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# The Letter to the Romans as a charter for world mission

## Why dogmatics is only healthy as a doctrine of mission

(Bonn, 20.01.2025) Since 1988, Prof. Dr. Thomas Schirmmacher has argued—first in essays, then in his commentary on the letter to the Romans—that the letter to the Romans primarily serves to justify world mission from the Holy Scriptures, i.e. the Old Testament, and that Paul's theology is inextricably linked to his missionary practice.

“The introduction and conclusion of the letter to the Romans,” says Schirmmacher, do not simply describe the occasion for the letter, but already set out the central theme. Dogmatics and mission are thus only the two flip sides of the same coin.” According to Schirmmacher, the Western church has strongly emphasized the dogmatic character of the letter to the Romans, but at the same time has all too often lost its missionary character.

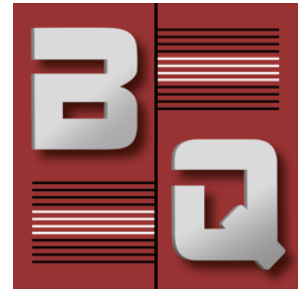
The new book *‘Der Römerbrief als Charta der Weltmission’* [‘The letter to the Romans as a charter for world mission’] not only compiles Schirmmacher's contributions on the subject since 1993, but also includes a comprehensive history of the thesis that the letter to the Romans is a call to world mission (“mission thesis”), which compiles all the representatives known to the author since 1863.

An English translation is to follow shortly.

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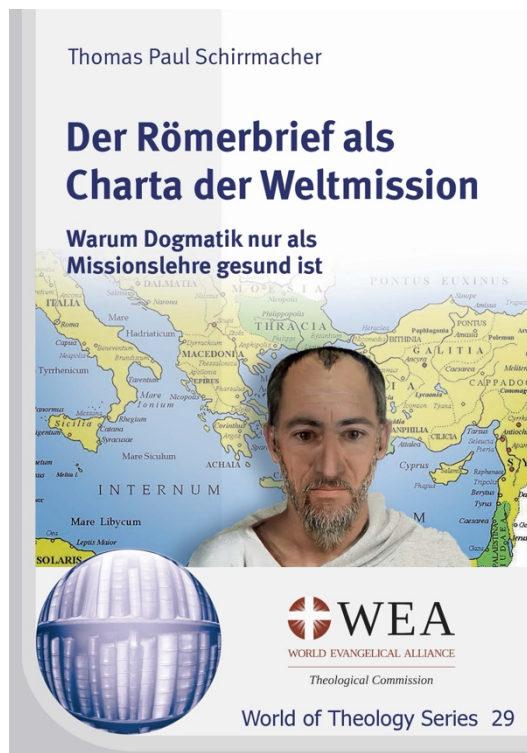
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