



The Book of Romans

How to be Right with God

(Romans 8:35-39)

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: 8:35-39

“The ALL-Conquering Love of God”

Outline:

1. Hypophora #4 Question: Romans 8:35
2. Hypophora #4 Answer: Romans 8:36-39

Part 1: 8:36

Part 2: 8:37

Part 3: 8:38-39

1- Hypophora #4 Question: Romans 8:35


- H4 Question:

“Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?”

- “Who”
- “shall separate us from the love of Christ?”
- The would-be dividers:

1- Hypophora #4 Question: Romans 8:35

- The would-be dividers:

- Tribulation (suffering or affliction)
- Distress (a set of stressful circumstances)
- Persecution  (a program or process designed to harass and oppress someone, persecution)
- Hunger
- Destitution
- Danger (To be in peril or sudden damage)
- Sword (Death by violence or execution)

1- Hypophora #4 Question: Romans 8:35

- H2 Question:
 - “Who”
 - “shall separate us from the love of Christ?”
 - The would-be dividers:
 - Cf. 2 Corinthians 11:23-28
 - Cf. Romans 8:28

1- Hypophora #4 Answer: Romans 8:36-39

- H4 Answer: Part 1 – 8:36

“As it is written: ‘For your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.’”

1- Hypophora #4 Answer: Romans 8:36-39

- H4 Answer: Part 1 – 8:36
- “as” or “just as” (Paul draws a comparison)
- Then Paul quotes Psalm 44:22
- vv. 1-8 the Israelite forefathers experienced victory at God’s mighty hand
- vv. 9-26 forms a prayer that God would give them that same victory as they face insurmountable problems

Summary: (cf. Romans 9-11)

- The tribulations that Israel faced and THE tribulation they will face are circumstances. But the unconditional covenant remains the same

1- Hypophora #4 Answer: Romans 8:36-39

- H4 Answer: Part 2 – 8:37

“Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.”

“But in all these we are completely triumphant through the One Who has loved us.” - JPH

1- Hypophora #4 Answer: Romans 8:36-39

- H4 Answer: Part 2 – 8:37
- Paul has Psalm 44 on his mind but gives an interjection here: “but”
- “but in all these things we are completely triumphant” what things?
- How can Paul say this?
- Because of the resurrection and the inheritance!

1- Hypophora #4 Answer: Romans 8:36-39

- H4 Answer: Part 3 – 8:38-39
- Paul’s summary vv. 38-39
- “I am persuaded” (V, Perfect, Passive, indicative)
lit. “I have been convinced (and still am, and will be)”
- The list of triumph

1- Hypophora #4 Answer: Romans 8:36-39

- The list of triumph (all stated in the negative)
 - Death nor life
 - Nor angels, principalities, nor powers
 - Nor things present, nor things to come
 - Nor height nor depth
 - Nor any other created thing

“shall **be able** to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Summary/Application

- Suffering is not a standard gauge for fellowship with God.
- Israel, though they suffer, never lose the covenant promises.
- The believer in Christ is completely triumphant because of resurrection and inheritance. (cf. Romans 8:28)
- Nothing is ABLE to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Ramifications of Justification:

Cycle 4: 8:35-39

“The ALL-Conquering Love of God”