

The Book of Romans

How to be Right with God

(Romans 7:13-14)



Romans 1-11, Theme: Justification!

Five Cycles:

- 1: The Universal Need of Justification, 1:18-3:20
- 2: The Only Means of Justification: Faith! 3:21-4:25
3. Benefits of Justification, 5:1-7:25
4. More Benefits of Justification, especially
“security!”, 8:1-39
5. Application to Israel of these Benefits, 9:1-11:36.

Each “CYCLE” has 2 parts...

1. Presentation of the topic

2. Hypophora: Posing and answering potential questions regarding the topic.

Romans 1-11, Theme: Justification!

Cycle 1:

The Universal Need of Justification, 1:18-3:20

- Presented, 1:18-2:29
- Hypophora, 3:1-20.

Romans 1-11, Theme: Justification!

Cycle 2:

The Only Means of Justification: FAITH, 3:21-4:25

- Presented, 3:21-26.
- Hypophora, 3:27-4:25.

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Cycle 3: Benefits of our Justification, 5:1-7:25

- Presented, 5:1-21
- Hypophora, 6:1-7:25!

Cycle 3: Benefits of our Justification, 5:1-7:25

- Hypophora, 6:1-7:25...4 Questions!
 1. 6:1, “Shall we sin so that grace may increase?” **“May it never be!”**
 2. 6:15, “Shall we sin because we are not under Law?” **“May it never be!”**
 3. 7:7, “Is the Law sin?” **“May it never be!”**
 4. 7:13, “Did that which is good become a cause of death for me?” **“May it never be!”**

Important “Definitions”

“The Sin”...(Sin): That evil force that lives in these mortal bodies with us, since the Fall, that tempts us to commit acts of sin. It is one of the enemies of the believer.

Also known as “The Flesh”

The unbeliever is a slave to The Sin

Then is the Law sin???, 7:7-12

May it never be!

- The Law Reveals The Sin, 7:7
 - ✓ Declared theologically, Romans 3:20
 - ✓ Demonstrated personally, Romans 7:7.
 - ✓ Demonstrated previously, Luke 18:18-23, the Rich Young Ruler.

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- The Law Provokes The Sin, 7:8.
- The Law Revives The Sin, 7:9.
- The Sin uses The Law to produce “death,”
7:10-11.

Recall 7:5!

Romans 7:5

The Unbeliever
“In The Flesh”

This is Paul’s theological
explanation in 7:5.

THE LAW

This is Paul’s
personal
experience in
7:7-11

Sinful passions
Aroused!

Bear Fruit For Death

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But it can never produce righteousness!!

Unsaved Saul of Tarsus
could never achieve righteousness
by means of the Law!!

AND NEITHER COULD YOU!!!

**“For by grace you have been saved,
through faith...!”**

Romans 7:13-25.

Is the man of Romans 7:13-25

a believer

or an unbeliever???

ASSUMPTION: PAUL IS SPEAKING OF HIMSELF

will all of the references to “I.”

(My personal journey)

Arguments for Romans 7:13-25 describing

Paul's life as a believer:

1. It “sounds like” what many believers experience, e.g., v. 18.
2. Paul uses the personal pronoun, “I.”
3. Paul switches to the present tense.

Answers to the use of the present tense...

- The Greek “Historical Present”

John 1:29 The next day he *saw Jesus coming to him and *said, "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

- The Parallelism with “the Law is spiritual,” in v. 14.
- HE was writing Inspired Scripture!!!

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4. Paul agrees with the Law, which an unsaved man would not do, v. 22.
5. Paul refers to his “inner man,” v. 22.

Arguments for Romans 7:13-25 describing

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What do these 5 arguments ignore?

THE CONTEXT!!!

They ignore the development of Paul's argument leading up to Romans 7:13!!

PROFOUND THOUGHT:

Romans 7:13-25 follows Romans 7:7-12!!

Arguments for Romans 7:13-25 describing

Paul's life as an unbeliever:

1. THE CONTEXT! The question in v. 13, and the subsequent answer and explanation follow directly the discussion in 7:7-12!

The "death" of v. 13 and v. 24 is the "death" of 7:9, 10, 11, and 7:5.

The Law did not cause the "death,"

The Sin did!

Arguments for Romans 7:13-25 describing

Paul's life as an unbeliever:

2. The man in 7:14 is "of flesh" ↔ "Sarkinos," meaning "made of flesh." That's all he was...flesh! "Carnal" is misleading.

Paul used "sarkinos" in 1 Cor. 3:1, but "sarkikos," ↔ "flesh-like," or "having the quality of flesh," in 1 Cor. 3:3, of believers. They were acting like "flesh."

Arguments for Romans 7:13-25 describing

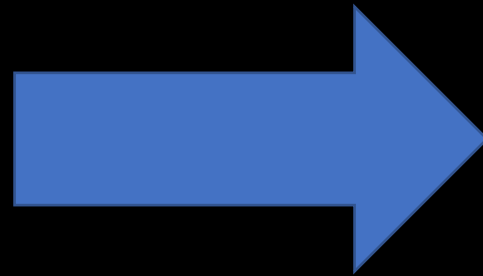
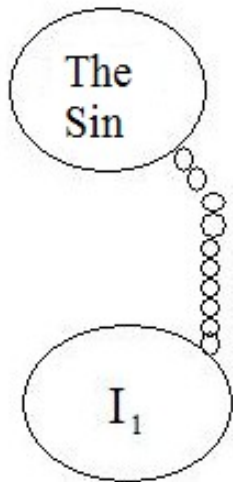
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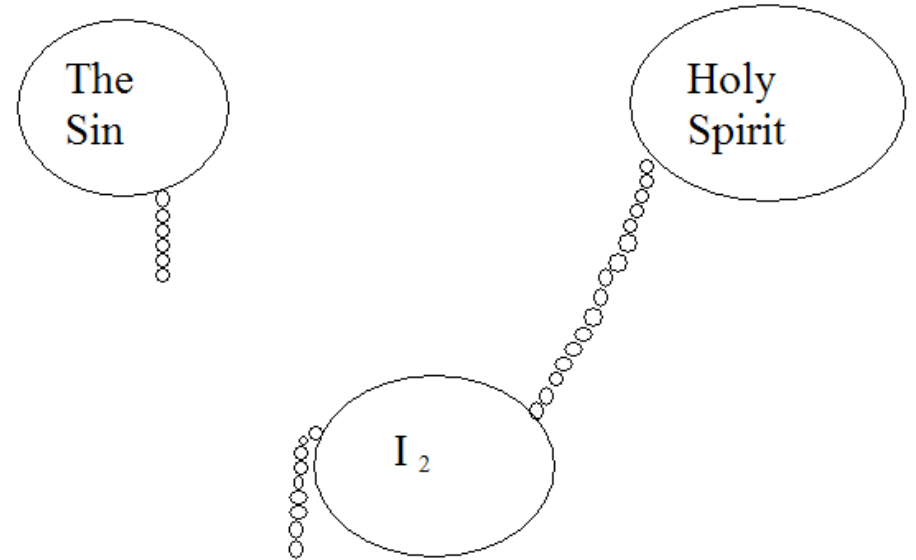
Recall what happened at salvation!!!

“A Biblical View of Salvation”

Unbeliever



Believer



Romans 6:17-18; 20-22.

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The believer is freed from slavery to

The Sin at Salvation!

This CANNOT be a believer!

Arguments for Romans 7:13-25 describing

Paul's life as an unbeliever:

4. The man in 7:23-24 is a "wretched man," a "prisoner of the law of The Sin in his members.

Jesus promised "abundant life,"

(John 10:10),

not wretched slavery!

Arguments for Romans 7:13-25 describing

Paul's life as an unbeliever:

5. Romans 8:1 finally gives the victory... freedom from condemnation, "for those who are in Christ Jesus."

There is nothing **BUT CONDEMNATION**
in Romans 7:14-24!

But the believer is free from condemnation!

Romans 3:20 brought
ONLY CONDEMNATION
under the Law.

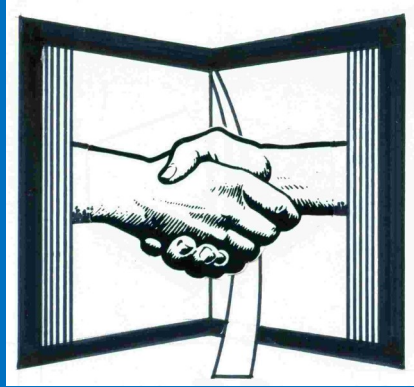
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to those in Christ.

My conclusion...

Based primarily on the CONTEXT of Romans 7
And the development of Paul's argument in the
hypophora section of this 3rd cycle,
Is that Romans 7:13-15 describes Paul's
frustrated, defeated life as a Jewish man trying
to achieve justification by the works of the Law,
and failing miserably.

Romans 7:13-25...what difference does it make?

- 1.The difference of Scripture...what was Paul saying?
- 2.The difference of salvation...what actually occurred?
- 3.The difference of perspective...how do you see yourself?
- 4.The difference of power...is there any hope of living in victory over sin?
- 5.The difference of hope...the guy in Romans 7 is hopeless.



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