



# The Book of Romans

## How to be Right with God

(Romans 3:27-31)

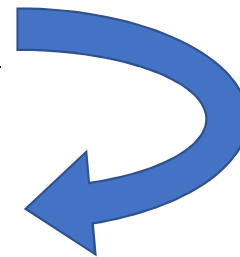
## Context:

- The parts of a Cycle:

Part 1- Thematic Statement

Part 2- Elaboration

Part 3- Hypophora





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

Cycle 4: The Permanency 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 Only Means of Justification:

“Impartial justification by faith”

\*\*\*Read Romans 3:27-31

# Outline:

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cf. 1 Peter 1:10

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- ALL have sinned v. 23
- Justification is free (by HIS grace) v. 24
- Justification is in Christ Jesus vv. 24-26

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### B. Summary:

- Faith alone, in Christ alone gives the righteousness of God to the believer.

## 2- The Hypophora of Cycle 2:

Hypophora #1: What about boasting? v. 27 (cf. 4:1-8)

- Answer: “it is excluded” (or lit. It was shut out)
- Elaboration: “By what kind of law? Of Works?”
- Answer: “No, but by the law of faith”
- Works cannot exclude boasting... (cf. Rom. 4:2)

"I preached over 120 harvest crusades before I was 20...We baptized 56,631 new believers...sent 20,869 members overseas to 197 nations... 78,157 members of our church signed our membership covenant... I had the privilege of training over 1.1 million pastors, sorry friends that's more than all of our seminaries put together..."

- Rick Warren (SBC, 2022)



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- Conclusion: “a man is justified by faith apart (lit. separate) from the deeds of the law.”
- “Therefore we conclude” = Paul seems to argue, based on the exclusion of man’s ability to boast, that justification is by faith and not deeds of the law. Because faith contributes nothing to salvation it just receives it.

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v. 29 (cf. 4:9-12)

- Answer: “Yes, of the Gentiles also”

- Elaboration: “since there is one God who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith.”

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“is He the God of the Jews only? That is, if the Law is essential to justification, God would restrict Himself to being a solely Jewish God since the Jews were the only ones entrusted with it (9:4).”

René A. Lopez, Romans Unlocked Power to Deliver



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1-Salvific typology

2-The content of faith is based on what God has revealed up to that time.

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Arnold Fruchtenbaum suggests 3 periods where the content of faith was given greater detail:

**First**, protoevangelium period Genesis 3:15

**Second**, patriarchal period (the content is the promises of God revealed to Abraham in the Abrahamic covenant)

**Third**, Mosaic law period: God is the only God and God is the only savior

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- Also consider Romans 4:1-8

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- Also Rene Lopez adds, “faith does not allow one to lower the righteous standards of the Law. If anyone taught the Law must be kept to be justified, the Law’s integrity would be damaged since any efforts to obey the Law perfectly, even by Christians, are fraught with failures. Trying to accomplish this feat will cause one to lower the standards of the Law, which Jesus did not permit”

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- Paul adds, "On the contrary, we establish the law."

\*\*\* This is elaborated on 4:20-8:39

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## Application:

- In dealing with the question on boasting. We must always remember the source, origins, and means of us being made righteous. **IT IS NOT YOU!** Paul is not saying us being made righteous is not reason to boast (to glory). He is emphasizing that **WE** do not boast in our ability to acquire it because we have none.



## Application:

- If righteousness cannot be gained by the deeds of the law (God's list of righteousness) how much less is doing our own "good deeds" going to bring us short of perfect righteousness?

## Application:

- If imputed righteousness is given at the time of faith are supplemental works necessary in the believer's life?

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