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Questions

1. What is the second basic rule?
2. What are the two kinds of passages in the Epistles?
3. What are the 6 parts of ancient letters?
4. According to the author, what do people do when they read the Epistles?
5. According to the author, what is the biblical stance on homosexuality?

Answers

1. *The second basic rule of, “Whenever we share comparable particulars (i.e., similar specific life situations) with the first-century hearers, God’s word to us is the same as his word to them”.*
2. *The two kinds of passages in the Epistles are:*
 - a. *Passages that deal with 1st century issues that do not have an equivalent today.*
 - b. *Passages that address issues that are applicable to the 21st century.*
3. *The 6 parts that compose an ancient letter are as follows, “1.name of the writer (e.gPaul) 2. name of the recipient (e.g., to the church of God in Corinth) 3. greeting (e.g., Grace to you and peace from God our Father . . .) 4. prayer wish or thanksgiving (e.g., I always thank God for you . . .) 5. Body 6. final greeting and farewell (e.g., The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you.)” (Fee & Stewart).*
4. *According to the author, people add in their own experience and 21st century content when reading the Epistles.*
5. *According to the Bible, it is morally wrong.*

TERMS

- **Calvinist:** a person who follows the teachings of Calvin otherwise known as the reformed church.
- **Epistles:** ancient letters.
- **Fundamentalist:** people who believe in the literal interpretation of biblical scripture.

SUMMARY

Chapters 3 and 4 talk about the Epistles and break them down hermeneutically. Chapter three of the book focuses on reading the Epistles from a contextual stand point. We must look at the intention of the passage and see if it has applications today. Chapter four breaks down the text hermeneutically and discusses the rules of hermeneutics when breaking down the Epistles.