

5-3-1 - Kaiser & Silva Chapter 11

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Five Quiz Questions

1. What is the issue with reading the epistles out of order and piecemeal?
2. Why shouldn't we read the epistles as organized treatise on Christian ethics?
3. What is the argument against putting too much emphasis on historical interpretation?
4. Why should we outline the epistles when we wouldn't outline a letter from a friend?
5. Was Paul conscious that he was speaking the words of God? See 1 Thess. 2:13 for reference

Three Terms With Definitions

1. Occasional writings - writings written to meet specific historical needs
2. Chiasm - an ordering of clauses in an ABB'A pattern
3. Inaugurated eschatology - a complex sense in which the now and not-yet of the kingdom are seen as coexisting in the present

Summary Paragraph

In chapter 11 of *Biblical Hermeneutics*, Silva goes over the meaning of the Epistles. He starts by instructing his readers to make sure they read the epistle(s) through in one sitting, several times if they can. He then goes into the importance of reading historically, and how to tell what the historical context was. Silva then goes into reading the New Testament letters as literary documents, followed by reading the New Testament letters theologically. Lastly, he touches on reading the New Testament letters as authoritative documents.