

# ROMANS INTRODUCTION

A “Structural Outline” of **Romans**...

**ROMANS**...AS PAUL WROTE IT!

ROMANS 1--11

# Romans...

## THEME: JUSTIFICATION

Paul develops the theme of justification, in 5 “Cycles” of...

- a presentation,
- followed by hypophora...  
questions and answers  
concerning that presentation.

# Romans...

THEME: JUSTIFICATION

INTRODUCTION, 1:1-17

# Romans...

Cycle 1: Romans 1:18-3:20

The Universal Need of  
Justification.

# Romans...

Cycle 2: Romans 3:21-4:25

The Only Means of  
Justification... Faith!

# Romans...

Cycle 3: Romans 5:1-7:25

Benefits of Our Justification

# Romans...

Cycle 4: Romans 8:1-39

More Benefits of Our  
Justification.



# Romans...

Cycle 5: Romans 9:1-11:32.

The Application of these  
Benefits of Justification to  
Israel.

# Cycle 3: Benefits of Our Justification, Romans 5:1-7:25.

## A. Presented, 5:1-21.

- Peace with God, 5:1.
- A Standing in grace and hope of glory, 5:2.
- Meaningful trials, 5:3-5.
- Proven love, 5:6-8.
- Salvation from wrath, 5:9.
- Reconciliation, 5:10-11.
- Deliverance from Adamic guilt and condemnation, 5:12-21.

# Romans....

## III. The Benefits of Our Justification (3<sup>rd</sup> Cycle), 5:1-7:25.

### B. Hypophora, 6:1-7:25.

1. Shall we continue in sin? 6:1-14.
2. Shall we sin, since we are not under law? 6:15-7:6.
  - ✓ NO, we died to The SIN, 6:15-23
  - ✓ NO, we died to The Law, 7:1-6
3. Is The Law sin? 7:7-12.
4. Did that which is good become a cause of death for me? 7:13-25.

# Romans 6-7

## Some Vital Terminology:

Old Man/Old Self, 6:6:

ME, before I was saved...

my former position “in Adam.”

New Man/New Self (Col. 3:9-10)

ME, after salvation...

my new position “in Christ”

# Romans 6-7

## Some Vital Terminology:

### THE SIN:

That evil force that lives inside me, in this mortal flesh, that tempts me to commit sin.

Also known as “The Flesh”  
(Galatians 5)

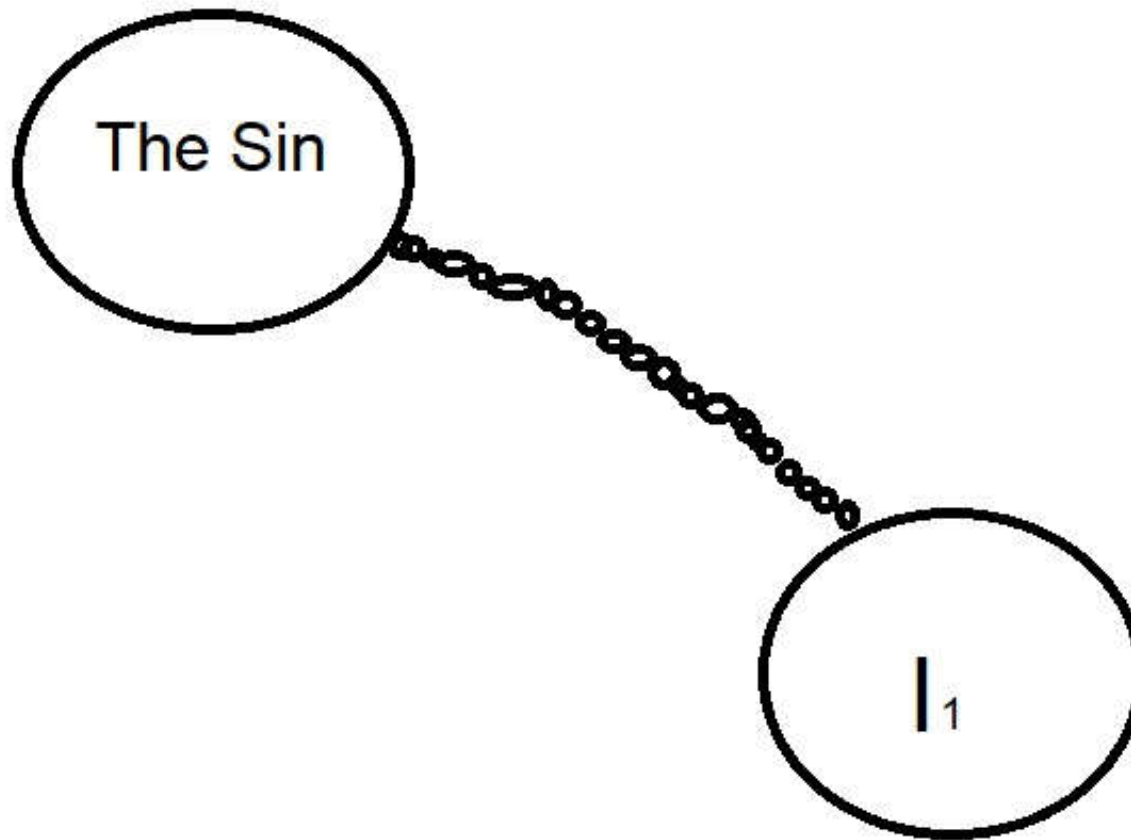
The Unbeliever is a  
SLAVE to The Sin,  
Romans 6:6, 17, 20

At salvation,  
he DIES to THE SIN,  
and is immediately raised,  
a new creature in Christ,  
FREE from slavery to THE SIN!  
Rom. 6:6, 7, 18, 22.

Also at salvation,  
the Holy Spirit  
indwells the believer (7:6)  
to give him the power  
to have victory over THE SIN.

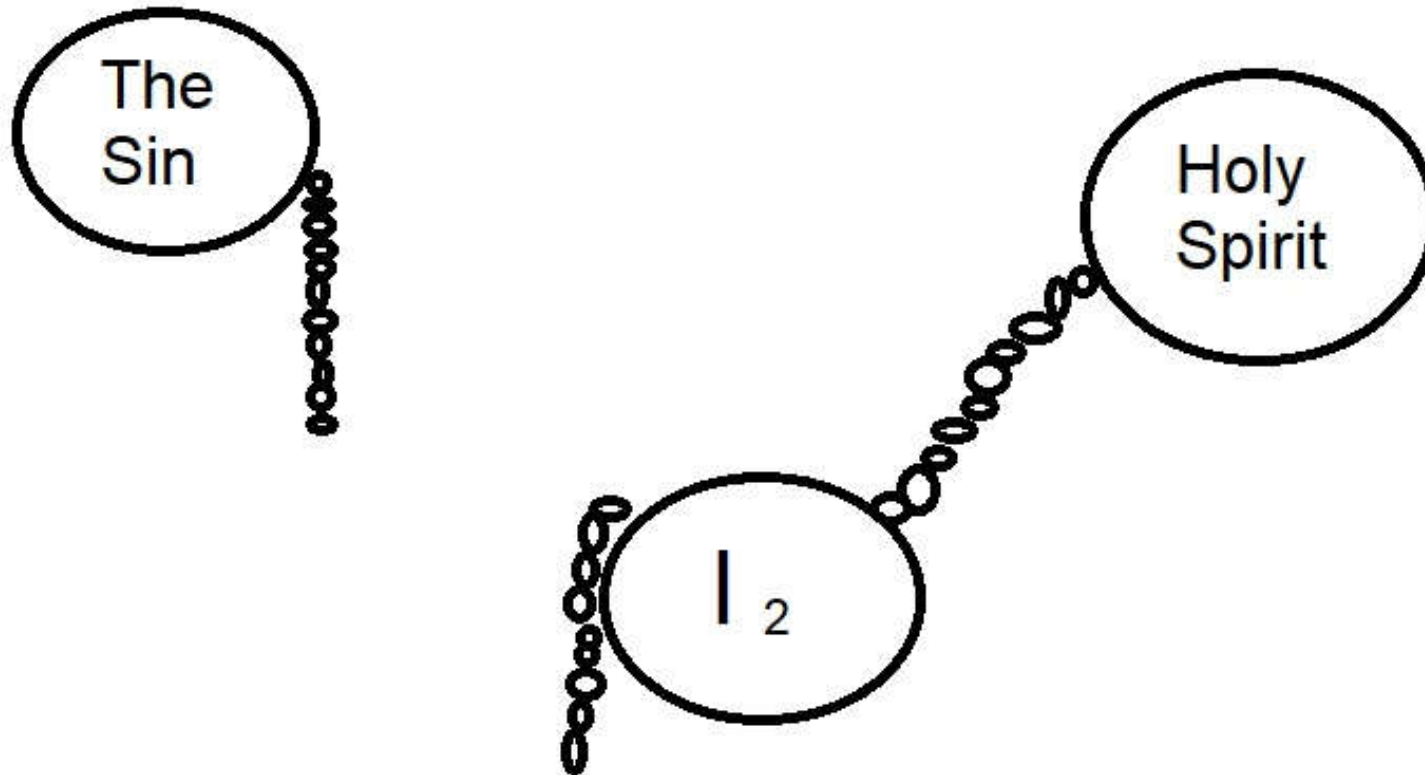
So the believer is now  
a slave to righteousness  
and to God,  
Romans 6:18, 22.

# The Unbeliever:





# The Believer:



So the believer in Jesus is FREE...

- Free from slavery to The Sin, Romans 6:15-23.
- Free from The Law, 7:1-6, esp. 5-6.

BUT...

is Paul saying that  
there is something  
wrong with the Law???

So Paul asks,  
“Is The Law sinful?, Romans 7:7

To answer that,  
Romans 7:7-12 gives  
Paul’s personal testimony  
of Romans 7:5.

(And also Romans 3:20)

So Paul concludes...

“So then, the Law is holy,  
and the commandment is holy,  
and righteous and good.”

**But wait...**

“Therefore...  
did that which is good (The Law)  
become a cause of death  
for me?”

Romans 7:14-24 contains a  
thrice-repeated “refrain...”

7:14-17:

- I am of flesh...
- For I am not practicing what I like...but I am doing the things I hate
- I confess that the Law is good
- The sin which dwells in me is doing it

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7:18-20,

- Nothing good dwells in me...my flesh...
- For the good, I want, I do not do....
- I practice evil....
- The sin which dwells in me is doing it.

Romans 7:14-24 contains a  
thrice-repeated “refrain...”

**7:21-25;**

- Evil is present in me...
- For I joyfully concur with the Law of God in the inner man...
- But a different law is waging war against the law of my mind...
- I am a prisoner of the law of sin...

**I am a wretched man!**

**Romans 7:13-25**  
**is describing how The Sin**  
**used The Law**  
**to bring about the “death”**  
**that Paul described in 7:9-10.**



In Romans 7:13-25, Paul is...

- “Flesh,” 7:14
- “Sold into bondage under The Sin,” 7:14.
- Constantly, hopelessly unable to live up to the demands of The Law, 7:15-24.
- Obeying The Sin, 7:17, 20, 23.
- A prisoner of The Sin, 7:23.

In Romans 7:13-25, Paul is...

- Wretchedly, miserably, defeated, 7:15, 18, 19, 23, 24, 25.

Clearly,  
this could not be the testimony of  
a believer  
who has been  
“freed from The Sin,” 6:18, 22.

“So understood  
[if it is referring to a believer, DK]  
the description of  
the miserable state, vv. 14-25,  
would be the demonstration  
not of the impotence of the law,  
but of that of the gospel.”

(Godet, Commentary on Romans,  
P. 281)

## “But Dave...”

What about the present tense??

- Greek “Tense” emphasizes “kind” of action (continual), not “time.”
- Recall the “Historical Present.”
- Note when the present tense is introduced!
- It could not be “present time!”

**“But Dave...”**

Can an unsaved man have such a high view of God’s law and morality?

OVID:

"My reason this, my passion that  
persuades

I see the wrong, I approve it, too;  
Condemn the wrong, and yet the  
wrong pursue."

"I see and approve the better  
course,

But I follow the worse."

## HORACE:

"More in my mind than body  
lies my pains;  
What'er may hurt me,  
I joy pursue,  
What'er may do me good,  
with horror view."

## EURIPIDES:

"But I am overcome by sin,  
And I will understand the evil  
which I presume to commit.  
Passion, however, is more  
powerful than my reason;  
Which is the cause of the  
greatest evils to mortal man.



**ROUSSEAU:**

"I do evil but I love good."

**“But Dave...”**

What about “the inner man,” 7:22.

Isn't there still “conflict” in the  
Christian life?

Of course there is!

Galatians 5:16-18 describes it!

In fact, even into Romans 8,  
Paul is still discussing  
the contrast  
between believer and unbeliever!

- 8:1
- 8:5
- 8:6-8...9!

Seeing Romans 7:14-25  
as the testimony of a believer  
seems to ignore or DENY the  
power and the effectiveness  
of the change  
that God brought about in our lives  
when He saved us!

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as the testimony of a believer  
seems to ignore or DENY the  
power and ability  
that the believer has  
to live a godly life in Christ!

Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord; **seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness,** through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.

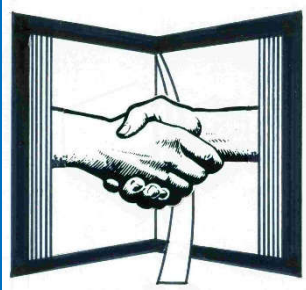
II Peter 1:2-3

NOW, when I sin,  
I have  
NO ONE ELSE TO BLAME!!!

By the grace of God,  
I am  
able not to sin!

“Thanks be  
to God  
for His  
indescribable  
gift!”





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