

Paul Among Jews and Gentiles

The questions in this file are based on pages 1—7 (section one) of the article “Paul among Jews and Gentiles” in Krister Stendahl’s book, *Paul Among Jews and Gentiles and Other Essays*.¹

Read the questions below and think about how you would answer each one of you were to see it on an exam.

1. Stendahl argues that

THE MAIN LINES OF PAULINE INTERPRETATION. . . HAVE FOR MANY CENTURIES BEEN OUT OF TOUCH WITH ONE OF THE MOST BASIC OF THE QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS THAT SHAPED PAUL’S THINKING IN THE FIRST PLACE: THE RELATION BETWEEN JEWS AND GENTILES (p. 1).

Why does he see this issue as so fundamental to Paul’s thinking? What issues support Stendahl’s claim?

2. What, according to Stendahl, is the letter to the Romans about?
3. What is the difference between “Judaizers” in Galatians and “Jews” in Romans?
4. How does Stendahl view the contents of Romans 9—11? What is Paul talking about in these chapters?

¹ Krister Stendahl, “Paul among Jews and Gentiles” in *Paul Among Jews and Gentiles and Other Essays* (Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1976), pages 1—77.