

"THE IMPORTANCE OF STUDYING GALATIANS IN THE CURRENT ECCLESIASTICAL CLIMATE"

I. GALATIANS IS NO ORDINARY BOOK

- A. It Is The Most Combative Of All The Pauline Epistles
- B. It Has Wielded A Tremendous Influence On Human History

II. GALATIANS MUST BE STUDIED BY GOD'S PEOPLE

- A. Because It Authoritatively Clarifies The Nature Of The Gospel
 - 1. The Gospel Is Perhaps As Misunderstood Today As It Was In Pre Reformation Days
 - 2. The Challenge To Paul's Apostleship Explains Its Authoritative Tone
- B. Because It Exemplifies The Only Correct Response To Those Who Preach Or Practice Contrary To The Gospel
 - 1. Broader Evangelicalism Is Currently Engaged In A Struggle Over Their Recognized Need To Exercise A Positive Response Toward The Biblical Mandate Regarding Ecclesiastical Separation
 - 2. Paul's Strong Language Is Not A Display of Human Intolerance
 - a. "Pervert" // "Accursed"
 - b. Confrontation Of Peter
- C. Because It Explains The Divine Purpose For And Use Of The Law
 - 1. There Are Over Thirty Mentions Of "Law" (Νόμος [νόμος])
 - 2. It Has Always Been Inadequate As A Means Of Justification
- D. Because It Correctly Applies Christian Liberty To The Christian Life
 - 1. Stand Fast In It
 - 2. Called Unto It