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Structural Analysis of Galatians via Outline

- I. INTRODUCTION: Paul briefly introduces himself, his authority, and God's deliverance 1:1-5
 - A. An Apostle – made so by God, not voted in by men 1: 1-2
 - B. Jesus Gave Himself for our sins that He might deliver us (laying the foundation for his further points). 1:3-5
- II. WARNING AND CORRECTION, INCLUDING EXPLANATION OF PAUL'S AUTHORITY 1:6-
 - A. The Galatians are turning away from the one true gospel towards false doctrine 1:6-7
 - B. Anyone who preaches anything other than the true gospel is not from God, and is accursed 1:8-9
 - C. Paul's Appeal to being trustworthy and his authority
 - i. He is not seeking to please men, but God – evidenced by his unpopular message 1:10
 - ii. His message is from God, not man 1:11-12
 - iii. He previously persecuted the church until his own conversion 1:13-14
 - iv. When called by God, he took the message, not through man's authority but through God's commission and approval 1:15-24
 - D. Paul explains the background of the current issue, false teaching started in Jerusalem 2:1-14
 - i. It began with Jewish converts vs Gentile and a misunderstanding of requirements
 - ii. It was hard for the Jewish believers to give up tradition and law
 - iii. It is hypocritical to place the burden of the law, knowing it cannot save 2:11-14
- III. IDENTIFYING THE ISSUE – SALVATION IS THROUGH FAITH NOT THE LAW OR WORKS 2:15-4:31
 - A. Man is not justified by works (following the law) but by faith in Jesus Christ. 2:15-17
 - B. Believers have died to the law and must not try to revive it, nullifying Christ's sacrifice 2:18-21
 - C. You were saved by faith, not by law 3:1-5
 - D. Salvation has always been through faith, even to the Gentiles – Abrahamic Covenant 3:6-16
 - E. The Law did not nullify salvation through faith, it pointed to it 3:17-25
 - i. It pointed out sin, condemnation, and discipline 3:24
 - ii. The Law pointed to Christ only until He came 3:25
 - F. Both Jew and Gentile are now united in Christ, as one 3:26-4:7
 - i. Redeemed and adopted as sons
 - G. Do not go back into bondage now that you are known by and know God 4:8-31
- IV. HOW BELIEVERS OUGHT TO LIVE IN THEIR FREEDOM
 - A. Stand firm, secure in faith, not seeking to earn salvation 5:1-12
 - B. Use your liberty to serve one another, not lusting after selfish desires 5:13-5:21
 - C. Instead, exhibit the fruit of the Spirit
 - i. Love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Not envying one another 5:22-26
 - D. Restore believers who are struggling, help carry each other's burdens 6:1-9
 - E. Do good to all as you have opportunity 6:10
- V. CONCLUSION
 - A. Those perverting the message do so they may boast in themselves 6:11-13
 - B. They misunderstand the gospel, trying to earn salvation through works but fail 6:14-15
 - C. Peace be on believers, including Paul 6:16-17
 - D. Closing prayer of grace 6:18