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

1. **GALATIANS IS NO ORDINARY BOOK**
   1. It Is The Most Combative Of All The Pauline Epistles
   2. It Has Wielded A Tremendous Influence On Human History
2. **GALATIANS MUST BE STUDIED BY GOD'S PEOPLE**
   1. 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
   2. 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
         1. "Pervert" // "Accursed"
         2. Confrontation Of Peter
   3. Because It Explains The Divine Purpose For And Use Of The Law
      1. There Are Over Thirty Mentions Of "Law" (Nómos [νόμος])
      2. It Has Always Been Inadequate As A Means Of Justification
   4. Because It Correctly Applies Christian Liberty To The Christian Life
      1. Stand Fast In It
      2. Called Unto It