

QUESTIONS

1. Every written document should be read “_____”; that is, we ought to take into account the writer, the timeframe, and the motivation.
2. What is considered as one of the most significant issues that divided the Corinthian Christians?
3. The more an interpretation depends on _____, the less persuasive it is.
4. In the book of Galatia, where can the primarily hortatory section, that is, characterized by exhortations be found?
5. Identify the three types of prophecies.

Answers

1. Historically
2. Differing ideas about sex and marriage
3. Inferences
4. The body
5. Conditional, Unconditional, & Sequential

TERMS

Regenerate: reformed or reborn in a spiritual or moral sense; to reform completely in ways of thinking and behaving

Occasional Writings: articles or editorials that have a very short life expectancy; with meaning today but have no bearing the following year or month

Subjectivity: the quality of being based on or influenced by personal feelings, tastes, or opinions

SUMMARY

Letters, sometimes called Epistles are written with a note of apostolic authority and must be read historically just as other texts are read. Under divine inspiration from God, letters were written to give instructions to a person, church, or group of churches. Better understanding can be gained by reading letters in their entirety and in context, not as individual chapters.