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R. MEYNET, *La Lettera ai Galati*, Retorica biblica (Bologna: Dehoniane, 2012, paper €20) 247 pp. Bibliography. Indexed. ISBN: 978-88-10-25111-9.

The Italian version of *La Lettre aux Galates* (2012), this volume contends that Paul's letter to the Galatians should be interpreted in terms not of classical rhetoric but rather in light of biblical and Semitic rhetoric; and that its thesis is to be found not at the beginning but rather at its center: All are children of God and offspring of Abraham (Gal 3:26-29). After treating the introduction (1:1-5), Meynet, professor emeritus of NT on the theological faculty of the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome, divides the letter into three major parts: the gospel of Christ that has been proclaimed (1:6-2:21); the cross of Christ that has justified us (3:1-5:1); and the law of Christ that needs to be fulfilled (5:2-6:18). Then he shows that each of the three sections contains five sequences, and gives particular attention to structures of the various parts and how they contribute to the development of the argument within the sections and in the letter as a whole.