In this study, Teresa Morgan offers a new interpretation of en Christō language in Paul's letters, revealing how Paul uses the phrase instrumentally, to speak of what God has done 'through' Christ, and 'encheiristically', to speak of the life the faithful live 'in Christ's hands': in his power, under his authority, and in his care. She shows how Paul's creative treatment of the phrase forms part of his soteriology, eschatology, and Christology, shaping his narrative of God's intervention in the world, the lordship of Christ between the resurrection and parousia, and God's ultimate triumph. This narrative is closely linked with Paul's ecclesiology and ethics, where life in Christ's hands is envisaged as the this-worldly aspect of new creation. Being in Christ's hands gives communities of the faithful their distinctive structure and defines the new life they live in hope of salvation.

In this study, Teresa Morgan offers a new interpretation of a key theme of Paul's letters: being 'in Christ'. By exploring what it means to be saved through Christ and to live in Christ's hands, she sheds new light on Paul's vision of Christ, salvation, and what it means to be Christian in the present time.