The Book of Romans

How to be Right with God



(Romans 8:12-13)



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.

Romans 1-11, Theme: Justification! Cycle 3: Benefits of our Justification, 5:1-7:25

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

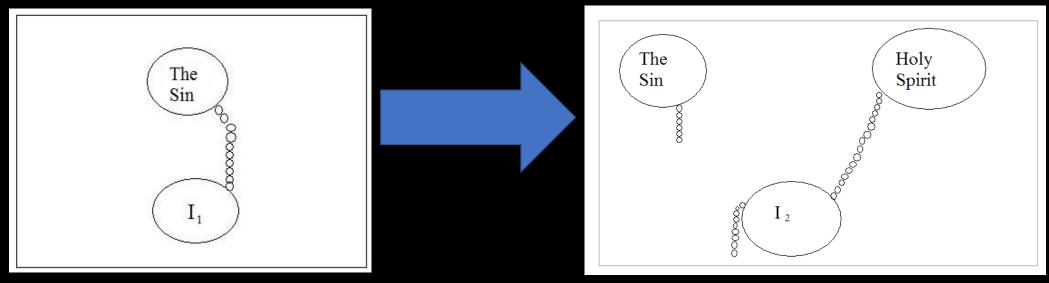
Cycle 3: Benefits of our Justification, 5:1-7:25

- 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!"

"A Biblical View of Salvation" Based on Romans 6

Unbeliever

Believer



Romans 6:17-18; 20-22.

Then is the Law sin???, 7:7-12 May it never be!

- The Law Reveals The Sin, 7:7.
- 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.

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...!"

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

Hypophora, 6:1-7:25...4 Questions!

4. "Did that which is good become a cause of death for me?" May it never be!"

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 "Three 'Rounds' of Despair!" Each "round" follows the same progression...

- Paul's State of Utter Sinfulness:
- Paul's Inability to Do the Good Law of God:
- Paul's Constant Performance of Evil:
- Paul's Bondage to The Sin:

Romans 7:13-25 "Three 'Rounds' of Despair!"

ROUND 1: vv. 14-17; ROUND 2: vv. 18-20; ROUND 3: vv. 21-24

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Romans 7:25

Paul's parenthetical outburst of thanksgiving to God Paul's parting summation of his struggle with sin.

Romans 1-11, Theme: Justification! Cycle 4: More Benefits of our Justification, 8:1-39

- Presented, 8:1-30
- Hypophora, 8:31-39

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You would expect that there would be similarities between chapters 5 and 8

Cycle 3: Benefits of Justification Presented 5:1-21		Cycle 4: More Benefits of Justification, Presented 8:1-30	

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5:1	Dramatic Transition,		8:1
16, 18	Prior condemnation,		1
1	Peace		6
2, 4, 5	Hope		20, 24, 25
2	Glory		18, 21, 30 (glorified)
5	Holy Spirit		4, 5, 6, 9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 23, 26, 27
5, 8	Love (ἀγάπη)		28, 35, 37, 39
20	"Overcor	ning"	37

IF Romans 7 is describing the experience of a person BEFORE salvation...

AND IF Romans 8 is describing benefits of a person AFTER salvation...

THEN you would expect to see many CONTRASTS
between Romans 7 and Romans 8

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Romans 7	Romans 8
"in the flesh," 5	"NOT in the flesh," 9
"in the flesh," 5	"In The Spirit," 9
"not saying that the Law was BAD," 7, 13	But the Law was IMPOTENT, 3
unable to fulfill the Law, 14-24	"requirement of the Law fulfilled in us!" 4
"prisoner," 14, 23-24	"set free," 2
Needing to be set free, 24	Having been set free, 2
No mention of the Holy Spirit (except verse 6)	MANY (12!) references to the Holy Spirit

Romans 5 and 8: Benefits of our Justification:

- Peace with God, 5:1.
- Standing in grace, 5:2.
- Hope of glory, 5:2.
- Meaningful trials, 5:3-5.
- Proven Love, 5:6-8.
- Freedom from wrath, 5:9.
- Reconciliation, 5:10-11.
- Freedom from Adamic Guilt, 5:12-21.

Romans 5 and 8: Benefits of our Justification:

- Freedom from condemnation, 8:1.
- Freedom from the law of The Sin and the death,
 8:2-4
- We ARE "according to the Spirit" and have the mind of the Spirit, 5-8. (Translation problems!)
- We are IN THE SPIRIT, 8:9. (Sphere of existence!)
- The Spirit is in us, 8:9 (Indwelling!)
 - CP. 1 Samuel 10:9-10; 11:6; 16:13, 14; Psalm 51:11

Romans 5 and 8: Benefits of our Justification:

- Christ is in us, 8:10. Cp. Colossians 1:27
- Promised resurrection, 8:11.
- New responsibility!, 8:12-13.
- Being led by the Spirit of God, 8:14.



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