

*From the Editor*

*Scriptura* 5 is the second of our technical editions. The aim is to supplement regular issues with more technical papers on basic research in the field of Biblical Studies. By providing a forum for work of a more experimental nature, we hope to stimulate critical discussion and the exploration of new approaches.

In *Scriptura* 2, P J Maartens proposed a methodological approach to a theoretically-founded exegesis. In the present issue, J A Loubser is also concerned with methodological aspects of textual analysis based on colon divisions. The direction of his work is nonetheless quite different. Using certain concepts of E A Nida, he develops what he calls a binary hierarchical method of textual analysis. The aim is to describe the relation between the sub-elements of a text in terms of its binary hierarchical structure. His proposal is based on part of an unpublished doctoral dissertation, *II Korinthiërs 10-13, Struktuuranalise met die oog op 'n semantiese verkennings*, University of Stellenbosch 1980.

It is clear that the discussion of methodological issues in biblical exegesis finds itself in a very active phase. We hope that this contribution will stimulate the ongoing debate. Criticism and comments are invited and should be addressed either directly to Dr J A Loubser, 49 Hosking St, Brenthurst, 1542, or to the Editor.

The third technical edition is scheduled for the second half of 1982 and will consist of a full-length discourse analysis of the gospel of Matthew by Dr David Clark, UBS Translation Consultant in Papua, New Guinea, and Dr J de Waard.