



# The Book of Romans

## How to be Right with God

(Romans 8:33-34)

## 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:

“Related to the Judge and the Attorney”

# Outline:

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# 1- Hypophora #2 Question: Romans 8:33

- H2 Question:

“Who shall bring a charge against God’s elect?”

- “bring a charge”

- ἐγκαλέσει (VF A I 3 S from root καλεω)

- Illustration: Paul in Acts

- “God’s elect”

## **Election:**

- Israel is elect in the sense that they are the chosen nation of God to be the recipients of blessing through the Abrahamic covenant. This is an election by grace and not merit.
- It is mistaken to think that a natural born offspring of Abraham Isaac and Jacob makes one an automatic recipient of the Abrahamic blessings. They must believe the gospel.
- Consequently, there is provision under the Abrahamic covenant (cf. Gen. 12:3) for Gentile blessing. This would of course be on the basis of Grace through faith.
- Gentiles who believe in Yeshua are under this blessing contained in the Abrahamic covenant. Thus, they become elect in their position.
- This is illustrated by Paul's conversation in Rom. 11 about the root and the branches the root is the Abrahamic covenant. The natural branches are the natural offspring of Abraham Isaac and Jacob who believe. The wild branches are non-biological children who believe and yet are grafted in.
- Thus "elect" is a positional term communicating the choice, privileged position of being under covenant so blessing.



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## 2- Hypophora #2 Answer: Romans 8:33

- H2 Answer:

“It is God who justifies”

- “God” (position as judge) cf. Genesis 1:6-13
- “who justifies” (declares righteous)

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### 3- Hypophora #3 Question: Romans 8:34

- H3 Question:

“Who is he who condemns”

- “who is he” (lit. who is the condemning one)
- “who condemns”

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## 4- Hypophora #3 Answer: Romans 8:34

- H3 Answer:

“It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.”

1- Christ was condemned

- “it is Christ who died”
- Double Jeopardy:

# 5th Amendment:

- No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a Grand Jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the Militia, when in actual service in time of War or public danger; **nor shall any person be subject for the same offence to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb;** nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation.

## 4- Hypophora #3 Answer: Romans 8:34

- H3 Answer:

“It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.”

2- Christ completed the sentence

- “and is also risen”
- Cf. Romans 8:1

How does this effect the interpretation of 8:1?



## 4- Hypophora #3 Answer: Romans 8:34

- H3 Answer:

“It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.”

3- Christ’s current position

- “who is even at the right hand of God”
  - cf. Mk. 16:19
  - Hebrews 1:3

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“It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.”

4- Christ’s current ministry

- “who also makes intercession for us.”
- Cf. Hebrews 7:25
- Revelation 12:10 calls Satan the “accuser of the brethren”

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## 5- Summary/Application

- We cannot be charged with positional unrighteousness. The Ultimate Judge declared us righteous.
- Believers in Jesus Christ are elect in Him. He is the chosen position for the believer thus to be in Him is to be in the chosen position.
- We cannot be condemned for what Jesus paid for. What did He pay for?
- When accusations of our positional unrighteousness are made Jesus is our defense attorney.
- The judge is our Father and the lawyer is our Brother.