

I will offer a very brief summary of evidence. Most scholars today go with the southern interpretation and there is plenty of variety on details even among them. Paul was in Galatian territory on both the 1st and 3rd missionary journeys and you can see how this might be reflected in the various views.

- B. Purpose: Paul's concern for the health of the Galatian church in view of legalizers on one hand and anti-nomians on the other. He is amazed at how quickly this state developed after his visit and the founding of the churches.

C. Outline:

- I. Greeting: 1:1-5
- II. Introduction: 1:6-9
- III. Defense of Paul's apostolicity and message 1:16-2:21
- IV. Justification by faith alone 3:1-5:12
- V. Life by the Spirit 5:13-6:17
- VI. Benediction 6:18

D. Authenticity:

II. Content general:

A. Theme: Justification is by faith alone.

- It cannot come from the law: 1:6, 3:3, 5:4
 - man cannot keep it 3:10-11
 - if man could, Christ died in vain 3:21
 - life is in the Spirit, not the flesh 3:2-5
 - promises to faithful, not circumcised 3:6-9
 - Christ bore the curse, His own are free 3:10-14
 - Law is not for heirs 3:25ff
 - Law is bondage, Christ is freedom
- Only faith saves but faith is not lawless..it gives liberty but not license.

B. Summary notes:

(It is probably helpful to go back and review the matters of Acts 15 and the Jerusalem council. The philosophic ideas of legalism and antinomianism should also be clear although there are enough varieties in both of these terms to keep one on edge for a good while.)

- 1. Paul's Gospel: origin, exclusivity
- 2. Paul's Gospel: spiritually harmonistic
- 3. Paul's Gospel: faith, not works