

content of argumentation compare and contrast? What are the Judaizing tendencies of today's churches? How does Galatians address them?

Further Study:

ONLY ONE WAY; THE MESSAGE OF GALATIANS by John R.W. Stott is the best lay level commentary on Galatians. It is part of the excellent series, *The Bible Speaks today*. GALATIANS by R. Alan Cole is a helpful commentary in the Tyndale series. GALATIANS by Martin Luther was John Bunyan's favorite book "except the Bible." GALATIANS by F.F. Bruce is a masterpiece of careful scholarship; knowledge of Greek is necessary. GALATIANS by James Montgomery Boice, is a helpful commentary in Vol. 10 of the Expositor's Bible Commentary, edited by Frank E. Gaebelin.

b. Extended notes:

(1) Chapter summaries:

1. Paul's Gospel received from the Lord, not other witnesses...warnings against a false gospel.
2. But Paul's gospel is the same as that of the Apostles, no one is justified by works. Peter's hypocrisy.
3. Blessings of the Gospel are by faith, not works. The primary example of Abraham. Contrast of law and promise.
4. Christ delivers from the bondage of sin and law. We must not turn back. Hagar and Sarah contrasted.
5. Admonitions to remain free of the law, but to use freedom as opportunity to serve God. Spirit and flesh contrasted.
6. Admonitions to right living; faithfulness to the cross.

(2) To understand the problem of Galatians better you may want to refresh your mind on the Judaizing controversy as seen in Acts 15:

(a) The nature of the controversy is seen in Acts 15:1-5, largely...the claim is that Christian converts from Gentile background must be circumcised and bound to the law of Moses.

(b) The Jerusalem council meets and in 15:4-29 debates and determines the matter. Note in particular: