

Christ Died for the Ungodly
Romans 5:6-11

“For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly”

Hands down, Romans 5:6 is the most profound verse in all of Scripture. If we understand this verse, we understand the width, the depth, and the height of God’s love for us. The theologians call it, “the substitutionary atonement.” In lay language, Christ died in my place! It really seems so unfair, doesn’t it? Yet if we understand this biblical truth, it will transform our attitude in life, our latitude with others, and our altitude in seeking God above anything or anyone else. Open your Bibles to Romans 5:6-11, and see the reasons God died in our place.

I. The Context is Significant (Romans 5-8)

A. The first four chapters of Romans Portray the Peril of Living without Christ: Men and Women Out of Control and in Self-Destruction

B. The next four chapters of Romans Portray the Privileges of Living with Christ: Men and Women Made New in Christ (Justification by Faith)

1. The Fruits of Our Justification in Christ, 5:1-11

- i. Peace of God (Immediate Effect of Justification)
- ii. Grace in God (Continuing Effect of Justification)
- iii. Hope in God (Refining Effect of Justification)
- iv. Glory of God (Ultimate Effect of Justification)

II. The Passage is Profound (Romans 5:6-11)
(Three Reasons Why Christ Died in Our Place)

A. Because It was Necessary in Light of Our Condition

1. Helpless (Unable to save ourselves) – v. 6
2. Ungodly (Revolt against the authority of God) – v. 6
3. Sinners (Missed the mark of righteousness) – v. 8
4. Enemies (Reveals our hostility toward God) – v. 10

B. Because It was a Demonstration of Love by Our Creator

*Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person – though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But **God proves his love for us** in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us – Romans 5:7-8*

C. Because It is a Guarantee For Us to Celebrate, Romans 5:9-11

1. Guaranteed that we are saved from wrath

Much more surely the, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God.- Romans 5:9

2. Guaranteed that we are reconciled to God

*For if while we were enemies, we were **reconciled** to God through the death of His Son, much more surely, having been **reconciled**, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received **reconciliation**.*

III. The Timeless Truth for Today (The Altar Call is a Call to Alter!) –

- A. **Alter the Way You See God Looks at the World:** God Loves the World – He wants you not only to know that He demonstrates His love toward us, He also demonstrates His love through us! So quit complaining about the world and get on God’s campaign in doing something about it.

<u>The Issues Surrounding the Church</u>	<u>The Issues Surrounding the World</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Control (who’s in charge?)• Worship style• Ordination of Women• Divorce/Remarriage• Money• Authority of Scripture• Sexuality	<ul style="list-style-type: none">PovertyHungerCrime and WarsValue of Human LifeDisease, Death, and FearHuman rights violationLack of Family, Fathers
Observation: Self-Contained	Out of Control

The Four Responses: The World and the Church Try to Fix It the Same Way!
Domination (Fear); Revolution (Anger); Scapegoating (Blame); Isolation (Pride)

What Must Our Calling Be at St. Anne’s? (Kingdom of God)

- Worshipping Community: Surrender and Praise
- Healing Community: Forgiveness and Justice
- Praying Community: Listening and Asking
- Discipling Community: 7/24 Christians
- Missional Community: Finding People of Peace

- B. **Alter the Way You See Yourself.** God loves you! In your place, the Father sent His Son. The Son went willfully! You are deeply loved, never forget it! Tomorrow is a mystery, yesterday is history, and today is a gift God gives you!

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