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Analytical Summary -***The Argumentative Situation of Galatians, The Jewish Context of the Gentile Audience Addressed in Paul's Letter to the Romans, The New Preachers in Galatia, Their Identity, Their Message, Aims, And Impact***

In Bernard Lategan's article, "The Argumentative Situation of Galatians", the literary structure and the use of emotions, imagery, rhetorical questions and emotional appeals reveals Paul's understanding and humanity. Paul undoubtedly knows the people he has brought to the Gospel and understand that through this intentional approach he will keep them in his church. He understands the human need for most to be guided to a place of acceptance. Paul must remember how they came to believe in his Gospel and their vulnerability to turn to others if he does not defend the Gospel and reach them with reason and emotion.

Mark De Nanos, "The Jewish Context of the Gentile Audience", in Paul's letter to the Romans focuses on Paul's Jewish roots and in total opposition of any belief that there was a rebellion going on in the church to supplant Paul's Gospel. Instead, the close relationships between Jews and Gentiles and their differences are seen as a natural debate within the church. If one thinks of the history presented here it can be plausible that this influences the Galatian church and their tension in choosing to follow the prescribed Law or to be justified by faith. However, it must have been more than an intra-debate as Paul's letter to the Galatians is a strong reprimand and implies, he knew they were beginning to listen to another Gospel. His words are strong as he implores "obedience of faith" and slaves of righteousness. I disagree with the author that there was not a rebellion as his letter clearly denounces the people and Paul is clearly worried about the future of the church.

Martin C De Boer, *The New Preachers in Galatia, Their Identity, Their Message, Aims, And Impact* is a concise and clear article on who the people were that brought Paul to write his letter to the Galatians. De Boer's assertion that these "new preachers" were missionaries is probably correct, but I wonder if they were the Jewish people that Mark De Nanos refers to as De Boer's article focus is on the circumcised versus the uncircumcised which would only refer to the Jews in that time. Furthermore, the justification by law only provides more evidence of these "new preachers" to be Jews trying to bring the Gentiles back to Jewish tradition.

All the articles address the tension in the Galatian churches and Paul's response to this tension. The tension of being justified by works or justified by faith is front and center in each of these articles. Each author takes their own perspective or interpretation in addressing the central theme. The diverse perspectives gives the readers an opportunity to have a comprehensive and balanced view of the historical time, the people and the complex situation in which Paul's letter was written.