

ROMANS INTRODUCTION



PAUL'S EPISTLES...

- Galatians
- I Thessalonians
- II Thessalonians
- I Corinthians
- II Corinthians
- ROMANS
- Ephesians
- Philippians
- Colossians
- Philemon
- I Timothy
- Titus
- II Timothy

} The Prison Epistles

Outline of the Epistle of Paul to the Romans (Alva McClain)

THEME—"The gospel of God"

INTRODUCTION (1:1-17)

I. CONDEMNATION—THE WRATH OF GOD
REVEALED (1: 18—3:20)

II. SALVATION—THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD
REVEALED (3 :21—8 :39)

III. VINDICATION—THE WISDOM OF GOD REVEALED
(9: 1—11: 36)

IV. EXHORTATION—THE WILL OF GOD REVEALED
(12:1—15:33)

OUTLINE OF ROMANS

(Robert Deffinbaugh)

It is possible, believe it or not, to summarize the message of Romans with five words:

- **Condemnation** (chapters 1-3a),
- **Justification** (chapters 3b-5),
- **Sanctification** (chapters 6-8),
- **Dispensation** (chapters 9-11),
- **Application** (chapters 12-16).

A “Structural Outline” of **Romans**...

ROMANS...AS PAUL WROTE IT!

ROMANS 1--11

Romans...

THEME: JUSTIFICATION

Paul uses...

- “Justify”
- “Just” or “Righteous”
- “Justification”

50 times in Romans!!!!

And their negatives 8 more times!

Romans...

“Righteousness” or “righteous”
can refer to...

- The attribute of God
- The activity of God
- The “judicial standing” that God grants to believers on the basis of their faith.

Romans...

THEME: JUSTIFICATION

INTRODUCTION, 1:1-17

Romans...

- I. The Universal Need of Justification (**1st Cycle**), 1:18-3:20.
 - A. Presented, 1:18-2:29.
 1. For the “heathen,” 1:18-32.
 2. For the “moralist,” 2:1-16.
 3. For the Jew, 2:17-29.
 - B. Hypophora, 3:1-20.

HYPOPHORA:

Posing
and answering
potential questions
that one's readers
might have!

Romans...

II. The Only Means of Receiving
Justification (**2nd Cycle**), 3:21-
4:25.

A. Presented, 3:21-26.

B. Hypophora!, 3:27-4:25.

Important verses in Romans 4...

According to Romans 4:5,
who does God justify?

- Ungodly Persons
- Who do no works
- But who believe in Jesus!

Important verses in Romans 4...

According to Romans 4:16,
why is justification by faith?

- So that it could be by GRACE!
- SO THAT the promise will be guaranteed to all who believe!

Eternal Security was part of
God's plan and intention from the
very beginning!

Important verses in Romans 4...

WHAT does it mean to have faith?

Romans 4:21

Being fully assured that
what God has promised
He is able also to perform.

Important verses in Romans 4...

WHAT does a person have to believe about Jesus?

Romans 4:24-25

- Jesus our Lord was delivered over because of our transgressions.
- He was raised because of our justification!

Romans...

II. The Only Means of Receiving
Justification (**2nd Cycle**), 3:21-
4:25.

A. Presented, 3:21-26.

B. Hypophora, 3:27-4:25.

Romans...

III. The Benefits of Our Justification (3rd Cycle), 5:1-7:25.

A. Presented, 5:1-21.

B. Hypophora, 6:1-7:25.

1. Shall we continue in sin? 6:1-14.

2. Shall we sin, since we are not under law?
7:15-7:6.

3. Is The Law sin? 7:7-12.

4. Did that which is good become a cause of
death for me? 7:13-25.

Romans...

IV. More Benefits of Our Justification (4th Cycle), 8:1-39.

A. Presented, 8:1-30.

B. Hypophora, 8:30-39.

1. If God is for us, who is against us? 8:30-31.
2. Who will bring a charge against God's elect?
8:33-34.
3. Who will separate us from the love of Christ?
8:35-39.

Romans...

V. Application of these Justification Benefits to Israel (**5th Cycle**), 9:1-11:32.

A. Presented, 9:1-13.

B. Hypophora!, 9:14-11:32.

Six Questions, posed and answered...9:14; 9:19; 9:30; 10:18; 11:1; 11:11.

Romans...

Benediction, concluding the first
“section” of Romans, 11:33-36.

Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom
and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are
His judgments and unfathomable His ways!

For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE
LORD, OR WHO BECAME HIS COUNSELOR?

Or WHO HAS FIRST GIVEN TO HIM THAT IT
MIGHT BE PAID BACK TO HIM AGAIN?

For from Him and through Him and to Him are all
things. To Him *be* the glory forever. Amen.

Romans...

How do we know that Romans 12:1 begins a new “section” of the book?

Paul “abandons” the format of the “Cycles” that he used exclusively in chapters 1-11.

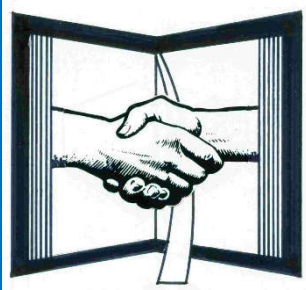
If Romans 5 and 8 are
both discussing
“Benefits” of our salvation,
we should expect to see
“similarities” between them.

What similarities do we see?

Romans 5	Similarity	Romans 8
1	Dramatic Contrast	1
16, 18	Prior condemnation	1
1	Peace	6
2, 4, 5	hope	20, 24, 25
2	Glory, glorified	18, 21, 30
5	Holy Spirit	4, 5, 6, 9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 23, 26, 27

Romans 5	Similarity	Romans 8
5, 8	love (ἀγάπη)	28, 35, 37, 39
20 (ὑπερπερ ρισεύω)	“overcoming”	37 (ὑπερνικά ω)

SINCE Paul wrote Romans 1-11,
using 5 cycles of
“presentation”/“hypophora”
to develop the theme
of “Justification,”
Paul’s structure should BE
the structure that we would use to
prepare an outline
of that portion.



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