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Focusing on Paul's own statement about the Galatian crisis, Yon Kwon demonstrates that the letter is Paul's pastoral engagement with the backsliding Galatians rather than his theological altercation with his opponents, Paul deals with the crisis in Galatia by reminding the Galatians of the implications of their present deviation for their future - the 'not yet'-, instead of affirming the blessings already realized in Christ - the 'already'. Sometime after Paul had departed from the cities of Galatia, some other teachers arrived with a modified belief-system that inculcated adherence to the Judaic Law of the old covenant. It is difficult to reconstruct the precise identity of these interlopers, but it is obvious that they were advocating the necessity of religious observances (4:10), as well as male circumcision (5:2; 6:12), and attempting to seduce these new Christians into legalistic old covenant concepts (3:2; 4:21). The author believes that "Galatianism" is pervasive and prevalent in the churches today, as religious legalists have duped Christians with the didactic declarations of "how-to" Christian religion in prescribed procedures, formulas, techniques and duties which allegedly determine the distinguishing marks of a true disciple. The Church today is in dire need of the message of "grace and liberty. In a new study on the Pauline adoption metaphors, Erin Heim applies a wide array of contemporary theories of metaphor in a fresh exegesis of the four instances of adoption (huiothesia) metaphors in Galatians and Romans. Ralph del Colle was born in New York City on October 3, 1954 and was raised in Mineola, Long Island. He attended Xavier High School in Chelsea and received a BA in History and Literature of Religions from New York University, and MDiv, MPhil, and PhD degrees from Union Theological Seminary. Ralph taught for 17 years in the Marquette University Theology Department; prior to that he taught at

Barry University, Miami Shores, Florida and at St. Anselm College, Manchester, New Hampshire. Ralph's lively Christian faith and interest in church unity led to his participation in ecumenical dialogues. He served as a representative to the International Catholic-Pentecostal Dialogue for the Pontifical Council on Christian Unity for 12 years and also served on the Catholic-Reformed Dialogue and Catholic-Evangelical Dialogue, both for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. He was invited by the Pontifical Council to serve as a representative to the World Council of Churches Assembly in Harare, Zimbabwe in 1998. In 2002-2003, he served as the President of the Society for Pentecostal Studies and in 2003 Ralph received the Archbishop's Vatican II Award. Ralph's scholarly work, especially his work on the Holy Spirit, made significant contributions to the field of Systematic Theology. Ralph died in July of 2012, slightly more than four weeks after he was diagnosed with a rare form of liver cancer. He was fifty-seven.

Rhetorical analyses of the Pauline letters concentrate on the way in which Paul went about persuading his readers by means of his letters. Normally scholars employ ancient rhetorical models to explain this. D. Francois Tolmie's study represents the first attempt to reconstruct Paul's rhetorical strategy in the Letter to the Galatians in a different way, namely by concentrating on the letter itself in order to develop the best categories for describing the way in which Paul tried to persuade his readers. This commentary on Galatians seeks to provide an originalist understanding of the epistle by viewing Paul as a Torah-observant apostle of the Messiah who was arguing against compulsory proselyte conversion into Pharisaic Judaism and not the Old Testament law of God in general. As such, this commentary pays closer attention to the perpetuity of the Old Testament law of God, Paul's nuanced use of "law" (nomos), Jewish oral tradition, and the historical context of gentile proselyte conversion in Paul's time. The goal of this commentary is to combine the strengths of evangelical hermeneutics and recent advances in Pauline studies to arrive at a more accurate understanding of the original author's intended meaning within his own historical context.

You grew up using the well known black and yellow striped Cliff's Notes to help you grasp everything from great literary works to algebra. Unfortunately, what "Cliff" forgot was the greatest literary work in history: the complete Holy Bible. Enjoy the ease of understanding the Bible like never before, book by book. Shepherd's notes helps reader's learn about the inspired authors of the Bible books and when and where they were first penned. Each Bible book is revealed in simple understandable steps that outline and underscore the focal points and personalities of the biblical text. You'll look to these unique books for their use in Bible studies, teaching, personal devotions and even in sermon preparation! Christian and home schools will find Shepherd's Notes an invaluable resource. The Doctrine of Repentance Is Enough to Make You Get the Spiritual Sickness. People all over the world are afraid of the viruses like SARS, because they would possibly die by being exposed to such invisible viruses. Likewise, Christians these days around the world are dying in their bodies and spirits by being infected with the doctrine of repentance. Who would know that the doctrine of repentance is that much wrong? Do you know who made Christians fall into the abyss of spiritual confusion? They are Christian sinners themselves who offer prayers of repentance everyday to be cleansed of their personal sins while claiming to believe in Jesus Christ as their Savior. Therefore, you have to receive the remission of sins by believing in the gospel Word of the water and the Spirit that God gave us originally. You must not lose the blessed chance to be born again. All of us have to escape from the dark tunnel of spiritual confusion by believing in the gospel Truth of the water and the Spirit. Then, we can look at the bright light of the Truth, which came by the gospel of the water and the Spirit. The Catholic Bible includes the Old Testament and New Testament. This Douay-Rheims Bible is authorized by the Catholic Church and is perfectly formatted for your eReader device. Have you ever wondered what it means to truly be one in the body of Christ? Have you ever been told you have to accomplish works to be saved? What exactly does it mean to put on the new man? Would you say that you love unconditionally, or do you have a critical spirit? These are just a few of the questions Norma Blackmon addresses in her book, A Bible Study in the Books of Galatians and Ephesians. She takes an in-depth look at each chapter of these two books of the New Testament and guides readers, whether

new Christians or struggling saints, with questions that encourage them to examine their own faith. With practical applications of the teachings found in Galatians and Ephesians, Norma shows readers that God's Word gives every precept, every nudge, and every opportunity to receive every ounce of grace and faith needed to live a life that is holy and pleasing to Him. All we have to do is open the Bible, and God will open our hearts. Norma Blackmon is a lifelong resident of San Bernardino, California. She and her husband, Tony, have three grown children and five grandchildren. Norma's love For The Lord has kept her active in church ministries, and her passion for God and sharing His Word just gets stronger every year, which is why she wrote this study. This study utilizes SFL discourse analysis in relation to the concepts of register and context of situation in order to address whether Paul's letter to the Galatians is characterized by a New Perspective on Paul or a more traditional view. An introduction situating Paul's letter in time and space is followed by a detailed discussion of each section of the letter, verse-by-verse commentary, and a theological discussion with challenging questions for individual or group study. This work offers a fresh reading of Paul's appropriation of Abraham in Gal 3:6–29 against the background of Jewish data, especially drawn from the writings of Philo of Alexandria. Philo's negotiation on Abraham as the model proselyte and the founder of the Jewish nation based on his trust in God's promise relative to the Law of Moses provides a Jewish context for a corresponding debate reflected in Galatians, and suggests that there were Jewish antecedents that came close to Paul's reasoning in his own time. This volume incorporates a number of new arguments in the context of scholarly discussion of both Galatian 3 and some of the Philonic texts, and demonstrates how the works of Philo can be applied responsibly in New Testament scholarship. In 1517, Martin Luther took a stand for justification by faith alone in the finished work of Christ upon Calvary. As a result of his position, he suffered persecution for adhering to the Scriptures alone and not to traditions. This book traces my spiritual journey from legalism to freedom in Christ. In sixteen chapters, I map out my heritage within the Churches of Christ and the motivations that eventually led me out of bondage to liberty. One of the lengthiest chapters in this book is "Where the Scriptures Speak." One objective of this chapter is to help individuals to understand that one may speak where the Bible speaks and not necessarily speak as the Bible speaks. Chapters 11, 12, and 13 represent the very heart of my escape from authoritarianism to my dependence upon God's righteousness, a righteousness from God through faith in Jesus. Chapter 14 focuses on preaching in the early church. Without an understanding of the Gospel that the apostles proclaimed, Christians will never learn the spirit of toleration for differences within the Christian community. Chapters 8, 15, and 16 give attention to the Last Supper. The communion should be a constant reminder of the Cross and true unity among God's children. Chapter 1, 2, and 3 outline my original journey of faith. Dallas Burdette has been a serious student, teacher and preacher of the Bible for fifty-eight years, supporting himself for many years as an agent for AFLAC. He has written numerous articles for religious journals, as well as many essays and sermons which are available on his website. He has developed a keen interest in promoting unity among God's people through a more accurate reading of the Word. He has degrees from Amridge University (formerly Southern Christian University) where he also was Director of Extended Learning for five years. He holds the Doctor of Ministry degree (1999) from Erskine Theological Seminary. A historian of the ancient world examines the epic rise and fall of the Celtic tribes who invaded the Mediterranean and lands further east. The eastern Celtic tribes, known to the Greeks as Galatians, exploited the waning of Macedonian power after Alexander the Great's death to launch increasingly ambitious raids and expeditions into the Balkans. In 279 BC they launched a major invasion, defeating and beheading the Macedonian king, Ptolemy Keraunos, before sacking the Greeks' most sacred oracle at Delphi. Eventually forced to withdraw northwards, they were defeated by Antigonus Gonatus at Lysimachia in 277 BC but remained a threat. A large Galatian contingent was invited to cross to Asia to intervene in a war in Bithynia but they went on to seize much of central Anatolia for themselves, founding the state of Galatia. They remained a force in the region and their warriors served as mercenaries in many armies throughout the eastern Mediterranean. In this

authoritative history, John Grainger explores the fortunes of these eastern Celts down to their eventual subjugation by the Romans, Galatia becoming a Roman province in 30 BC. Spirituality is a hot topic in today's culture. Spirituality is essentially how one's beliefs and experiences influence the way one lives their life. Such influences for living are of critical importance to one's faith within the Christian community. What role does the Bible play in developing an expressed spirituality among the Christian community? How do one's religious traditions, cultural influences, and personal preferences influence the way Christian spirituality is perceived and expressed? All too often, and at times unintentionally, the foundational truths of the Bible are subordinated to tradition, culture, and personal preference. This book provides a context for understanding Paul's foundational components for Christian spirituality within the book of Galatians while showing how an accurate understanding of these components can and should serve as a corrective lens to various aspects of Christian spirituality as expressed and experienced today. Unlocking Galatians Again is a verse-by-verse journey through Galatians. Like an underground cavern it has impressive chambers. Some hidden chambers will need to be opened and explored. Like the sun, St. Paul's epistle to the Galatians shines forth with light. During Luther's time it pierced the darkness. History shows us that when its light grows dim, God's people become like a wilted flower. When its light grows bright, we become like a thriving plant. It teaches us how to walk by faith by telling us where to focus our faith. Translation decisions can sometimes hinder some of its light from shining. For the Christian, a fresh discovery of Galatians can cause a burst of renewal. For the Pastor, it may change the way we preach and care for the spiritual needs of others. Walk with Luther through this cavern. You will discover spiritually impressive sights which he experienced while traveling through Galatians. After being ordained in 1987, Chaplain Clarence Reyneveld served as a Pastor in Illinois, Michigan, and Washington State. Since 1999 he has been involved in a television ministry, producing and presenting Bible Study programs which are aired in many homes mainly in Michigan. His unique blend of training and spiritual involvement gives him important qualifications to write this book. The apostle Paul addresses specific concerns of the early church, focusing on the themes of salvation by grace, redemption, transformation in Christ and perseverance in the face of persecution. "What are Paul's rhetorical strategies to affect the Galatian believers? Seon Yong Kim shows how Paul uses heavy employment of the curse theme, complex appropriation of Scripture, and a thoroughly negative caricature of his opponents in order to agitate the mind and emotions of the Galatians and thereby dissuade them from the demand of circumcision." --provided by publisher, back cover Oakes and Boakye rethink Galatians by examining the text as a vision for the lives of its hearers. They show how, in tackling the difficulties that he faces in Galatia, Paul offers a vision of what the Galatians are in their relationship with the living Christ. This offers a new understanding of the concept of unity in diversity expressed in Gal 3:28. The authors develop their views over six chapters. First, Oakes maps a route from the letter to a focus on its Galatian hearers and on Paul's vision for their identity and existence. In the next chapter, Oakes uses the Christology of Galatians as a way to support the idea of pistis as current relationship with the living Christ. Boakye then offers three chapters analysing the letter's scriptural quotations and ideas about salvation and law. Boakye sees a key dynamic at work in Galatians as being a movement from death to life, as prophesied metaphorically by Ezekiel and as made literal for Paul in his encounter with the resurrected Christ, trust in whom becomes the route to life. Life becomes a key category for evaluating law. Boakye also draws Galatians close to Romans 4 in seeing in both texts the promise of the birth of Isaac, with Paul closely tying that to the resurrection of Jesus. Oakes then argues that the letter has a thematic concern for unity in diversity. In the first instance this is between Jews and gentiles but, in principle, it is between any other socially significant pair of groups. In this commentary, the author captures the emotion of a concerned apostle as he invites enslaved Christians to renounce a legalistic pattern of living and return to the liberty found in the life of faith. Matters of introduction and each of the epistle's subjects receive thorough attention. --from back cover. This book provides an interpretation of Galatians 6:11-17 which yields significant insights about Paul's perception of the crisis in Galatia, and

the solution he presents to his readers in light of it. In the first section of the book, the epistolary form and function of Galatians 6:11-17 are analysed. Revealed as a body-closing, it works to sharpen and complete Paul's message by spelling out his motivation for writing and establishing the basis for further communication with his readers. The theme of persecution in the letter is then seen rendered both explicitly and implicitly through the examination of pertinent passages. These indicate that all parties involved share some connection to persecution. Finally, an exegetical analysis of Galatians 6:11-17 reveals Paul's claim that the agitators' primary motive is to avoid persecution 'because of the cross of Christ.' He contrasts them with himself by 'boasting' in that same cross. The net effect is that Paul draws on both the redemptive moment of Jesus' death, and the ongoing cross-shaped life he lives, to validate his apostleship. Paul's letter to the Galatians has been called "the Magna Charta of Christian Liberty". It has also been labeled "the short version of Romans", and "the cornerstone of the Protestant Reformation". In the early Church, as the great separation was taking place, the book of Galatians helped to clarify the doctrinal differences between "Judaism" and "Christianity". In fact, it constituted the main theme of the preaching of the Protestant Reformers in the first century and beyond. "Exposing strengths and weaknesses in the 'Old', 'New' and 'Radical New' Perspectives on Paul, Neil Martin's analysis of regression language in Galatians in its first-century context argues that the apostle's supposed anti-law polemic reflects an underlying antipathy for pagan, not Jewish religiosity." -- It is widely assumed that science is the enemy of religious faith. The idea is so pervasive that entire industries of religious apologetics converge around the challenge of Darwin, evolution, and the "secular worldview." This book challenges such assumptions by proposing a different cause of unbelief in the West: the Christian conscience. Tracing a history of doubt and unbelief from the Reformation to the age of Darwin and Karl Marx, Dominic Erdozain argues that the most powerful solvents of religious orthodoxy have been concepts of moral equity and personal freedom generated by Christianity itself. Revealing links between the radical Reformation and early modern philosophers such as Baruch Spinoza and Pierre Bayle, Erdozain demonstrates that the dynamism of the Enlightenment, including the very concept of "natural reason" espoused by philosophers such as Voltaire, was rooted in Christian ethics and spirituality. The final chapters explore similar themes in the era of Darwin and Marx, showing how moral revolt preceded and transcended the challenges of evolution and "scientific materialism" in the unseating of religious belief. The picture that emerges is not of a secular challenge to religious faith, but a series of theological insurrections against divisive accounts of Christian orthodoxy. There are only two paths: Freedom or Slavery Spirit or Flesh Faith or Law Blessing or Cursing Life or Death Which path are you on? This is Paul's argument in the first letter he ever wrote under the Spirit's inspiration. He wants his readers--then and now--to live in the path of freedom and life. The Galatians had traded salvation by grace alone through faith alone for a "gospel" of works of Law. Paul has some seemingly harsh words for them, because to replace grace with anything else is to destroy the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The letter to the Galatians is a key source for Pauline theology as it presents Paul's understanding of justification, the gospel, and many topics of keen contemporary interest. In this volume, some of the world's top Christian scholars offer cutting-edge scholarship on how Galatians relates to theology and ethics. The stellar list of contributors includes John Barclay, Beverly Gaventa, Richard Hays, Bruce McCormack, and Oliver O'Donovan. As they emphasize the contribution of Galatians to Christian theology and ethics, the contributors explore how exegesis and theology meet, critique, and inform each other. A distinctive resource for those who interpret the Bible in the Church. Planned and written specifically for teaching and preaching needs, this out-standing biblical commentary is a major contribution to the general ministry of the Word in today's world. This all-in-one commentary bundle on the book of Galatians features volumes from the NIV Application Commentary Series, Zondervan Exegetical Commentary Series, and Expositor's Bible Commentary Series. Each volume provides new and unique insights from leading biblical scholars Scot McKnight, Thomas Schreiner, and Robert Rapa. The unique features from each volume along with the diverse insights provided by the authors gives you all the tools you need to study

and master the book of Galatians. Homiletics is taking a theological turn. But what does the preaching task look like if we think of it not so much as a mastery of technique, but an exercise in theological method? *Homiletical Theology in Action: The Unfinished Theological Task of Preaching* tries to envision the work of homiletics as theological in root and branch. By placing theological questions at the center of the process, the authors, some of the leading lights of the field of homiletics, try to show how their work as preachers and homileticians is a thoroughgoing theological activity. By beginning with troublesome texts and problematic doctrines, they seek to show how preachers and homileticians engage in theology, not as consumers, but as producers--and in the thick of the kinds of questions that preachers have to ask. Practitioners and theological educators alike will catch a glimpse of how they too are residential theologians in their own preaching praxis. "God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ" is the way that Paul concludes his letter to the Galatians. He taught that putting the Christian under the Law or human effort to attain God's approval is a negation, not just a relegation, of faith in Christ. He saw it as a matter of eternal consequences and was unapologetic in his rebuke, calling them foolish. We brag only on the Cross of Calvary. Today, as in Paul's day, there is a wave of Judaizers intent on foisting Judaism and the Law on Christianity. There's talk about temples, blood moons, shemitahs, eclipses, wars and the earthly Jerusalem. There is focus on self-righteousness to please God. This book aims to be reenactment enough of Paul's Spirit-led apoplexy to remind the Christian that he is the Israel of God; that the Promise to Abraham was in Christ, Christ the end of the Law. We stand justified by faith, Abraham the paradigm, natural Israel but a parable illustrating the failure of the Law and the futility of man's effort to attain God's righteousness. The present commentary seeks to be a kind of halfway house between highly technical and popular treatments of Galatians. Its purpose is to make the exposition as user-friendly as possible with only as many technicalities as necessary to accomplish that end. The emphasis of the work is decidedly theological, with attention focused on the salvation historical argument of Paul's letter. Its main target audience includes pastors, students, and Pauline scholars. The exposition assumes a modified form of the "New Perspective" on Paul and Second Temple Judaism as its framework of interpretation, and for this reason a premium has been placed on the letter's historical context as attested by the literature of Second Temple Judaism as well as the Greco-Roman environment. However, far from being inimical to the foundational concerns of the Reformation, this reading of the Galatian letter is fully supportive of the great mottoes of the Reformers themselves: *Sola Scriptura*, *Sola Fide*, and especially *Solus Christus*, and all the more as the present work endeavors to honor an oft-neglected slogan of the Reformation, *Ad Fontes* (to the sources). The previous subtitle, *A New Perspective/Reformational Reading*, has now been changed to *A Reading from the New Perspective* in order to underscore the author's appreciation of what has been learned from such scholars as J. D. G. Dunn, N. T. Wright, and numerous others. The issue of community-identity construction in Galatians is considered using two methods: first, by applying anthropological theories to the mechanism and natures of community-identity and its construction, and second, by comparing the Galatian community with another minority religious community. Asano argues that Paul's effort at identity construction is partially conditioned by his self-awareness as an autonomous apostle and by the external pressures of the significant groups elsewhere. Paul's conflict, depicted in Galatians 2 and projected upon the Galatian situation, is understood as a conflict between the ethno-centred and the 'instrumental mode' of community constructions, the latter of which is free from the constraints of core ethnic sentiment. Galatians 4.21-31 is identified as a conceptual framework (or 'recreated worldview') for the community members to be assured of their authentic existence under marginalizing pressure. This recreated worldview is ritually acted out in baptism with the egalitarian motif (Gal 3.28) to help internalize the authentic identity. Finally, Paul's letter is suggested to have functioned as a physical locus of community-identity. Thus the autographic marker (Gal 6.11) directs the attention of the audience not only to the conceptual content but to the presence of the founding apostle that the letter replaces. The 15-volume Swindoll's *Living Insights New Testament Commentary* series draws on Gold

Medallion Award–winner Chuck Swindoll’s 50 years of experience with studying and preaching God’s Word. His deep insight, signature easygoing style, and humor bring a warmth and practical accessibility not often found in commentaries. Each volume combines verse-by-verse commentary, charts, maps, photos, key terms, and background articles with practical application. The newly updated volumes now include parallel presentations of the NLT and NASB before each section. This series is a must-have for pastors, teachers, and anyone else who is seeking a deeply practical resource for exploring God’s Word. "Was Paul's view of evil based on Adam's fall or a mere reflex of Christology? Tyler A. Stewart argues that, in Galatians, Paul's thoughts about where evil comes from and why it continues are not based on Adam's fall as the background story, but rather the rebellion of angels."--Page 4 of printed paper wrapper. So much has already been written on the Pauline doctrine of justification that the reader will probably ask what more could there possibly be to say on the subject. However, recent exegetical debates show that interest has not waned. And if the doctrine of justification has been considered as one of the major achievements of New Testament exegesis, recent debates have raised serious methodological and theological doubts: is Paul’s discourse on the Law[1] well-founded, pertinent or erroneous? In other words, did he really understand the Judaism of his time? Exegetes have had to recognize that they knew little about the Judaism of the period. They also have had to admit to their sparse knowledge of Paul’s rhetorical techniques and the function of the literary models he used. And yet, methodological and cultural knowledge is important for correctly tackling and treating the Pauline doctrine of justification. So here, with the help of these tools, the inquiry into this theme is undertaken in order (1) to furnish a more or less complete status quaestionis on the research, (2) to note and present the essential principles of the doctrine, synchronically and diachronically, and (3) to demonstrate the importance and the stakes of the doctrine for yesterday as well as for today.

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