



Romans 5:6-11

The Peace and Power of God's Provision of Salvation



God's love meets the need of helpless sinners through the sacrifice of Jesus (6-8)

- Jesus died to deliver the helpless and wicked (6) *⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.*
- Very few people outside of Jesus see themselves as helpless and wicked
- But they are and we were
 - “weak” - total inability to love God and consistently walk in His ways
 - “ungodly” - separated from God and oblivious to the responsibility to honor God by knowing and walking in His truth
- These are words of hope for those God is graciously making aware of their condition
 - Jesus didn't come to reward the righteous but to save sinners
 - Mark 2:13-17
 - Jesus tells us there is hope for those who realize they are helpless and wicked
- “*at the right time*” - God provided His Son as a sacrifice of atonement at the exact right time
 - God planned both that the crucifixion would happen and when it happened
 - By the design of God, we can also say that the problems and pain in your life have happened “at the right time” to bring you closer to Jesus



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- All forms of human kindness are surpassed by the saving kindness of God (7-8) - *⁷ For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—*
- “*a righteous person*” - one characterized by justice and integrity
 - Occasionally you might find someone willing to die for a person known for justice and integrity
 - Some people with integrity will be defended
- “*a good person*” - One with good moral qualities who is kind and generous
 - Such a person is morally consistent and willing to care for others
 - More people are willing to die for a moral and kind person
- *⁸ but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us*
 - “but God” - look at what the love of God has done for sinners



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- *“shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us”* - God sent Christ to die, not for good people, but for wretched sinners
 - What humans would possibly do for a righteous or good person, God does for sinful and evil people because of His love
 - God's love flows from His character
 - God's love meets people in dire need and does not leave them there
 - The gospel is not the hope of good people but the hope of bad people before a gracious and merciful God
 - God seeks vile sinners with no potential
 - Jesus took the punishment you deserve and made atonement for your sins before His righteous Father
 - Jesus will also lead you in a triumphal procession down the path of ongoing sanctification



The Lord's protection and peace sustain helpless sinners who are being saved (9-11)

- The more difficult work of justification assures deliverance from God's wrath (9) - *⁹ Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.*
- “Justified” - legally declared righteous
- The more difficult work of justifying unworthy sinners in Jesus is done
- Consequently, there is assurance that the easier work of delivering followers of Jesus from the wrath of God for sin is more easily accomplished
 - There is no need to fear condemnation before a righteous and holy God
 - Furthermore, the power of God's saving work will continue for believers
 - 1 Corinthians 1:7-8
 - Philippians 1:6
 - 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24
- This is important assurance because our battles with sin continue throughout life



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- The more difficult work of reconciliation assures a life of perpetual salvation (10) -
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.
- “*Reconciled*” - through Jesus Christ we have peace and harmony with God
 - Before being reconciled, the Holy God lived in a state of hatred and hostility toward us
 - Before being reconciled, sinful men and women lived in a state of hatred and hostility toward God
- “*enemies*” - not someone just short of a friend, but someone on the opposing side
 - There was no inclination toward God detected in us
 - Our hearts lived in opposition, hostility, and ridicule of God's righteousness
 - Colossians 1:21-22
 - Titus 3:3-5
- “*much more...shall we be saved by his life*” - being brought from a place of mutual animosity to a place of peace, we now walk in the power of His resurrection life
 - Romans 6:10-14
 - We now walk in resurrection life and light displaying our Lord's saving power and practical righteousness
 - His resurrection life provides all the power we need to be set free from the controlling power of sin in our lives
 - Even now we are being saved by His resurrection life
 - 1 Corinthians 1:18
 - Every day provides us the opportunity to celebrate and walk in the resurrection life of our Lord



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- Resurrection victory brings joy to those in Christ (11) - *¹¹ More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.*
- Every believer should rejoice because of the display of our Lord's forgiveness and resurrection power
- Resurrection power should inspire joyful service from our hearts as we rest in peace with God!



Questions to Consider

- How has the Lord helped you to see that before salvation you were an enemy of God?
- What weaknesses and ungodliness is the Holy Spirit exposing today?
- What hope and potential do you have because of God's work for you through Jesus?
- How does the Lord's protection and peace sustain you in life?
- How is resurrection victory bringing joy to you?





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