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PREFACE

In his 'Occasional Bulletin' to graduate students at Fuller Theological Seminary, the director once brought to the light a dilemma which is recurrent for theological students:

A perennial question that is sure to surface in an institution of academic research and study such as Fuller (especially in the Graduate Studies Program) is one that runs like this: how does the student strike a balance between scholarship and spirituality? With a rightful concern with rigorously technical and academic pursuits, how may we attend to the needs of spiritual development and nurture?¹

This present volume honors the person who penned those words—Professor Ralph P. Martin. The question he raised reveals a distinguishing characteristic of his own career, as is evidenced by the testimony of his colleagues, students, and friends. A recurring theme echoes from those who have had the privilege of being acquainted with Professor Martin during his distinguished career: each attests to a remarkable synthesis in his life of extraordinary scholarship, sincere devotion, and pastoral concern.

That synthesis forms the basis for this volume of essays. The title, *Worship, Theology and Ministry in the Early Church*, is deliberately broad—as broad as Professor Martin's own interests. Professor Martin's research, writing and teaching has provided leadership in the exploration of each of these areas of study for over thirty years.

A chord often struck in his writings is the link between biblical studies and the living faith of the contemporary church. Perhaps because of his own involvement in the life of the church during much of his career, Professor Martin has a sensitivity for the concrete applications—or the dangers of misapplication—of biblical theology to the

¹'Occasional Bulletin of the Graduate Studies Program', Fuller Theological Seminary (Vol. 7, no. 2; January, 1986), p. 1.

church today. Those of us who have had the pleasure of knowing Professor Martin as his students admire the way he models the faith he teaches. In his patience, his catholicity of spirit, his humility, and his sharing of his home—as well as in his demands for academic excellence on his students' part—he has shown that he holds sincerely the faith about which he teaches others.

The essays collected here come from a variety of theological perspectives from several different countries, representing Professor Martin's own widespread interest and influence. The articles come from people he has worked with throughout his career: from London Bible College (Leslie Allen and Donald Guthrie) to Fuller Theological Seminary (Leslie Allen, Colin Brown and Donald Hagner) to the University of Sheffield (Andrew Lincoln). They come both from former students (Donald Hagner, Colin Kruse, Lynn Losie, Peter O'Brien, Terence Paige, Marianne Thompson, Michael Wilkins) and from colleagues in scholarship (Ernest Best, James Dunn, Earle Ellis, Gerald Hawthorne, Howard Marshall, Leon Morris, Graham Stanton, and Eduard Schweizer).

We wish to recognize two of the original contributors who were unable to complete their essays. One contributor in particular must be noted as sadly missing. F.F. Bruce, with whom Professor Martin taught at the University of Manchester, had hoped to contribute an article on 'Ministry and Worship in the Roman Church'. Upon receiving our invitation to be a contributor, he wrote to us:

I habitually decline such invitations nowadays, because I find that it takes me much longer to produce less than it formerly did; but as I considered your letter I felt that I must make an exception in favor of Ralph. I am delighted that he is being honored in this way.

Unfortunately Professor Bruce passed away before he could complete the essay, but we include his good wishes, as good as the deed in this case.

Another original contributor—George R. Beasley-Murray—suffered a bad fall while lecturing in the USA which occasioned the breaking of an arm, one or two lesser bones, and severely injuring one of his legs. Professor Beasley-Murray had a very slow recovery with complications developing. He was, therefore, unable to submit his contribution, but asked that we extend with apologies his congratulations to his good friend, Ralph Martin.

The editors wish to acknowledge the many people who have assisted in the publication of this volume. Although we cannot mention all by name, we wish to single out some who have given special assistance. First, great debt is owed to the contributors, all of whom assented so eagerly to this project. Each has been a model of the highest standards of scholarly excellence. Second, heartfelt thanks must go to Sheffield Academic Press for their enthusiastic support in making this volume possible, especially David Hill and Philip R. Davies. Third, special appreciation is extended to our teaching institutions—Talbot School of Theology and Belfast Bible College—for their support and encouragement. A publishing grant from Talbot School of Theology, Biola University helped make it possible to put this volume together, but the secretarial assistance and costs of intercontinental communication were also largely defrayed by our institutions. We also wish to thank Kathryn Rhodes, a teaching assistant who helped format several of the essays, Professors Clinton Arnold and Walter Russell who helped proof-read several essays, and Mrs. Joan Anderson who helped in a variety of valuable ways. Finally, we wish to thank our families for their support during the months we have attended to this most worthy project.

We join a host of colleagues, students, friends and family in celebrating the distinguished career of Professor Ralph P. Martin. Our hope is that his unique synthesis of scholarship, devotion, and ministry will continue be an inspiration to us for many years to come.

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ABBREVIATIONS

Ancient Works

<i>Diogn.</i>	<i>The Epistle to Diognetus</i>
D.L.	Diogenes Laertius, <i>Lives of the Philosophers</i>
Euseb.	Eusebius of Caesarea
<i>Hist. Ecc.</i>	Eusebius, <i>Historia Ecclesiastica</i>
<i>Praep. Evang.</i>	Eusebius, <i>Praeparatio Evangelica</i>
Ign.	Ignatius of Antioch
Ign. <i>Eph.</i>	Ignatius, <i>Letter to the Ephesians</i>
<i>Magn.</i>	Ignatius, <i>Letter to the Magnesians</i>
<i>Phld.</i>	Ignatius, <i>Letter to the Philadelphians</i>
<i>Pol.</i>	Ignatius, <i>Letter to Polycarp</i>
<i>Rom.</i>	Ignatius, <i>Letter to the Romans</i>
<i>Smyrn.</i>	Ignatius, <i>Letter to the Smyrnaeans</i>
<i>Trall.</i>	Ignatius, <i>Letter to the Trallians</i>
<i>Mart. Pol.</i>	<i>Martyrdom of Polycarp</i>
Philo	
<i>Leg.</i>	<i>Legatio ad Gaium</i>
<i>Vit. Cont.</i>	<i>De Vita Contemplativa</i>
<i>Vit. Mos.</i>	<i>De Vita Mosis</i>
Plut.	Plutarch of Chaeronea
<i>Comm. not.</i>	<i>De communibus notitiis</i>
<i>Stoic. absurd.</i>	<i>Compendium argumenti Stoicos absurdiora poetis dicere</i>
<i>Stoic. repug.</i>	<i>De Stoicorum repugnantiis</i>
<i>Conj. praec.</i>	<i>Conjugalia praecepta</i>
Pol. <i>Phil.</i>	Polycarp, <i>Philippians</i>

Modern Works

AB	Anchor Bible
AusBR	<i>Australian Biblical Review</i>
AnBib	Analecta biblica
ANRW	<i>Aufstieg und Niedergang der römischen Welt</i>
ASTI	<i>Annual of the Swedish Theological Institute</i>
ATR	<i>Anglican Theological Review</i>

BAGD	W. Bauer, W.F. Arndt, F.W. Gingrich, and F.W. Danker, <i>Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and other Early Christian Literature.</i>
<i>Bib</i>	<i>Biblica</i>
BHT	Beiträge zur historischen Theologie
BT	<i>The Bible Translator</i>
BU	Biblische Untersuchungen
BZ	<i>Biblische Zeitschrift</i>
CBQ	<i>Catholic Biblical Quarterly</i>
EDNT	H. Balz and G. Schneider (eds.), <i>Exegetical Dictionary of the New Testament</i>
EKKNT	Evangelisches-Katholischer Kommentar zum Neuen Testament
<i>EncJud</i>	<i>Encyclopaedia Judaica</i>
ETL	<i>Ephemerides theologicae lovanienses</i>
EvT	<i>Evangelische Theologie</i>
EvQ	<i>Evangelical Quarterly</i>
EBC	Expositor's Bible Commentary
<i>ExpTim</i>	<i>Expository Times</i>
FRLANT	Forschungen zur Religion und Literatur des Alten und Neuen Testaments
GNB	<i>Good News Bible = Today's English Version</i>
GNC	Good News Commentaries
<i>GrOrthThR</i>	<i>Greek Orthodox Theological Review</i>
HTKNT	Herders theologischer Kommentar zum Neuen Testament
ICC	International Critical Commentary
<i>Int</i>	<i>Interpretation</i>
JAC	<i>Jahrbuch für Antike und Christentum</i>
JAAR	<i>Journal of the American Academy of Religion</i>
JBL	<i>Journal of Biblical Literature</i>
JQR	<i>Jewish Quarterly Review</i>
JR	<i>Journal of Religion</i>
JSJ	<i>Journal for the Study of Judaism in the Persian, Hellenistic and Roman Period</i>
JSNT	<i>Journal for the Study of the New Testament</i>
JSNTSup	<i>Journal for the Study of the New Testament, Supplement Series</i>
JSOTSup	<i>Journal for the Study of the Old Testament, Supplement Series</i>
JTC	<i>Journal for Theology and the Church</i>
JTS	<i>Journal of Theological Studies</i>
KJV	King James Version
KEK	Kritisch-exegetischer Kommentar über das Neue Testament
LCL	Loeb Classical Library
LUA	Lunds universitets årsskrift
MNTC	Moffatt New Testament Commentary
NASB	<i>New American Standard Bible</i>
NCB	New Century Bible

NEB	<i>New English Bible</i>
NICNT	New International Commentary on the New Testament
NIDNTT	C. Brown (ed.), <i>The New International Dictionary of New Testament Theology</i>
NIGTC	The New International Greek Testament Commentary
NIV	New International Version
<i>NovT</i>	<i>Novum Testamentum</i>
NovTSup	<i>Novum Testamentum</i> Supplements
NRSV	New Revised Standard Version
NTS	<i>New Testament Studies</i>
ÖTKNT	Ökumenischer Taschenbuch-Kommentar zum Neuen Testament
RB	<i>Revue biblique</i>
<i>RelS</i>	<i>Religious Studies</i>
<i>RevExp</i>	<i>Review and Expositor</i>
RNT	Regensburger Neues Testament
RSR	<i>Recherches de science religieuse</i>
RSV	Revised Standard Version
SANT	Studien zum Alten und Neuen Testament
SBFLA	<i>Studii biblici franciscani liber annuus</i>
SBLDS	Society of Biblical Literature Dissertation Series
SBLSP	Society of Biblical Literature Seminar Papers
SE	<i>Studia Evangelica</i>
<i>SJT</i>	<i>Scottish Journal of Theology</i>
SNTSMS	Society for New Testament Studies Monograph Series
ST	<i>Studia theologica</i>
SVF	<i>Stoicorum Veterum Fragmenta</i> , ed. Johann von Arnim
TDNT	G. Kittel and G. Friedrich (eds.), <i>Theological Dictionary of the New Testament</i>
TLG	<i>Thesaurus Linguae Graecae</i>
TLZ	<i>Theologische Literaturzeitung</i>
TNTC	Tyndale New Testament Commentaries
TS	<i>Theological Studies</i>
TZ	<i>Theologische Zeitschrift</i>
UBSGNT	United Bible Societies' <i>Greek New Testament</i>
VC	<i>Vigiliae christianae</i>
WA	M. Luther, <i>Kritische Gesamtausgabe</i> (= 'Weimar' edition)
WBC	Word Biblical Commentary
WTJ	<i>Westminster Theological Journal</i>
WUNT	Wissenschaftliche Untersuchungen zum Neuen Testament
ZNW	<i>Zeitschrift für die neutestamentliche Wissenschaft</i>
ZTK	<i>Zeitschrift für Theologie und Kirche</i>
ZWT	<i>Zeitschrift für wissenschaftliche Theologie</i>

RALPH PHILIP MARTIN:
CURRICULUM VITAE

Compiled by Lynn A. Losie

*Background**

Ralph Philip Martin was born in Anfield, Liverpool, England, on August 4, 1925, to Philip and Ada Martin. His father was a printer, and young Ralph received his early education first at the Anfield Road School and then at The Liverpool Collegiate, located in the city. As war broke out in 1939, Ralph was evacuated along with his classmates to Bangor, North Wales, for several months, and in a little over a year after returning to Liverpool, he left school at sixteen to work in an insurance office.

About this time, two young women, Lily Nelson and her sister Eva, began attending the Anfield Methodist Church, which Ralph had attended since childhood, and invited Ralph and his best friend, James Tootill, to the monthly Saturday evening 'squash meetings' of the Young Life Campaign. On February 6, 1943, after four months of exposure to the simple gospel message proclaimed at these meetings and through the guidance of an older man, W.J. Wilson, Ralph and James made a public profession of faith in Jesus Christ as their Savior. Ralph soon felt God's call to the ministry, and began preparing to attend Manchester Methodist College. But a growing conviction concerning the doctrine of believers' baptism led him to consider affiliating with the Baptists. Called up to serve the war effort as a 'Bevin boy' in the coal mines of Lancashire, Ralph made his decision to join the Baptists and was baptized by the Rev. H.S. Phillips at the Aeon Baptist Church, Burnley.

*The Rev. James Tootill, a longtime friend of Ralph Martin just recently retired from service as a missionary in Thailand, kindly supplied much of this biographical information.

After three years of service in the mines, Ralph was released and began training for the pastorate at Manchester Baptist College, earning a degree in theology from the University of Manchester (with Distinction). Unaware of a scholarship to the University of Cambridge through an administrative oversight, Ralph entered the Baptist ministry in 1949 and was ordained at the Kendal Road Baptist Church, Gloucester, inaugurating his ministry with a sermon on the 'unswerving conviction', 'unfailing communion', and 'unshakeable confidence' expressed in Psalm 16.8. It was at this time, also, that he married Lily Nelson, through whose influence he had come to a deeper spiritual commitment and who shared his desire for Christian service. In time the family expanded to four, with the birth of two daughters, Patricia and Elizabeth. After four years in Gloucester, Ralph moved to another pastorate at the West Street Baptist Church in Dunstable, Bedfordshire (abbreviated 'Beds.'). At the induction service, the secretary of Ralph's former church in Gloucester remarked, 'He'll soon get you out of your beds!'

During ten years of faithful pastoral work, Ralph continued to develop his academic gifts, and in his leisure hours he was able to earn an M.A. in Pauline studies from the University of Manchester and complete a commentary on the New Testament book of Philippians (still in print as the Tyndale New Testament Commentary 11). These accomplishments did not go unnoticed, and in 1959 Ralph was invited to become a lecturer in theology at the London Bible College.

Throughout the illustrious academic career that has ensued both in England and in the United States, Ralph has continued to minister in local churches. Although a stimulating lecturer, prolific writer, and generous supervisor of post-graduate students, Ralph has found time to serve as interim pastor of a number of churches, most notably the Sale Baptist Church (Sale, Cheshire, England), the Altadena (California) Baptist Church, and the Eagle Rock Covenant Church (Los Angeles), and he has been constantly in demand as a teacher of adult Bible classes. His popular commentary on the Gospel of Mark (*Where the Action Is* [1977]), dedicated to the adult Bible class of the Eagle Rock Covenant Church, exemplifies this helpful ministry. Now having returned to his native England, occupying his time in semi-retirement with part-time pastoral and professorial duties, Ralph Philip Martin continues a life which has truly been characterized by scholarship in the service of the church.

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The Epistle of Paul to the Philippians: An Introduction and Commentary. The Tyndale New Testament Commentaries. London: Tyndale/Grand Rapids: Eerdmans.

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1962

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1963

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PERSONAL REMINISCENCES

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In my seminary office two of the photographs on the walls feature the scholar we are honoring by this Festschrift. One is in color and shows Ralph Martin and me looking slightly bored and standing together in academic regalia, obviously as part of a Fuller faculty line that would sooner or later process into chapel. Since our University of London regalia matched, we liked to walk together as a pair. That photograph must have been taken in 1987. The other one is much older. It is a black and white, horizontal picture of the robed students and faculty of London Bible College in September 1963. He and I are sitting with our colleagues in the front row, with rows of standing students towering behind us.

The two photographs indicate the parameters of our association. When I joined the LBC faculty in 1960 as an ex-student just down from Cambridge, Ralph had already been there a year, having left his pastorate at Dunstable Baptist Church. He was wrapping up his Ph.D. dissertation on the hymn in Philippians 2. Although his heart was in the New Testament, unfortunately there was no opportunity to teach it at that time. He taught Systematic Theology. It was rumored that he had mistaken his assignment for Historical Theology. Students groaned under the papers on Luther and Calvin they had to produce. The subject was a supposedly easier 'college' course rather than part of the academic curriculum they had to take for their University of London degree, but it was difficult for them to spot the difference. However, they grudgingly acknowledged that Dr. Martin got to the root of the matter and that it was doing them good. If he has made heavy demands on his students, it is because he has always made such demands on himself as a perpetual student.