

2. The REAL author of Galatians!

God worked in & through the human authors of the Scriptures in such a way that what they wrote was the very Word of God:-

2 Peter 1:20-21 “no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.”

God “breathed out” His truth through human authors, and this means the Bible truly is the Word of God and makes the Bible unique among all other books. The Bible itself claims that every word in every part of the Bible comes from God :-

2 Timothy 3:16-17 “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, (17) that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

God inspired all Scripture and it is all profitable for us to study - every word from Genesis to Revelation.

Because it is inspired by God, the Bible is therefore authoritative when it comes to establishing doctrine, and sufficient for teaching man how to be in a right relationship with God.

Because the Scriptures are the inspired Word of God, they are also without error or mistakes as originally given. God has overseen, protected & preserved His Word. Praise the Lord!

Because the Bible is what it claims to be — the inspired, true, authoritative, inerrant Word of God to humanity - we must not try to interpret it “any old way” or make it say what we want it to say!

- Rather :-
1. we must be careful, honest & diligent to properly interpret it & accurately represent it.
 2. we must humbly receive & submit to its teachings ... because the REAL author is the eternal, all-wise, all-knowing, all-powerful, God who created this universe & everything in it ... and to whom we will one day give an account.
 3. Since we as believers have been saved by His wonderful, amazing grace, we now appreciate Him as Father, Saviour, Redeemer, Friend ... we love Him because He first loved us ... so it is our delight to know & do His will, and to joyfully submit to His precious Word!

His Word purifies us because His Word is truth (John 17:17) ... His Word is a lamp to our feet & a light to our pathway (Psa 119:105) ... and the entrance of His words into our lives gives light & understanding” (Psa 119:130) the Bible reveals the wisdom of God to us & provides direction for us ... God’s Word gives answers to our deepest questions & needs ... in fact, His very precious & great promises have been given to us so we can walk with him in joyful relationship and know how to escape the spiritual & moral corruption & pollution of the world!
Truly the Bible is precious to the believer because it is God’s revelation to us!

SO, as we read & study Galatians this week, we must bear in mind that it is the Word of God ... He is the real author behind the human author!