

A Chart Showing the First Two Major Sections of Romans

The Wrath of God Romans 1:18 – 5:11	The Wreckage of Adam's Sin Romans 5:12 – 8
Problem: SINS (What I have done—my actions)	Problem: SIN (Who I am—my nature)
Solution: Justification	Solution: Sanctification
Instantaneous	Includes a process ¹
Achieved through: Christ's death ² for us	Achieved through: Christ's life in us (Spirit)
Cleansing by blood	Washing with water ³
Ending of section: The Love of God	Ending of section: The Love of God ⁴

¹ Sanctification has past, present, and future aspects in the Word. When speaking of a process here, it is referring to the present tense sanctification.

² Here, Christ's death also includes His burial, resurrection, and ascension.

³ The washing of water belongs to this section, but is not explicitly mentioned in Romans.

⁴ Though not in this chart, the two remaining major sections of Romans both end with great statements of the wisdom of God.