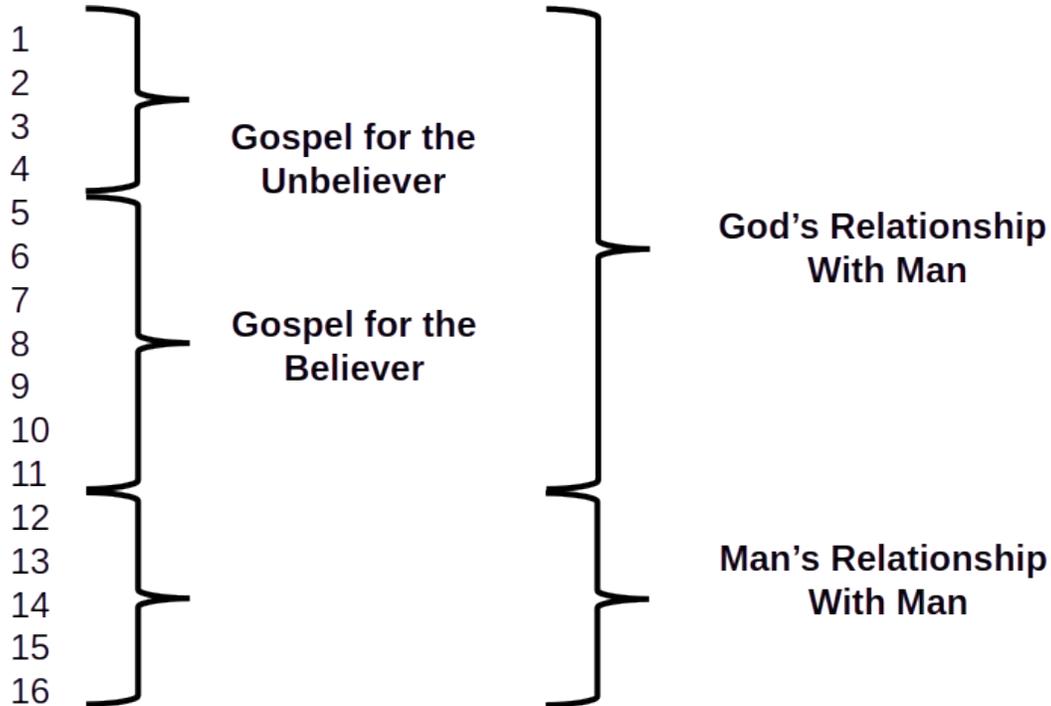


Sin, Righteousness & Life

Where are we in the book of Romans? Let us go to an overview: an outline. This one is based upon Herman's teaching on Romans.



It is important to keep in mind where we are in Romans. The book starts with the gospel for the unbeliever in chapters 1-4.

Chapter 5 is a “hinge” or transitional chapter. It starts with an aorist participle. If it were a perfect tense you might think this is a completed action with on-going results. While the results are true, Paul is here pointing to the fact that justification is a completed action at the point of faith in Jesus. It's a done deal.

Romans 5:1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

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A key here is the action of the aorist participle comes before the action of the main verb, “we have.” Peace with God is a state of non-aggression. We are no longer at war with God, dominated by the sin nature. Now we have a choice to depend on God the Holy Spirit or on the sin nature. The choice is ours. Blessing or cursing.

The context is important to keep in mind as we progress in Romans chapter 8: Spirituality. The Christian’s walk in life.

I am steering us toward a chart I mentioned last week.

Phase	Justification	Sanctification	Glorification
Tense	Past	<u>Present</u>	Future
Saved from sin’s:	Penalty	<u>Power</u>	Presence
Scripture	Eph 2:8-9; Titus 3:5	<u>Philip 2:12</u>	Hebrews 9:28 Romans 13:11

The original chart only dealt with sin. But in the gospel there is a need for sin to be punished, yes, but we also need righteousness to be imputed and life to be imputed. Each one of those has a continuing impact through history on into eternity. These terms are related to our salvation.

¹ https://cdn.slbc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/07000720/SLBC-010_Soteriology-03_23_20161.pptx

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These concepts show up in the Great White Throne judgment.

Revelation 20:11 Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them.

Revelation 20:12 And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds.

Revelation 20:13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged, every one of them according to their deeds.

Deeds are based upon righteousness. But unbelievers only have relative righteousness. Isaiah told us in no uncertain terms that our righteousness is not acceptable to God.

Isaiah 64:6 For all of us have become like one who is unclean, And all our righteous deeds are like a filthy garment (a euphemism); And all of us wither like a leaf, And our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

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Revelation 20:14 Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire.

Revelation 20:15 And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

Romans is about the gospel which includes past, present and future. Justification is the term Paul gives to the initial faith alone in Christ alone. We sometimes call this salvation or salvation phase 1. The original chart identified that sin is dealt with not just at the point of salvation but also in phase 2/life called sanctification in the chart. I am not going to deal with phase 3 salvation or glorification in the current lesson.

So I am attempting to broaden the original chart to show the three items we stress in the gospel: sin, righteousness and life. These words are part of the gospel at the point of salvation but also extend into eternity.

Phase	Justification	Sanctification	Glorification
Tense	Past	Present	Future
Sin	Saved from Penalty of sin	Saved from Power of sin	Saved from Presence of sin
Righteousness	Imputation of +R	Production of +R	Receiving awards
Life	Imputation of eternal life	Walking by means of the Holy Spirit	Reigning with Christ

The first word of Romans chapter 5 is “justified.” In the Greek this is from the same root as “righteousness.” In the context of salvation it

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means “declared righteous.” That is what God does at the point of our faith in Christ. He declares us righteous because He imputed the righteousness of Christ to our account. What I want to do in this lesson is take you through chapters 5-8 finding verses that support this chart.

This is not just a reading exercise. I want you to see in your own Bibles words that have meaning that build a theology you can see and remember. The chart can be your memory device. The Bible, especially the book of Romans is the documentation. The Bible is multifaceted. In this exercise we are looking for sin, righteousness and life. Remember that life in action is sometimes called “walking.” Also note that wherever we find the word “justification” or “justified” we are talking about righteousness at the point of faith. So documentation for our justification is all through Romans in that word, not just in Romans 5:1

At this point open your Bibles to Romans chapter 5.

Phase 1 Righteousness

Romans 5:15 But the free gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one the many died, much more did the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abound to the many.

Romans 5:16 The gift (Greek: *dorema*, gift) is not like that which came through the one who sinned; for on the one hand the judgment (*krima*) arose from one transgression resulting in condemnation (Greek, *katakrima* or punishment) but on the other hand the free gift (Greek: *charisma*, grace gift) arose from many

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transgressions resulting in justification
(declared righteous).

Until now I hadn't noticed the contrasting words Paul uses in this verse. There are two words for gift. The first word means gift. The second word for "free gift" is what some would call "grace" gift. The second word is greater than the first showing increasing importance. It is not just a gift from God, it is an unearned grace gift.

Then there are words for judgment and condemnation. The first word means judgment (*krima*). The second word is the result of that judgment (*katakrima*, punishment). God judged sin on the cross resulting in spiritual punishment poured out on Jesus. *Krima* becomes *katakrima*.

Romans 5:17 For if by the transgression of the one, death reigned through the one, much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness (the imputation of righteousness is a free gift) will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.

Righteousness and life are related. As a result of imputed righteousness we will reign in life.

Romans 5:18 So then as through one transgression there resulted condemnation (Greek, *katakrima* or punishment) to all men, even so through one act of righteousness there resulted justification (justification is the declaration of righteousness) of life to all men.

Again, righteousness leads to life.

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Romans 5:19 For as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, even so through the obedience of the One the many will be made righteous. Several times now

Keep in mind as we go through this exercise, I am primarily looking at righteousness and life in Romans 5-8.

Phase 1 Life

Romans 5:20 The Law came in so that the transgression would increase; but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more,

Romans 5:21 so that, as sin reigned in death, even so grace would reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Remember that at the point of salvation we have eternal life. So our life on earth now is just the front porch of our eternal life.

Phase 2 Righteousness

Romans 6:16 Do you not know that when you present yourselves to someone as slaves for obedience, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin resulting in death, or of obedience resulting in righteousness?

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Romans 6:17 But thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were committed,

Romans 6:18 and having been freed from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.

Currently, in your physical bodies, you are by choice either slaves to sin or slaves to righteousness. You walk in the power of the sin nature or you walk in the power of the Holy Spirit. Your choice. Choose wisely.

Phase 2 Life

Romans 6:3 Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?

Romans 6:4 Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

Romans 6:8 Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him,

Romans 6:9 knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, is never to die again; death no longer is master over Him.

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Romans 6:10 For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God.

Romans 6:11 Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Romans 6:20 For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness.

Romans 6:21 Therefore what benefit were you then deriving from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the outcome of those things is death.

Romans 6:22 But now having been freed from sin and enslaved to God, you derive your benefit, resulting in sanctification, and the outcome, eternal life.

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Sin Phase 2

Romans 6:5 For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection,

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Romans 6:6 knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin;

No longer be slaves to sin. This is a verb from the root for doulos or slave. It is present tense meaning incomplete action or continuous action in present time.

Romans 6:7 for he who has died is freed from sin.

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KEYWORDS in Romans

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JUSTIFICATION

BY FAITH

SANCTIFICATION

KEYWORD	1:19–3:20	3:21–5:21	6:1–8:39
<i>krino</i> <i>krima/</i> <i>katakrima</i> condemnation	10 3/0 13	0 1/2 (these refer back to judgment)	0 1
<i>pisteuw</i> <i>pistis</i> faith	0 1	7 17 24	1 2
<i>zao</i> <i>zoe</i> life	2 1	0	12 12 24

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