

this great basic theme of justification and he cries out, "Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us." Paul glories here in the fact that we are justified, we are delivered from the effect of our sins. When we think of it, what can be more glorious than this? What greater joy, what greater glory than for those who are lost in sin deserving eternal condemnation as every one of us was and would be today if our acts of today were not laid on the Lord Jesus Christ, when we think that ~~XXXXXXXX~~ <sup>to</sup> us is given the righteousness of Christ and that God sees us in the person of the redeemer and that we are completely justified. What a wonderful theme of glorification is justification itself. But now the apostle goes on - the second main section of the Book of Romans dealt with justification. And when he concluded that section and showed how very wonderful it was that God has caused that even though our sin~~x~~ was tremendous, even though it abounded, yet where sin abounded, there grace is much more found. But then he raised the question in the next three-and-a-half chapters - "Well, we are wonderfully justified but are we going on sinning? Are we remaining in this condition? We sinned before we were saved. We sinned up to the present time. We are sinning now. We will be sinning the rest of our lives upon this earth. What then - how can we glory in what Christ has done for us if we're going on in this same sinful condition? How can we be considered as glorified if there is nothing we can do about the power? And so Paul rejoices in this chapter on the fact that ~~He~~ who has begun a good work in us will carry it on, that He who has justified us is sanctifying us - that if we have been saved, if we are justified, we know that we are being sanctified. And so he discusses this theme at considerable length in the first part of his chapter, ~~and~~ completing his main section ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ <sup>XX</sup> of ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ sanctification - verse 6 - "For to the carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Verse 8 - "So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God." Verse 9 - "But ye are not