

The Book of Romans

How to be Right with God

(Romans 8:1-4)



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)



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

Cycle 4: The Ramifications 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

The Ramifications of Justification:

Cycle 4:

“The justified are free and uncondemned”

Outline:

1. The emphasis for the theme of cycle 4:
2. The legal argument for the theme of cycle 4:
3. The application of the theme of cycle 4:

1- The emphasis for the theme of cycle 4:

- The inclusio:

- The authors of Scripture were very fond of the use of inclusio as a marker to indicate units of discourse. Western literature does not use this technique, so a Western reader may be inclined to think the biblical author is arbitrarily jumping from point to point and randomly repeating himself. Instead, it is a deliberately crafted literary notation to specify the beginning and ending of a particular unit. The following quote from Lane's treatment of Hebrews illustrates the importance of utilizing an author's literary devices as a foundation for accurate exegesis. **(Ray M. Wenger JODT)**

1- The emphasis for the theme of cycle 4:

- The inclusio:
 - v. 1 “there is no condemnation”

1- The declaration of the theme for cycle 4:

- The textual variant:

8:1

There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

The New King James Version

8:1

Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

New American Standard Bible:

1- The declaration of the theme for cycle 4:

8:1

Οὐδὲν ἄρα νῦν κατάκριμα τοῖς ἐν χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ, μὴ κατὰ σάρκα περιπατοῦσιν, ἀλλὰ κατὰ πνεῦμα.

Consequently, *there is* now no condemnation to those in Christ Jesus, (those) who walk not in flesh, but rather walk in Spirit.

-JPH

1- The declaration of the theme for cycle 4:

- The text:

Summary:

This is a statement of fact describing “those in Christ Jesus” not a statement of condition requiring anything more from “those in Christ Jesus” other than recognizing their spiritual position.

1- The emphasis for the theme of cycle 4:

- The inclusio:
 - v. 1 “there is no condemnation”
 - v. 4 because the righteous requirement of the law is fulfilled in us (cf. Mt. 5:17-20)

Outline:

1. The emphasis for the theme of cycle 4:
2. The legal argument for the theme of cycle 4:
3. The application of the theme of cycle 4:

2- The legal argument for the theme of cycle 4:

- The 3 laws:
 1. The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus
 2. The law of sin and death
 3. The law

2- The legal argument for the theme of cycle 4:

- The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus
 - Review Cycle 3 theme (vv. 1-5)
 - Review Cycle 3 elaboration (vv. 12-21)

2- The legal argument for the theme of cycle 4:

- The law of sin and death
 - vv. 12-14,

2- The legal argument for the theme of cycle 4:

- The law
 1. Genesis
 2. Exodus
 3. Leviticus
 4. Numbers
 5. Deuteronomy

2- The legal argument for the theme of cycle 4:

- Romans 5:12-21 breakdown:

Adam to Law:

Sin and death

Law to Christ:

Imputed sin and death

Christ to you:

Life

Outline:

1. The emphasis for the theme of cycle 4:
2. The legal argument for the theme of cycle 4:
3. The application of the theme of cycle 4:

3- The application of the theme of cycle 4:

- No condemnation
 - The believer is under righteousness not condemnation.
 - Nothing you do can nullify this pronouncement
 - Do you share this message?

3- The application of the theme of cycle 4:

- Free from the law of sin and death
 - You are not a slave to sin
 - You are not a slave to death
 - You can (sadly) still sin
 - You can (sadly still die) (cf. James)