

Romans Series

Romans 5: 6 - 11



Rom 5:1-11 NKJV

1-5: Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope. 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.



6 -11: For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. 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. And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.



Romans 5:1-11 The Message Version

By entering through faith into what God has always wanted to do for us – set us right with Him, make us fit for Him – we have it all together with God because of our Master Jesus. And that's not all: We throw open our doors to God and discover at the same moment that He has already thrown open His door to us. We find ourselves standing where we always hoped we might stand – out in the wide open spaces of God's grace and glory, standing tall and shouting our praise.



There's more to come: We continue to shout our praise even when we're hemmed in with troubles, because we know how troubles can develop passionate patience in us, and how that patience in turn forges the tempered steel of virtue, keeping us alert for whatever God will do next. In alert expectancy such as this, we're never left feeling short-changed. Quite the contrary - we can't round up enough containers to hold everything God generously pours into our lives through the Holy Spirit!



Christ arrives right on time to make this happen. He didn't, and doesn't wait for us to get ready. He presented Himself for this sacrificial death when we were far too weak and rebellious to do anything to get ourselves ready. And even if we hadn't been so weak, we wouldn't have known what to do anyway. We can understand someone dying for a person worth dying for, and we can understand how someone good and noble could inspire us to selfless sacrifice. But God put His love on the line for us by offering His Son in sacrificial death while we were of no use whatever to Him.



Now that we are set right with God by means of this sacrificial death, the consummate blood sacrifice, there is no longer a question of being at odds with God in any way. If, when we were at our worst, we were put on friendly terms with God by the sacrificial death of His Son, now that we're at our best, just think of how our lives will expand and deepen by means of His resurrection life! Now that we have actually received this amazing friendship with God, we are no longer content to simply say it in plodding prose. We sing and shout our praises to God through Jesus, the Messiah!



Romans 5:5...the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us

“It is the gracious work of the blessed Spirit to shed abroad the love of God in the hearts of all the saints. The love of God, that is, the sense of God's love to us, drawing out love in us to him again”

Matthew Henry

It is the regular ministry of the Holy Spirit to help you experience God's love. He wants to flood your heart with the deep and overwhelming love of God.



The love of God is the answer to all the “whys” in the Bible: the why of creation, the why of the incarnation, the why of redemption. If the written word of the Bible could be changed into a spoken word and become one single voice, this voice, more powerful than the roaring of the sea would cry out: “the Father loves you!” Everything that God does and says in the Bible is love, even God’s anger is nothing but love. God “is” love!

Raniero Cantalamessa



Psalm 85:15 But you, O Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, *abounding in love* and faithfulness.

Ps 103:8 The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, *abounding in love*.

1 John 4:8-10 Whoever does not love does not know God, because *God is love*. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that *he loved us* and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.



1 John 4:16-20

So we know *and believe* the love God has for us. *God is love*, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. In this is love perfected with us, that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and he who fears is not perfected in love. We love, because he first loved us.



Are you comfortable with love?

Are you continually filled with the understanding of how much Father loves you?

Are you aware that the Father takes delight in you and that He thinks good thoughts about you all the time (Jeremiah 29:11)

Do you realise that He feels nothing but perfect love when He thinks about you (1 Cor 13:5)



The Mandate of Kingdom People

Out of the overflow of our experience of the love of God, we will live lives that will be a radical manifestation of the Kingdom of God, and the love that flows from our hearts will transform us as individuals, our families, communities and our nation, all for the glory of God.

