

Romans #071

“The much more *A Fortiori Ratiōne* principle”

Romans 5:9-11

TONIGHT:

If God justified us when we were despicable enemies to Him, how will He treat us now that we’re His friends?

A fortiori ratiōne is a Latin phrase meaning “with stronger reason”;

it’s a system of logic using the comparison of a conclusion compared with another conclusion or recognized fact, as believed to be even more certain than the two conclusions it combines.

Illustration:

The US should have been destroyed a long time ago is a cause that should have occurred but a stronger cause keeps her from being destroyed: Jesus Christ controls history.

If God can provide for grass, which gets a lot of pressure (people walk on it, dogs mess on it, weather tears dries it out, or floods it), can God take care of you?

Of course, He can; Why?

Because you are much more important to Him than grass.

The first principle of having God’s perfect righteousness is that you do not and cannot ever go to Lake of Fire; you can NEVER be judged at the

Last Judgment.

Unbelievers go to Hell because of self-righteousness, not because of sin.

If God can do the greater, it follows, *a fortiori*, with stronger reason, that God can accomplish the lesser because greater or lesser is not a matter of quality but of effort required.

If the justice of God provided the greater at spiritual maturity, the imputation of special blessings, it follows, *a fortiori*, that the justice of God will not withhold the lesser, eternal blessings and rewards at the Judgment Seat of Christ.

If you have God’s perfect righteousness, you have living support blessing and if you have living support blessing, its purpose is to support you so you can advance to receive greater-grace and surpassing grace special blessings.

The lesser is easier to provide but it’s always the greater factor because eternal blessing and reward glorify God forever.

We will never glorify God apart from these two imputations of special blessings in time and in eternity and we cannot glorify God in time by what we do; God is glorified by what He does; we’re not here to do great things for God; we’re here to learn and grow and that glorifies God.

It’s easier for God to bless the Gentiles when the Jewish people enjoy their priest nation status than during a time when only Gentile nations act as priest nations.

We are blessed today in a wonderful way but we would be blessed even more as Gentiles if Israel were God's priest nation right now.

The Gentiles have maximum blessing in the Church Age through Israel's fall but will have greater than maximum blessing in the Millennium when Israel is restored as a priest nation.

The perfect environment of the Millennium could not exist without Israel as priest nation, plus the overthrow of Satan and restraint of the sin nature through the correct function of law enforcement and justice.

So, if the cursing to the nation and individual Jew today produces blessing for the Gentile, what will happen when Israel is in a state of blessing, as priest nation and individually?

It will be super-blessing for the Gentile!

A fortiori compares a previous conclusion of biblical truth with another conclusion of biblical truth to understand and apply the undeniable certainty of God's grace policy in His perfect plan.

A fortiori relates certainty to certainty to give the believer confidence in the plan of God to causing him to conclude that the only security in life is what he carries in his thinking.

In life, every time you apply the Word of God in your soul to a situation, there is a decoration for you in Heaven.

If Jesus Christ died for His enemies and He did, He will surely deliver His friends and He does, so if the justice of God judged our sins in Christ, now that we are 'in Christ' the justice of God can do something fantastic.

The conclusion is intensified by opposites as the incredible came when we were enemies and the self-evident comes to us as royal family of God; so as enemies, we were justified by His blood and as royal family, we are preserved from His wrath.

We are never vindicated because of self-righteousness.

Perfection can only bless perfection and perfection can only judge imperfection; therefore the justice of God condemns sins and blesses perfection but since there is no perfection in the human race, God had to provide it and that's what happened when we made salvation adjustment to God.

Man's spiritual death from his sinfulness is the hostility with God which is changed by reconciliation as the righteousness of God rejects man's sinfulness, the justice of God condemns man's sinfulness and a hostility exists between God and man.

God could not find within the human race in thousands of years of history, one person qualified to step out of the box of sin and go to the cross.

Not only do we have something in eternity but we have something in time.

The fact that the believer is going to have a resurrection body is not the only blessing in life—there is something else first!

We also have enthusiasm because we are not left on this earth to grind through suffering;

we're left here to attain spiritual maturity and from that, to have what is extremely important: a prosperity which only the justice of God can give, which glorifies Him, not us.

Reconciliation is teamwork between God the Father judging our sins at the cross and Jesus Christ bearing our sins by being judged for them at the cross.

Since our point of contact is the justice of God, all facets of salvation are related to the integrity of God and the more we understand the integrity of God, the greater our enthusiasm in Him.

In life, the function of the mind often depends on the health of the body but in the spiritual realm, the opposite is true; it's biblical truth resident in the soul that determines everything else in life for the believer.