The Book of Romans

How to be Right with God





The Only Means of Justification: Romans 4:13-25

"The promise of the inheritance is by faith and not the law.

- 1- Paul's assertion of the promise: v. 13
- 2- Paul's reason for this assertion: vv. 14-22
- 3- Paul's application of this assertion: vv. 23-25

THIS BRINGS US TO THE END OF "CYCLE 2"!

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
 - For the Heathen, 1:18-32.
 - For the Moralist, 2:1-16.
 - For the Jew, 2:17-29.

Romans 1-11, Theme: Justification! Cycle 1:

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

- •3:1
- •3:3
- •3:5
- •3:7
- 3:9 (-20)

Romans 1-11, Theme: Justification!

Cycle 2:

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

4:25

Presented, 3:21-26.

Romans 1-11, Theme: Justification! Cycle 2:

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

Hypophora, 3:27-4:25.

•3:27

•4:1

• 3:29

•4:3

•3:31

- •4:9
- •4:10

Additional Highlights from Romans 4 "Who Does God Justify?" ("What do you have to do to be saved??") Romans 4:5

"Ungodly People!"

"Who do NO WORKS!"

"Who Believe in Jesus!"

Lordship Salvation is Excluded!!!

"Faith" or "Believe" occurs in Romans 3:21-4:25

Cognate words...
Πιστεύω (Pisteuō) = Verb, "believe"(7)
Πίστις (Pistis) = noun, "faith" (18)

Additional Highlights from Romans 4 "Why is justification by faith"" Romans 4:16 Follow Paul's logic!

- "For this reason it is by faith..."
- "In order that it might be in accordance with grace!"
- "So that the promise will be guaranteed!"

"Why is justification by faith"" Romans 4:16 Reversing the order...

God wanted the promise to be <u>guaranteed</u>

⇔ Eternal Security!!!

So then, it had to be <u>by grace</u>"

"For this reason, it is by <u>faith</u>, (not by works)!

Additional Highlights from Romans 4
"What do you mean, "faith""
Romans 4:20-21

"and being fully assured that what God had promised, He was able also to perform." Additional Highlights from Romans 4

"Does 'faith' mean that you just 'turn a blind eye' to the difficulties?"

Romans 4:19-20

"Without becoming weak in faith he contemplated his own body, now as good as dead since he was about a hundred years old, and the deadness of Sarah's womb;"

Additional Highlights from Romans 4 "SO...What do you have to believe?" Romans 4:24-25

- "...as those who <u>believe in Him</u> who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead,
- He who was delivered over because of our transgressions,
- and was raised because of our justification.

THE GOSPEL!!!

So Romans 4 Tells Us...

God justifies ungodly people,
Who do no works,
But who believe in Jesus

Faith is believing that God can do what He promised He will do!

So Romans 4 Tells Us...

God designed salvation to be by grace through faith, so that we might have eternal security!

Faith does not deny the difficulties but knows that God is greater than the difficulties!!

So Romans 4 Tells Us...

The account of Abraham's justification was written to assure us that we are justified when we believe in God!

We believe the gospel...

- Jesus died because of our transgressions
 - Jesus rose because of our justification

Romans 3:21—4:25

What a fantastic passage of Scripture!!

What a fantastic salvation we have!!

What a fantastic GOD!!!!!



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