocalyptic Paul: Paul's Interpreters and the Rhetoric of Criticism*. This work was later published in the Journal for the Study of the New Testament Supplement Series, #127 in 1996. After his PhD study, he joined the Sheffield Department of Biblical Studies where he has served as a faculty member since 1994.

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He is a bible-believing Evangelical and has been committed for years to the interpretation of a core belief of evangelicalism: faith in Jesus Christ. In the past 10 years, his major focus of study has been the meaning of the phrase *pistis Christou* in the Pauline Epistles, whether it should be interpreted as our belief in Jesus Christ or the faithfulness of Jesus Christ and its implications. This will definitely enrich our understanding of the gospel of Jesus Christ. His years of research will probably be made known in the forthcoming book: *Justifying Faith in Christ: Paul and pistis Christou*. His publications can be found in the following link:

<http://www.shef.ac.uk/bibs/staff/rbmpub.html>

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He is Book Review Editor and serves on the editorial board of the *Journal for the Study of the New Testament*, and is chair of the Paul Seminar for the British New Testament Society.

My Mission Plan After Graduationion

After having graduated, if God wills, I hope to teach in universities in China to demonstrate the goodness of Christian sex ethics and family values to the youths in campus and to those in the general public. This may become our initial common ground for further dialogue on the profound implications of the gospel of Jesus Christ to us in other areas of life in mainland China.

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I observe that there is great social change happening in major cities in mainland China.

One major change is the crisis stemming from the losing of traditional family values and

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heading toward a causal stand on sexual relations. The consequences of hurt and pollution to the society as a whole will emerge soon. Churches in China are now surrounded by a libertine culture similar to Corinth's. The society needs some solid ground to reaffirm covenant-based marital relations, family values and the goodness of being a virgin before entering into marriage. The biblical teaching of Holiness—drawing appropriate boundaries in our lives, and covenant-faithfulness—in particular the application to fidelity to our spouse and family members, may save our society from dehumanizing sexual libertinism.

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