



The Book of Romans

How to be Right with God

(Romans 2:12-16)

Context:

- The 5 cycles of Paul's persuasive argument concerning justification.



Cycle 5: The Explanation Concerning Israel 9:1-11:32

Cycle 4: The Permanency of Justification 8:1-39

Cycle 3: The Benefits of Justification 5:1-7:25

Cycle 2: The Only Means Of Justification 3:21-4:25

Cycle 1: The Universal Need For Justification 1:18-3:20

Context:

- The 5 cycles of Paul's persuasive argument concerning justification.
- The cycle argument follows this format:
 - The cycle (theme) presented
 - The hypophora argumentation (Q and A)

The Universal Need of Justification:

Explanation for Gentile Guilt

***Read Romans 2:12-16

1- The principle of God's judgment on ALL vv. 12-13

- 2 Principles:

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2- “and as many who sinned under law will be judged by the law”

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- “as sinned”
- “without law”
- “will also perish without law”

1- The principle of God's judgment on ALL vv. 12-13

2- “and as many who sinned under law will be judged by the law”

- - “and”
- - “as many”
- - “who sinned”
- - “under law” (what is the “law” mentioned here?)
- - “will be judged by the law” (cf. James 2:8-12)

1- The principle of God's judgment on ALL vv. 12-13

Summary:

- Hearing the law does not produce righteousness
- Doing the law produces righteousness
 - Is this positional or practical righteousness?

***cf. James 2:21-25

- Can enough righteousness be produced from doing the law to achieve perfect righteousness? NO! Which is Paul's point of this passage.

2- The reason for Gentile guilt before God vv. 14-16

- 6 Facts:

Fact #1: Gentiles do not have the law v. 14b

Fact #2: Gentiles can by nature “do the law” v. 14c

Fact #3: Gentiles are a law in themselves v. 14d

Fact #4: The “work of the law” is written in the heart v. 15a

- (cf. Jeremiah 31)

Fact #5: Gentile conscience testifies against them. v. 15b

Fact #6: Every deed will be judged. v. 16

- (2 Cor. 5:10; Rev. 20:11-13)

1- Origins

Why does the one “without law” perish?

2- Conscience

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3- Global flood

4- Noahide laws

- Idolatry
- Murder
- Theft
- Sexual immorality
- Blasphemy
- Eating animals while alive
- Legal recourse

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5- Babel

6- The Exodus (cf. Josh. 2:8-11)

7- The Land conquest (Josh. 2:8-11; 9:1-10)

8- Solomonic era (1 Kgs. 8:22, 41-43;)

9- The exile (Assyria, Babylon, and Persia)

10- The preparatory period (Greece, and Rome)

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- 6 Conclusions:

1- A sinner without law will perish v. 12

2- A sinner under law will be judged by the law v. 12

3- Doers and not hearers only are declared righteous v. 13 (the principle)

4- A Gentile who is without law but by nature does the law is a law in themself. v. 14

5- The Gentile's "thoughts" then accuse or excuse them... But cf. 1:20, v. 15

6- All will be uncovered before Jesus Christ. v. 16