

## Structure of Galatians

The presentation of the doctrine of 'justification by faith' is quite different from that in Romans.

In this letter the structure is:-

1. Paul defends his apostolic authority by an appeal to his personal history and experience (1:11-19; 2:1-14)
2. Paul counteracts the evil of the Judaisers (Chap 3 and 4), showing that their teaching destroys the essence of Christianity and so was an undermining of the work of the cross of Christ (see Col 2). It reduces faith to a mere ceremonial system.
3. To encourage faith and trust in Christ, to encourage the development of the fruits of the Spirit (Chap 5 and 6)

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#### Introduction 1:1-5

##### **A) Vindication of Paul's Apostolic Authority 1:6-2:21**

1. The occasion of his vindication 1:6,7
2. The authenticity of his gospel 1:8-10
3. The divine origin of his apostleship 1:11-24
4. The official endorsement of his apostleship 2:1-10
5. The consistency of his conduct 2:11-21

##### **B) Defence of Paul's Doctrine of Justification Chapters 3 and 4**

1. The defection of the Galatians 3:1-5
2. The witness of Abraham 3:6-9
3. The redemptive work of Christ 3:10-14
4. The law and the Abramic Covenant 3:15-18
5. The function of the law 3:19-22
6. The superiority of faith over Law 3:23-4:11
7. The Apostle's appeal against a return to bondage 4:12-20
8. The relation between the Old and New Covenants 4:21-31

##### **C) Exposition of God's Blessing of Liberty Chapters 5 and 6**

1. Its imperilment by legalism 5:1-12
2. Its definition 5:13-15
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4. Its practical manifestation 6:1-10
5. Its relation to the cross 6:11-16
6. Its price 6:17
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