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EXPLICATION OF THE MACROSTRUCTURAL RELATIONSHIPS IN GALATIANS

A Letter-opening 1. A (per 1): Letter-opening, foregrounding i.a. the divine origin of Paul's gospel

B Basic premise 2. B (per 2): Introductory section, expressing amazement and announcing basic premise: there is only one gospel — the one Paul has proclaimed.

C Theme 3. C (per 3-16):

C1 4. C1 (per 3-6): Presenting the first argument to prove the authenticity of Paul's gospel: He has received his gospel and commission from God Himself and not through any human mediation.

C2 5. C2 (per 7-12): Presenting the second argument to prove the authenticity of Paul's gospel: The Galatians experienced the Spirit through believing the gospel and not by upholding the law.

C3 6. C3 (per 13-16): As outcome of the two foregoing arguments Paul now appeals (i.a. with reference to their former most positive attitude towards him) to the Galatians to remain steadfast in their Christian freedom.

D Theme 17. D (per 17-20) Second main part: Paraenetical section. Proceeding with the theme of Christian freedom, Paul enjoins the Galatians to utilise their freedom responsibly by serving one another in love.

E Conclusion 18. E (per 21): Concluding remarks with strong implicit appeal, written in Paul's own hand. The Galatians should not yield to the false teachers who want to boast of their physical state of circumcision. e who believes boasts of the cross, like Paul does.