The Book of Romans

How to be Right with God





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

Context:

• The cycle argument follows this format:

- The cycle (theme) presented
- The hypophora argumentation (Q and A)

• Paul uses hypophora argumentation to answer anticipated objections or questions.

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

Cycle 3:

Cycle 3: The Benefits of Justification

- Thematic Statement: 5:1-5

- Elaboration: 5:6-21

- Hypophora: 6:1-7:25

The Benefits of Justification: Cycle 3

"The justification benefits of peace, grace, and hope"

***Read Romans 5:1-5

Outline:

1- The benefits of peace v. 1

2- The benefits of grace v. 2a

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- A. The foundation of peace:
 - Our justification
 - Our new relationship to God
 - Our reconciler

1- The benefits of peace v. 1

- B. The elaboration of peace in cycle 3:
- Romans 5:6-11

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- A. The access to grace:
 - Jesus is our access to grace
 - Faith is the source for accessing grace
 - "this grace" (demonstrative pronoun)

- "this grace"
- Cf. Romans 3:24
- But... see Romans 4:23-25 cf. 5:15, 18
- What is the gift? The righteous act? This grace?

The death of Christ for our sins!

You cannot remove God's grace anymore than you can remove the death of Jesus Christ.

A. The access to grace:

- Jesus is our access to grace
- Faith is the source for accessing grace
- "this grace" (demonstrative pronoun) (cf. 3:24)
- We stand in this grace (lit. we have stood)

Cycle 3:

Cycle 3: The Benefits of Justification

- Thematic Statement: 5:1-5

- Elaboration: 5:6-21

- Hypophora: 6:1-7:25

B. The elaboration of grace in cycle 3:

Romans 5:12-21

Outline:

1- The benefits of peace v. 1

2- The benefits of grace v. 2a

- A. The expectation of hope:
 - If we have been justified...
 - If we have peace with God...
 - If we stand in grace...
 - What do we have?

HOPE! (read v. 2)

- A. The expectation of hope:
 - Rejoice in hope
 - "In hope of the glory of God"
 - Rom. 2:7
 - Rom. 3:23
 - Cf. Jn 14:1-4

- A. The expectation of hope:
 - Rejoice in hope
 - "In hope of the glory of God"
 - "and not only that, but we also glory in tribulations"
 - Cf. James 1:2-8, 12

Knowing:

- Tribulation brings about perseverance
- Perseverance brings about proven character
- Proven Character brings about hope

Tribulation = outward to inward pressure

Perseverance = the capacity to bear up under pressure

Proven character = the result of a persevering one

Hope = a blessed expectation

- Tribulation brings about perseverance
- Perseverance brings about proven character
- Proven Character brings about hope

A. The expectation of hope:

- Rejoice in hope
- "In hope of the glory of God"
- "and not only that, but we also glory in tribulations"
- "hope does not disappoint"

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- The love of God has been poured out in our hearts
- By the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

Application:

- Do you know you have peace with God?
- Do you live under grace or law?
- Do you understand your hope?