

Romans 5:5-11

A Love Like No Other

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. 3 And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; 4 and perseverance, character; and character, hope. 5 Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

Benefits of Salvation

A) Justified by faith Declared righteous
OUR POSITION IN CHRIST

B) WE HAVE ACCESS TO THE FATHER

1) Access was denied -

C) Reading in my Devos today from Psalm 24

3 Who may climb the mountain of the Lord?

Who may stand in his holy place?

4 Only those whose hands and hearts are pure, who do not worship idols and never tell lies.

D) NO ONE – that is the problem!

1) No one has pure hands and heart

⁵ They will receive the LORD's blessing and have a right relationship with God their savior.

⁶ Such people may seek you and worship in your presence, O God of Jacob.

Not Righteous – No ACCESS –

A) But then in V. 7 of Psalm 24 – the Psalmist announcing the coming of a Victorious King

Open up, ancient gates! Open up, ancient doors, and let the King of glory enter.

8 Who is the King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty;

the Lord, invincible in battle.

9 Open up, ancient gates! Open up, ancient doors, and let the King of glory enter.

10 Who is the King of glory? The Lord of Heaven's Armies— he is the King of glory.

B) Jesus on the Cross looked weak and defeated

1) In Reality – He was conquering sin – Conquering Satan and Conquering death

C) We have been made Righteous – We have Access to the Father –

D) We have the Hope of the Glory of God

1) See Jesus in his Glory – We see him we will be like Him!

E) Our Hope – Absolute expectation of coming good.

It is for that reason that We can glory in tribulations

A) We know they are doing something – producing something – strength and a Christ like Character

B) Goal – to make us more like Jesus – Here

C) Further evidence of this Hope – God has poured his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit

D) The Holy Spirit's presence in our lives is further evidence of God's working in our lives

This is the first mention of the word Love in the book of Romans – The Love of God

A) Paul will build on this theme as the book goes on

B) Chapter 8 – He will say there is nothing that can separate us from the love of God

C) But here in V.5 – talking about the confidence we can have – the work God began complete –

D) Because the love that God has poured into our hearts

1) So it can be **POURED OUT OF OUR LIVES**

E) Been Born of the Spirit

1) 2 Peter 1:4 Partakers of a Divine Nature

This is what we MUST understand – this way of Love is not a learned behavior –

A) It is supernatural transformation

B) Many of you remember the first time it happened to you.

1)Someone did something where your normal or natural behavior would have been to lash out – to strike back

C)Natural response – raise your voice – or raise your fist – or at the very least grow bitter – hold a grudge

D)But you didn't do that – you responded to the attack with compassion and a word of Kindness

1)You may have even felt afterwards – that was weird.

What was that?

A)That was the Spirit of God working through your Spirit to bring about a Supernatural reaction

B)Instead of a Natural reaction

The first time I ever experienced this personally – it wasn't something that happened in me – but something happened in my Dad.

A)Growing up my Dad was a great dad – but he did have a temper and when he got mad – Scary

B)He did this thing – clinched his teeth – oh no here it comes

C)Well one day – I was in like the 4th grade – I came home from School

1)Went to a public school – kids cussing, etc – I was picking up some of the language

Well one day I came home from school and my dad said something to me and

I responded by saying something extremely disrespectful and dirty back at him.

A)As soon as the words left my mouth – No..... wanted to bring them back.

B)Now the normal reaction that I would have got from my dad for saying something like that is he would have laid into me

C)But he had been a Christian for about six months – and he didn't yell – he didn't do that thing with his teeth

1)And he didn't hit me – he just looked at me and calmly said – have you accepted Jesus in your heart yet?

D)I responded no – He smiled and said – I think you should – I thought because you are going to kill me

1)It was so weird – so different

E)That night I went into my bedroom – Got down on my Knees and asked Jesus into my heart

1)Thinking – this has to be real – you are doing something radical in my dad's life.

Dad's change it can affect the whole family

A)Dad's changed the course

B)My Dad was changing – my parents were getting along – he was devouring the Bible

C)The work was on the inside.

D)Paul is telling us here that the spirit of God inside of you in testifying that God is doing something –

E)His radical Love has been poured into you –so it can be poured out of you!

Then Paul continues this idea – there is More – by illustrating how radical that love is

A)IT IS A LOVE LIKE NO OTHER.

6 For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. 8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. **9 Much more then**, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. 10 For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

Paul describes us here with four words:

A)“powerless” (v. 6), idea of without strength.

B)No power to change our condition – being a sinner separated from a Holy God –

C)Ungodly V.6 “sinners” (v. 8), “enemies” (v. 10).

1)In so doing he tells us that God's love was totally unmotivated by anything in us.

The devotional publication *Daily Bread* has related

the following story:

During the Revolutionary War there was a faithful preacher of the gospel by the name of Peter Miller. He lived near a fellow who hated him intensely for his Christian life and testimony.

In fact, this man violently opposed him and ridiculed his followers. One day the unbeliever was found guilty of treason and sentenced to death. Hearing about this, Peter Miller set out on foot to intercede for the man's life before George Washington.

The General listened to the minister's earnest plea, but told him he didn't feel he should pardon his friend. "My friend! He is not my friend," answered Miller. "In fact, he's my worst living enemy."

"What!" said Washington. "You have walked 60 miles to save the life of your enemy? That, in my judgment, puts the matter in a different light. I will grant your request."

With pardon in hand, Miller hastened to the place where his neighbor was to be executed, and arrived just as the prisoner was walking to the scaffold.

When the traitor saw Miller, he exclaimed, "Old Peter Miller has come to have his revenge by watching me hang!"

But he was astonished as he watched the minister step out of the crowd and produce the pardon which spared his life.

Peter Miller performed a noble act, and he -will be eternally commended.

A)But this is just a shadow of what Christ did, because Christ not only obtained his enemies' pardons, but died for them to accomplish that.

B)Even more than that – A pardon says – you are guilty but we are letting you off.

C)In Christ we have been justified – Declared righteous – just as if you never sinned!

Paul states for us with unmistakable clarity the Motivation for God doing that – in v. 8

8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. |

Talking about that Love –

A)When it comes to describing love in the English language we are at a disadvantage –

B)We use the same word love to describe how we feel about our wife/

1)our kids our dog – the Padres – and EVEN Pizza

C)But hopefully the love we have for have for our spouse is going to be greater than the love we have for Pizza or the Padres

However I did hear about a woman who was an avid Padres fan –

A)her husband died and left her season tickets right behind home plate at the Padres game

B)The regulars were used to seeing her and her husband at the games.

1)About a month after her husband died – she was at a game and someone asked her how she was doing – missed her husband

C)Yes – I would give up one of my season tickets to have him back – Just one – Yea his! {Die hard fan!

So the English language was limited in that way – but the Greek Language wasn't

A)In the Greek language they don't have that problem – they have 4 different words for the word Love

B)Storge – Family love – it is the love that holds the family together –

1)Love for a parent for his child – or child for his parent

C)Family connectedness

2nd Kind of Love is Eros – erotic from it

A)Sexual love – it has been said that Eros is the if love – I will love you if remain physically appealing

B)If you continue to satisfy me – very conditional

C)But then there is the word Phileo – Brotherly kind of love – Friendship love

1)Philadelphia from this word – Philly is known as the city of brotherly love

D)Never know it going to a Phillies game – toughest crowd in the major leagues

Phileo love is a love on an emotional plain and an intellectual plain.

A)When we fall in love with a person – not just because of their looks but their personality.

B)Because of who and what they are on the inside.

1)That is Phileo love

C)But it is also a very conditional love – not as shallow and conditional as Eros –

1)But still conditional –

D)And because of that – Phileo has been called the because Love

1)I love you for what you are emotional and intellectually – how that appeals to me

E)But if you change emotionally or if you change intellectually – if your personality changes

1)Then this Phileo love fades as well.

Here is what is interesting about our text is that none of these Greek words are used in V.8 to describe God's Love

A)Agape – The highest form of love – completely unconditional

B)It is a love that says - I love you ANYWAYS

C)This is the love that Motivated Jesus to leave heaven.... Save us

THERE IS MORE

. 9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.

OBJECTS OF HIS LOVE – NO LONGER APPOINTED UNTO WRATH

10 For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

Not only have we been saved from wrath but we have been empowered for Life!

Amplified: For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, it is

much more [certain], now that we are reconciled, that we shall be saved (daily delivered from sin's dominion) through His [resurrection] life.

Guzik - If God showed such dramatic love to us when we were enemies, think of the blessings we will enjoy once we are reconciled to God! If God does this much for His enemies, how much more will He do for His friends!

Paul introduces an idea he will build upon – our connection to Jesus – Cross and Rez –

A)Died with him – also raised

B)Daily saved – daily delivered

C)Our initial salvation (justification).

D)But the resurrection and the interceding life of Jesus in heaven provide the divine guarantee that we shall

- **continue being saved (sanctification)**
- **until that salvation is consummated at the return of Christ (glorification).**

E)To state it another way, we have been delivered from sin's penalty;

- 1)we are being delivered from sin's power;
- 2)and we will ultimately be delivered from sin's presence.

11 And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

Reason to Rejoice – Saved – Enemies to friends – kids – Hope of Glory