

Cornerstone Bible Church

The Assurance Syllogism

(Romans 5:6-11)

Survey of Romans part 16

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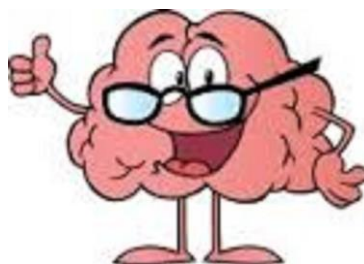


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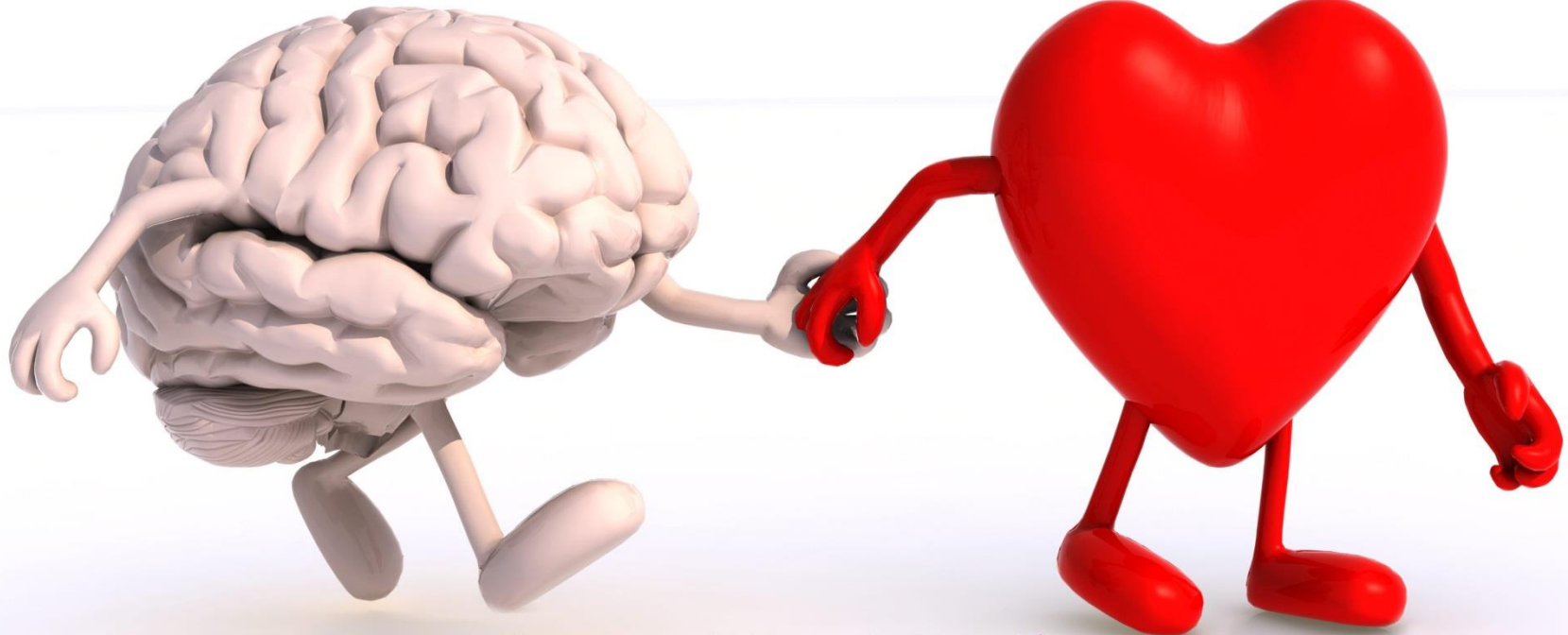
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I will walk before the Lord in the
land of the living Psalm 116:9

“Jesus paid it all, all to
Him I owe”

Introduction:

There are three very effective methods, to deflect and detour the mind from the Gospel.

1. The Religion of Works:

The enemy will keep people away from the gospel by having them believe they must work for their salvation.

- Adam and Eve covered themselves with leaves when they sinned. It hasn't changed since then!
- **Religion** comes from **Religare** (to re-unite or to re-tie).
- Humanity has sought to retie the broken bond in Eden through the Religion of Works → (Abel & Cain)

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2. The Religion of Law Keeping:

God's moral code has been written in our consciences.

- The Law in the conscience is sufficient to condemn.
- The Law in tablets was added ...
 - a) To define what is sinful.

“I did not know coveting until the Law said, you shall not covet”
 - b) To restrain evil.
 - c) To bring us to Christ and in Him, to show us God's will.
 - d) But it is impossible to be saved by the keeping of the Law! Αμαρτια (hamartia) is “missing the mark”**

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3. The Religion of Doubting: (the trap believers fall for)

Yes I understand the gospel but...

- Once we know the gospel, the enemy will keep shooting fiery darts to make us to doubt our salvation.
- You are not good enough.
- You are not holy enough.
- You do not give, pray or read enough.
- You spoke harsh to your wife this morning and true Christians don't do that.

Link → The Syllogism:

- Paul continues expanding on the results and benefits of Justification
- His argument could be construed as what in logic is called a Syllogism.
- Syllogism: **Since** a, b, c ... n are TRUE, **then** “x”
- A syllogism is a conclusion that must be true, because it logically stems from antecedent truthful premises.
- Paul proceeds to demonstrate the affirmation of verse 5 (already covered): “*the Love of God being lavishly poured in our hearts though the Holy Spirit*”.

The Text: Romans 5:6-11

⁶ For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

⁷ For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die.

⁸ But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

⁹ Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him.

¹⁰ For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

¹¹ And not only this, but we also exult in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

THE ASSURANCE SYLLOGISM FLOW (Observe the *parallelisms* also)

a) If while we were **helpless**, Jesus died for the ungodly ...

And,

b) If while we were **sinners**, Christ died for us ...

And,

c) If while **enemies**, we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son ...

**THEN
again**

1. Having been **justified** *by His blood*, we shall be saved from the wrath of God...

2. Having been **reconciled** *by His death*, we shall be saved *by His life*...

And,

3. Now we exult in God through Christ

I broke the passage down into these Headings:

- I Man's Natural State**
- II The Redeemed Condition**
- III The Expected Reaction**

I Man's Natural State

a) Helpless = ungodly

- Total depravity
- Total inability
- Spiritually dead

b) Sinner = under wrath

- Undeserving of divine favor
- Much worse, deserving of wrath

c) Enemy = Unreconciled

- Passive versus active antagonism
- Ours enmity is active since birth.
- We provoke God!



- This is the kind of teaching that will not make us popular.
- If you bring a friend from work to a church like this and tell him, ***this is what God thinks about you and all of us***, we will not make ourselves winsome and attractive.
- **However, it is only by telling the bad news first, that we can move on to proclaim the Good News!**

II - The Redeemed Condition

a) **Justified:** a forensic declaration

- Righteousness is imputed, not imparted.
- The received justice is alien, not innate.
- The works of the Law were fulfilled in Christ.

b) **Reconciled:**

- Peace re-established in and through Christ
- The true and Divine *RELIGARE*

c) **Saved:** the accursed condition is reversed

- Jesus bore the curse on the cross
- He was made sin on our behalf
- Now we are made the righteousness of God in Him

II - The Redeemed Condition



a) What about **sanctification**?

- Not in the text, this comes later.
- Justice imparted, is the result of a new creation.
- The “willing and the doing” are both according to God’s good pleasure.

c) Are we **saved already** or shall we be **Saved**?

- Yes!
- Both (later Romans 8:25-28).
- We have been saved from the curse of sin.
- We have been saved from the power of sin.
- We have not been saved yet from its presence.

III – An Expected Reaction: we exult in God!

- What does that really mean?
 - This is the result of RECONCILIATION!
- “Psychological” salvation? O that Osteen had good doctrine!
- We must embrace this emotional side of our Redemption
- a) **Ownership:** Ruth’s statement to Naomi: “your people shall be my people and your God shall be my God.”
- Isn’t it arrogant to think on God and say, YAHWEH is MY GOD?
- b) **Boasting:** only in the Lord 1 Corinthians 1:28-31
- c) **Glory:** not future, but present glory. God is our glory!

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“The expression brings out something of the **spontaneous exuberance of the Christian life**. The final words are important: *through whom we have now received reconciliation ... “The work of reconciliation, in the sense of the New Testament, is a work which is finished, and which we must conceive to be finished, before the gospel is preached.”*

Leon Morris – Pillar Series of NT Commentaries -

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