



The Book of Romans

How to be Right with God

(Romans 8:31-32)

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

3- The hypophora of cycle 4:

1. “What then shall we say to these things?” v. 31
2. “Who shall bring a charge against God’s elect?” v. 33
3. “Who is he who condemns?” v. 34
4. “Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?” v. 35

The Ramifications of Justification:

Cycle 4:

“Saved, Sons, and Heirs!?”

Outline:

1. Hypophora #1 Question: Romans 8:31
2. Hypophora #2 Answer: Romans 8:32
3. Summary/Application

1- Hypophora #1 Question: Romans 8:31

- “what then shall we say”
- Clause further develops on previously declared truths.
- Cf. Romans 4:1
- Romans 6:1
- Romans 7:7
- Romans 8:31
- Romans 9:14
- Romans 9:30
- Romans 12:1

1- Hypophora #1 Question: Romans 8:31

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- “to these things?”
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- Review Romans 8 thematic statement (8:1-4)
- Review Ch. 8 truths

Romans 5 and 8: Benefits of our justification

- Christ in us 8:10
- Promised resurrection 8:11
- New responsibility 8:12-13
- Led by the Spirit 8:14
- Sonship 8:14
- Adoption 8:15
- The witness of the Spirit 8:16
- Heirship 8:17
- Future Glory 8:18-21
- Temporary groaning 8:22-23
- Future redemption of our bodies 8:23
- Reaffirmed hope 8:24-25
- Help and intercession from Holy Spirit 8:26-27
- Confidence in God's good purposes 8:28-30
- Confidence in God's ultimate purpose 8:28-30

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- Highlight: predestination, adoption, inheritance.

1- Hypophora #1 Question: Romans 8:31

- “what then shall we say”
- “to these things?”
- “if God is for us”
- Review Romans 5:1-5
- Review Romans 8:1-4
- Review 8:28

1- Hypophora #1 Question: Romans 8:31

- “what then shall we say”
- “to these things?”
- “if God is for us”
- “who can be against us?”
- He isn't saying we don't have ANYONE against us.
- He is emphasizing that the One Who can affect our eternal destination is on our side. (cf. Mt. 10:28)

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2- Hypophora #1 Answer: Romans 8:32

- “He who did not spare His own Son”
- Who had Jesus killed?

2- Hypophora #1 Answer: Romans 8:32

- “He who did not spare His own Son”
- “but delivered Him up for us all”
 - The substitutionary aspect
 - The personal aspect
 - The propitiatory aspect
 - It is impossible for God to be “against” us

2- Hypophora #1 Answer: Romans 8:32

- “He who did not spare His own Son”
- “but delivered Him up for us all”
- “how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?”
 - The hard to easy argument:
 - What things? Inheritance?
 - What is Christ’s, will be ours.

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- Since Jesus is the Divine substitute what is true of Him is now able to be true of the believer.
- He condemned sin in the flesh
- He died and thus the believer died to sin (and the law)
- He rose from the dead making the believer alive in Christ
- Jesus will be glorified, and believers will be also.
- This first Hypophora is handling the potential questions/objections about his statement about predestination.

3- Summary/Application

- The question is highlighting the changed relationship between the believer and God Who is now “for us”
- God is for you.
 - Even when you suffer.
 - Even when you struggle.
 - Even when you sin? Cf. 1Jn. 1:9

3- Summary/Application

- The answer is an argument from greater to lesser
- If God substituted His Son for His enemies. How much more will He bless His adopted Children?
- To simplify: The hard part is done (Jesus dying for us), now only the easy remains (giving us freely our inheritance)
- Conclusion to Hypophora #1: Your inheritance is based on your changed relationship. God is FOR YOU!