



The Book of Romans

How to be Right with God

(Romans 3:19-20)

Context:

- The 5 cycles of Paul's persuasive argument concerning justification.



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 Universal Need of Justification:

The Function of the Law

***Read Romans 3:19-20

Outline:

- 1- Wrapping up Cycle 1:
- 2- The Function of the Law:

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A. The parts of a Cycle:

B. Cycle 1:

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Part 1 – Thematic Statement

Part 2 – Elaboration

Part 3 – Hypophora

Part 4 – Summary conclusion/transition



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1- Wrapping up Cycle 1:

B. Cycle 1: The Universal Need of Justification

- Thematic Statement: 1:18-19

- Elaboration: 1:20-2:29

- Hypophora: 3:1-18

- Summary conclusion/transition: 3:19-20

1- Wrapping up Cycle 1:

B. Cycle 1: The Universal Need of Justification

- Thematic Statement: 1:18-19

- The wrath of God is revealed
- Against ungodliness and unrighteousness
- Who suppress the truth

The Chain of Truth Suppression:

The truth of God →

truth suppression →

worthless reasoning →

foolish hearted (cf. Ps. 14:1) →

darkened heart

1- Wrapping up Cycle 1:

B. Cycle 1: The Universal Need of Justification

- Thematic Statement: 1:18-19

- The wrath of God is revealed
- Against ungodliness and unrighteousness
- Who suppress the truth
- Having the manifestation of God in them

1- Wrapping up Cycle 1:

What is understood from this thematic statement?

God's wrath is revealed against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men...

Who are the ungodly and unrighteous?

1- Wrapping up Cycle 1:

B. Cycle 1: The Universal Need of Justification

- Thematic Statement: 1:18-19
- Elaboration: 1:20-2:29
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1- Wrapping up Cycle 1:

B. Cycle 1: The Universal Need of Justification

- Elaboration: 1:20 - 2:29

- Details on the truth being suppressed vv. 20-32
- Inexcusability of pagan 2:1-11
- Inexcusability of the Jew 2:12-29

1- Wrapping up Cycle 1:

What is understood from this elaboration?

- Created man has rejected the Creator...
- Pagans are guilty
- Jews are guilty

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1- Wrapping up Cycle 1:

B. Cycle 1: The Universal Need of Justification

- Hypophora: 3:1-18

Q1: What advantage has the Jew or circumcision? 3:1

Read 3:2

1- Wrapping up Cycle 1:

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- Hypophora: 3:1-18

Q2: Will Jewish unbelief make the faithfulness of God without effect? 3:3

Read vv. 3-4

1- Wrapping up Cycle 1:

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- Hypophora: 3:1-18

Q3: Is God unjust? 3:5

Read v. 6

1- Wrapping up Cycle 1:

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- Hypophora: 3:1-18

Q4: Why not say “let us do evil that good may come”

Read v. 8

1- Wrapping up Cycle 1:

B. Cycle 1: The Universal Need of Justification

- Hypophora: 3:1-18

Q5: Are we (Jews) better than they (Gentiles)?

Read vv. 9-18

1- Wrapping up Cycle 1:

What is understood from this hypophora series?

- Jews had every advantage because of Scripture
- God is faithful despite man's unbelief
- God is just and will judge the world justly
- Jews are not better because ALL have sinned.

1- Wrapping up Cycle 1:

B. Cycle 1: The Universal Need of Justification

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A. According to Romans 3:19-20

- The subjects of the law

“whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law”

- The Law was a binding contract that Israel covenanted themselves to.

- vv. 10-18 seem to also be in view applying to Gentiles as well. (cf. Ecc. 7:20)

2- The Function of the Law:

A. According to Romans 3:19-20

- The purpose of the law

“THAT every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God... for by the law is the knowledge of sin.”

Where the law speaks man cannot. No man can stand before God and justify himself under God's law.

2- The Function of the Law:

A. According to Romans 3:19-20

- The function of the law

“Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin.”

- The law cannot justify man (WHY?)
- The law is given to recognize this truth.

2- The Function of the Law:

B. According to the whole counsel of God:

- A memorial function (Exodus 13:9-10)
- A civil or societal function (Exodus 18:14-16)
- A rule of life function (cf. Deuteronomy)
- A sanctifying function (Leviticus 11:44-45; Exodus 19:4-6)
- A revealing function (Romans 7:7-13; 1 Cor. 15:56)
- An evangelizing function (Galatians 3:24-25)
- A hygienic function (cf. the ritual cleansing)
- A governing health function (the kings were to write down the law by hand. Imagine if our politicians were to write down the constitution by hand.)

Are you good enough to get in?