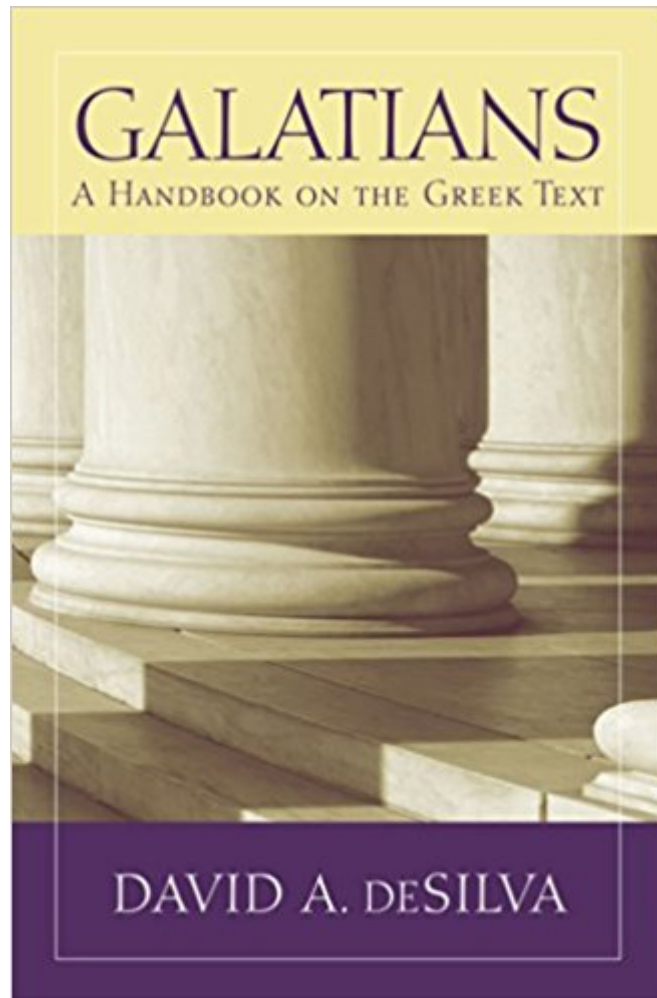




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# **Galatians: A Handbook On The Greek Text**



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meaning. This commentary is carefully written to carefully and clearly explain the context. However, I would not agree with the author's option on page 92. I do not think christian transformation is the very heart or central message of the gospel of Jesus Christ that is proclaimed by Paul. It is very obvious that Paul talked about the gospel message in Galatians 1.1 and 1.3. I think the difference between good and evil is subtle and often deceiving. Paul made a very clear warning (twice in Galatians) on anyone who distorts the gospel message - he or she will receive cursing from God!

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