

## A Chart Showing the First Two Major Sections of Romans

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

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

<sup>2</sup> Here, Christ's death also includes His burial, resurrection, and ascension.

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

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