

How Much More Shall We Be Saved from Wrath Romans 5:6-11

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Review

Theme of Romans: The gospel of God (1:16-17)

1:18-3:20 The universality of sin and condemnation (the universal need for the gospel)

3:21-4:25 The gospel (good news) as _____

Chs 5-8 The gospel and the sure _____ it gives

5:1-11 Blessed results of justification

- Peace with God (1)
- Access into the presence of God, who has given us His grace in which we stand secure before Him (2a)
- Hope of seeing the glory of God and being conformed to His glorious character, a hope in which we rejoice (2b)
- Rejoicing in our sufferings, knowing our Heavenly Father uses our sufferings to produce in us spiritual endurance, and in turn, proven character, and in this way stronger hope (3-4)

Paraphrase of 5:5:

This hope does not disappoint, because the special love God has for us has been poured by God into our hearts, through the Holy Spirit whom He has given us, making us to know that we are loved by God as His adopted children.

The great demonstration of God's love for us in the death of Christ (6-8)

Question: What amazes you about verse 8? Why?

Verses 6-8 teach us something of how the Holy Spirit pours God's love into our hearts

- He points us to God's great demonstration of His love for us in Christ, and lets us know that it was for us, and that through it God has brought us into relationship with Him

6 “For while we were still weak”

1. NASB “helpless;” NIV “powerless;” NKJV “without strength”
2. **8:3a** “For God has done what the law, **weakened** [made powerless] by the flesh, could not do.”
3. **8:7–8** “For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God’s law; indeed, **it cannot**. Those who are in the flesh **cannot please God**.”
4. While we were unable to please God, unable to move toward God

6 “at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.”

- We were ungodly, and did nothing to incline Him to die for us

Sharp contrast in verses 7-8 between human sacrificial love and the love of God

8 “but God shows his love for us”

1. NASB “demonstrates;” CSB “proves”
2. God has provided the believer with objective proof that you are the object of God’s special love

The point: Christ did not die for you as someone He saw would grope for Him. Rather, He died for you as a powerless, ungodly, sinner!

The certainty that we will be saved from God’s wrath (9-10)

Verse 9 argues from the greater to the lesser

1. As believers we have been justified by means of Christ’s “blood”
2. It surely follows that we will be saved by Christ from the wrath of God on the final day
 - It is inconceivable that Christ would die for us that we would be justified, but forsake us on the final day

10 “For if while we were enemies...”

1. We were hostile to God
 - **8:7a** “For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God,”
 - 1:18-3:20
2. We were provoking God’s wrath
 - **1:18a** “For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men,”
 - **2:5** “But because of your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God’s righteous judgment will be revealed.”

10 "...we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son"

1. At the cross
2. The Son's death accomplished reconciliation for us
3. Reconciliation makes enemies into friends
4. The Son's death dealt with the root of the enmity

10b "much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life."

- Refers to Christ's resurrection and subsequent intercession
 1. His resurrection declares that divine justice has been satisfied (cf. 4:25)
 2. **8:34** "Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us."

Verses 9 & 10 have brought us back to the Christian's hope

1. This whole passage has taught us an objective ground for our hope—God's demonstration of His love for us in the cross of Christ
2. Because of this objective ground we can be assured that our hope will not put us to shame (5a)!

The great result of salvation (11)

Question: What does the rejoicing of verse 11 look like? What does it involve?

The term "rejoice" reminds us of verses 2b, 3

Verse 11 is the climax of verses 1-11

All that God has done and assures us He will do leads us to rejoice, ultimately in Him!

"through whom we have now received reconciliation"

- When we first believed, we received the reconciliation that Christ accomplished at the cross

God's purpose is not that we would only thank Him for the blessings of salvation, but that we would truly boast in Him!