

Romans #078

“Three Persons: One God; Three Phases: One Plan”

Romans 6:1-2

“God plans ahead so we should do likewise, after all, it wasn’t raining when Noah built the ark.”

God is perfect; therefore, His plan is perfect and a plan that is anything less than perfect could only come from someone who is not God.

The beneficiaries of the plan are imperfect, so this calls for all of divine genius to create, maintain and perpetuate a perfect plan for imperfect people!

The free-will of man is an instrument created by God for the execution of His plan and free-will, whether expressed positively or negatively, serves God’s purpose rather than hinders it.

There is one true God but in the tri-unity of the Godhead, there are three coequal, coeternal and co-infinite Persons.

While *Elohim* emphasizes the one essence of God, *YHWH* or *Jehovah* emphasizes one Person of the Trinity, usually God the Son.

Every color is in every ray of light and what colors are absorbed determine the color of an object as it reflects that light; so light from the standpoint of color illustrates the essence of God, for just as God is One, light is one.

However, light has many colors, just as God has many different attributes in His essence and under certain conditions, we see certain attributes of God displayed.

Among the 40 things that happened to us the moment we were saved was Jesus Christ’s absolute perfect righteousness credited to our accounts; so God looks down from Heaven and sees His own righteousness credited to us and He says, “Vindicated, declared righteous” which means justified.

Because the work of our justification was accomplished at the cross, Jesus Christ was resurrected to relate our justification to His strategic victory in the angelic dispute.

Phase 1 justification is possession of divine perfect righteousness imputed at salvation and justification frees the justice of God to pronounce us perfectly righteous.

Justification is not forgiveness because forgiveness is subtraction and justification is addition by grace; forgiveness subtracts sin and justification adds the perfect righteousness of God.

Production is the means of justifying or vindicating in Phase2 experiential sanctification, therefore it neutralizes slander.

Grace always emphasizes the production of God and de-emphasizes the production of man.

Everything depends on the justice of God being free from compromise in blessing man. *At salvation, we die to the rulership of the sin nature which is still alive in us and we are still alive on this earth but retroactively or positionally, we have died to the sin nature which we carry in the body.*

Though still present in our body of corruption, the sin nature has been robbed of its power to rule our lives and the only reason it still rules, is because we exercise our options in favor of it.

A new power; the power of the Holy Spirit replaced the power of the sin nature, so that we have an option to go with the sin nature or to go with the Holy Spirit.

While the imputation of divine righteousness and justification are the basis for temporal blessings after salvation, the ministries of the Holy Spirit provide the basis for breaking the sin nature's rulership of human life.

The environment for blessing provided by the Holy Spirit is internal since the Holy Spirit does not improve or whitewash the devil's world.

The *internal* is the ministry of the Holy Spirit related to body and soul; the body is where the sin nature dwells and the soul is where biblical truth must find a home.

From its genetic headquarters in the human body, the sin nature constantly seeks to rule the soul of man.

The ministries of the Holy Spirit are designed to provide a fertile environment in the devil's world, which is actually better than what Adam had in the Garden of Eden!

This environment is for the royal family of God to grow from spiritual babes to spiritual adults; the only way we can glorify God, so the emphasis in the Word of God is not on production but on spiritual growth.

Each ministry of the Holy Spirit at salvation creates a protected environment necessary for breaking Satanic power and the sin nature's sovereignty over human life.

Of course, following Jesus includes following what He said, adopting His thinking and actions but without regeneration, no matter what someone does, he's NOT following Jesus Christ.

The indwelling of the Holy Spirit is the ministry at salvation which has to do with the body of the new believer and because the body contains the cell structure which is contaminated, the indwelling Holy Spirit is there to counter the action of the sin nature.

The filling of the Holy Spirit always refers to the soul.

When we have false doctrine in the soul, we're quenching the Holy Spirit, so the issue is processed biblical truth in the stream of consciousness versus false doctrine controlling the soul.

This believer retreats into total self-absorption in arrogance, spending his life fighting on the side of Satan; hopelessly involved in his cosmic system.

These are believers who remain in childhood thinking, expecting others to come along to fulfill and gratify their wishes; so they feel entitled to do anything they want to do and being exempt from the rules of God, they expect others to solve their problems and they react to unfair treatment with the victim syndrome; blaming others in denial of their failure.

The perfect plan of God excludes the ability of man, personality of man, morality of man, ideas of man and most certainly, the schemes of man.