



# The Book of Romans

## How to be Right with God

(Romans 8:12-13)

# Romans 1-11, Theme: Justification!

## Five Cycles:

- 1: The Universal Need of Justification, 1:18-3:20
- 2: The Only Means of Justification: Faith! 3:21-4:25
3. Benefits of Justification, 5:1-7:25
4. More Benefits of Justification, especially  
“security!”, 8:1-39
5. Application to Israel of these Benefits, 9:1-11:36.

# Each “CYCLE” has 2 parts...

1. Presentation of the topic
2. Hypophora: Posing and answering potential questions regarding the topic.

# Romans 1-11, Theme: Justification!

## Cycle 1:

### The Universal Need of Justification, 1:18-3:20

- Presented, 1:18-2:29
- Hypophora, 3:1-20.

# Romans 1-11, Theme: Justification!

Cycle 2:

The Only Means of Justification: FAITH, 3:21-4:25

- Presented, 3:21-26.
- Hypophora, 3:27-4:25.

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## Cycle 3: Benefits of our Justification, 5:1-7:25

- Presented, 5:1-21
- Hypophora, 6:1-7:25!

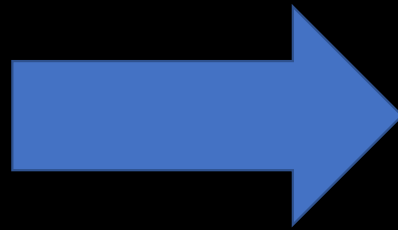
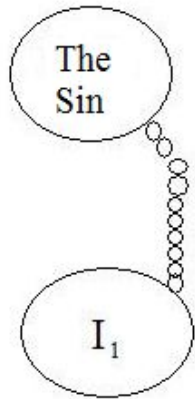
## Cycle 3: Benefits of our Justification, 5:1-7:25

- Hypophora, 6:1-7:25...4 Questions!
  1. 6:1, “Shall we sin so that grace may increase?” **“May it never be!”**
  2. 6:15, “Shall we sin because we are not under Law?” **“May it never be!”**
  3. 7:7, “Is the Law sin?” **“May it never be!”**
  4. 7:13, “Did that which is good become a cause of death for me?” **“May it never be!”**

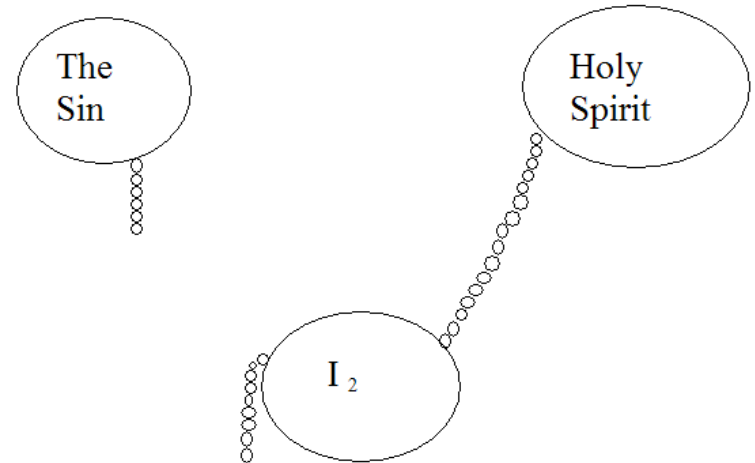
# “A Biblical View of Salvation”

## Based on Romans 6

Unbeliever



Believer



Romans 6:17-18; 20-22.



Then is the Law sin???, 7:7-12

**May it never be!**

- The Law Reveals The Sin, 7:7.
- The Law Provokes The Sin, 7:8.
- The Law Revives The Sin, 7:9.
- The Sin uses The Law to produce “death,” 7:10-11.

**But it can never produce righteousness!!**

Unsaved Saul of Tarsus  
could never achieve righteousness  
by means of the Law!!

**AND NEITHER COULD YOU!!!**

**“For by grace you have been saved,  
through faith...!”**

Arguments for Romans 7:13-25 describing  
Paul's life as an unbeliever:

**1. THE CONTEXT!** The question in v. 13, and  
the subsequent answer and explanation  
follow directly the discussion in 7:7-12!

The "death" of v. 13 and v. 24 is the  
"death" of 7:9, 10, 11, and 7:5.

The Law did not cause the "death,"  
The Sin did!

Arguments for Romans 7:13-25 describing  
Paul's life as an unbeliever:

2. The man in 7:14 is "of flesh"  $\leftrightarrow$  "Sarkinos," meaning "made of flesh." That's all he was...flesh! "Carnal" is misleading.

Arguments for Romans 7:13-25 describing  
Paul's life as an unbeliever:

3. The man in 7:14 is "sold into bondage to  
The Sin."

Recall what happened at salvation!!!

The believer is freed from slavery to

The Sin at Salvation!

This CANNOT be a believer!

Arguments for Romans 7:13-25 describing  
Paul's life as an unbeliever:

4. The man in 7:23-24 is a "wretched man," a "prisoner of the law of The Sin in his members.

Jesus promised "abundant life,"  
(John 10:10),  
not wretched slavery!

Arguments for Romans 7:13-25 describing  
Paul's life as an unbeliever:

5. Romans 8:1 finally gives the victory...  
freedom from condemnation, "for those  
who are in Christ Jesus."

There is nothing **BUT CONDEMNATION**  
in Romans 7:13-24!

**But the believer is free from condemnation!**

My conclusion...

Based primarily on the CONTEXT of Romans 7  
And the development of Paul's argument in the  
hypophora section of this 3<sup>rd</sup> cycle,

Is that Romans 7:13-15 describes Paul's  
frustrated, defeated life as a Jewish man trying  
to achieve justification by the works of the Law,  
and failing miserably.



# Romans 7:13-25 “Three ‘Rounds’ of Despair!”

Each “round” follows the same progression...

- Paul’s State of Utter Sinfulness:
- Paul’s Inability to Do the Good Law of God:
- Paul’s Constant Performance of Evil:
- Paul’s Bondage to The Sin:

# Romans 7:13-25 “Three ‘Rounds’ of Despair!”

## **ROUND 1: vv. 14-17**

- Paul’s State of Utter Sinfulness: 14
- Paul’s Inability to Do the Good Law of God:  
15a
- Paul’s Constant Performance of Evil: 15b-16
- Paul’s Bondage to The Sin: 17

# Romans 7:13-25 “Three ‘Rounds’ of Despair!”

## **ROUND 2: vv. 18-20**

- Paul’s State of Utter Sinfulness: 18a
- Paul’s Inability to Do the Good Law of God: 18b
- Paul’s Constant Performance of Evil: 19
- Paul’s Bondage to The Sin: 20.

# Romans 7:13-25 “Three ‘Rounds’ of Despair!”

## **ROUND 3: vv. 21-24**

- Paul’s State of Utter Sinfulness: 21
- Paul’s Inability to Do the Good Law of God: 22-23a
- Paul’s Constant Performance of Evil: 23b
- Paul’s Bondage to The Sin: 24

## Romans 7:25

Paul's parenthetical outburst of thanksgiving to God  
Paul's parting summation of his struggle with sin.

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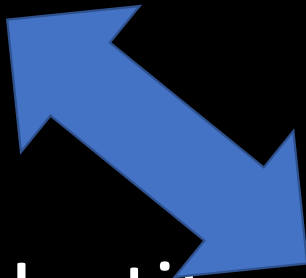
## Cycle 4: More Benefits of our Justification, 8:1-39

- Presented, 8:1-30
- Hypophora, 8:31-39

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*You would expect that there would be similarities between chapters 5 and 8*





**Cycle 3: Benefits of Justification  
Presented 5:1-21**

**Cycle 4: More Benefits of  
Justification, Presented 8:1-30**

5:1	Dramatic Transition,	8:1
16, 18	Prior condemnation,	1
1	Peace	6
2, 4, 5	Hope	20, 24, 25
2	Glory	18, 21, 30 (glorified)
5	Holy Spirit	4, 5, 6, 9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 23, 26, 27
5, 8	Love (ἀγάπη)	28, 35, 37, 39
20	“Overcoming”	37

IF Romans 7 is describing the experience of  
a person before salvation...

AND IF Romans 8 is describing benefits of  
a person AFTER salvation...

THEN you would expect to see  
many CONTRASTS

between Romans 7 and Romans 8

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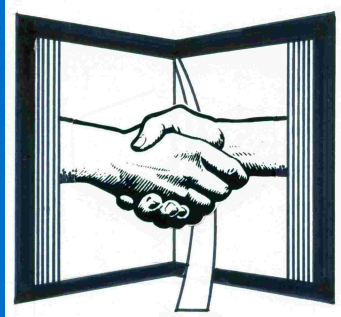
Romans 7	Romans 8
“in the flesh,” 5	“NOT in the flesh,” 9
“in the flesh,” 5	“In The Spirit,” 9
“not saying that the Law was BAD,” 7, 13	But the Law was IMPOTENT, 3
unable to fulfill the Law, 14-24	“requirement of the Law fulfilled in us!” 4
“prisoner,” 14, 23-24	“set free,” 2
Needing to be set free, 24	Having been set free, 2
No mention of the Holy Spirit (except verse 6)	MANY (12!) references to the Holy Spirit

## Romans 5 and 8: Benefits of our Justification:

- Peace with God, 5:1.
- Standing in grace, 5:2.
- Hope of glory, 5:2.
- Meaningful trials, 5:3-5.
- Proven Love, 5:6-8.
- Freedom from wrath, 5:9.
- Reconciliation, 5:10-11.
- Freedom from Adamic Guilt, 5:12-21.

## Romans 5 and 8: Benefits of our Justification:

- Freedom from condemnation, 8:1.
- Freedom from the law of The Sin and the death, 8:2-4
- We ARE “according to the Spirit” and have the mind of the Spirit, 5-8. (Translation problems!)
- We are IN THE SPIRIT, 8:9. (Sphere of existence!)
- The Spirit is in us, 8:9 (Indwelling!)



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