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No Greater Love

ROMANS 5:6–11

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ For one will scarcely die for a righteous person — though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die — ⁸ but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰ For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹ More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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THINK ABOUT

This is one of the best-known passages in Romans. It reminds us that there is no greater love than God sending His Son to us, and Christ dying for us.

Notice Paul’s description of us apart from the grace of God: weak, ungodly, sinners, enemies. Locate these words in this passage.

In the earlier verses, Paul had written about suffering. But this love of God, demonstrated in Christ’s death for us, confirms our hope of the Gospel.

Paul writes not only regarding the death of Christ but His life. No wonder Paul writes of rejoicing in God through our Lord Jesus Christ!

APPLY

Thank God for His great love to you. For a few minutes, meditate on these verses! Christ died for you so that you can be saved “from the wrath of God.”

Whatever your circumstances today, rejoice in God and praise Him not only for the death of His Son but His endless life. Here is the assurance of the hope of the Gospel.

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ASK

Why is it so difficult for us to admit that we are ungodly, weak, sinners, enemies of God? How would you explain these truths to a skeptic?

In our self-centered culture, it is difficult to have a Christ-centered life. What is it that distracts you from looking to Jesus? What can help us to keep rejoicing in God?

Through Christ we may be reconciled to God. Have you previously looked on the Gospel as a ministry of “reconciliation”?

PRAY

Thank you, Lord for your great love for me, and for Christ dying for me.

I confess that I am sinful and in need of God’s forgiveness through the Lord Jesus Christ.

Help me God to communicate this message of reconciliation to others.



“The Love of God” — *Lehman*

