

The Benefits of Justification (part 2)

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Text: Romans 5:5-11

Introduction:

Big Idea: The greater your inner experience of God's love, the greater your assurance, joy, hope, and power.

1- The depth of God's love is seen in his "_____ " to our impossible problem

- Verse 6 - It is impossible for us to change our basic _____
 - **"...we were still weak..."**
 - "weak" implies sickly, unable to impress or make any contribution to our salvation
- Verse 6b - It is impossible because we lived as if God did not _____
 - **"Christ died for the ungodly"**
 - We did not fear God. We had no respect for God. We were godless.
 - Romans 1:18 The wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness
- Verse 8 – It is impossible since we always miss the _____
 - **"we were still sinners"**
 - The word means to "miss the mark"
- Verse 10 – It is impossible since we were _____ toward God
 - **"we were enemies"**

2- The depth of God's love is seen in his incredible _____ to our impossible problem (7-8)

- He went far beyond what we would do (7)
- He did what we would never do (8)
- The death of Jesus is the decisive _____ of God's love for us (8)

3- The depth of God's love is seen in the infinite gain of EVERY BELIEVER (9-11)

- The infinite gain of being –
 - _____ by his blood (9)
 - _____ by his death (10)
 - _____ by his life (10-11)
 - ✓ He is advocating for us (1 John 2:1)
 - ✓ He is interceding for us (Hebrews 7:25)

Truth into Action:

- **God stepped into your impossible problem out of love for you—SEE IT.**
- **God's solution is meant to take you out of a mode of fear into a place of soul-security—BELIEVE IT.**
- **God desires for you to live rejoicing in your salvation—EXPERIENCE IT.**

Connect Card:

- Are you rejoicing in your salvation through Christ? If yes, why? If not, why?
- How may we help & pray for you?



Please understand we want to help you know Jesus personally and journey with you in taking fresh steps of obedience daily. We would love to pray with you and for you. Join us at the end of the service for prayer or send us your request on the Connect Card and we will lift them up throughout the week.

Table Talk

Warm Up:

Option 1-What is the most secured space you have ever been in? (Walking with your parents, police escort, inside a bank vault, jail etc.).

Option 2-What are some very practical additional ways you have seen God's love in your life recently?

Questions for Discussion:

v. 6 When and for what did Christ die?

Vv. 7-8 How do these verses about God's love and the kind of people Christ died for fit into this context? What is Paul's point?

v. 9 What assurance do we have in view of our justification through Christ's blood/death?

Write what Romans 5:6–9 says about:

- who you were before Jesus saved you
- what Jesus suffered to save you
- who you are now that Jesus has saved you

v. 10 What was our status and on what basis did God reconcile us to Himself? What assurance does Paul present in view of this in this verse?

v. 11 How should we respond to God in view of being reconciled to God through Christ? Check out Philippians 4:4 and 1 Peter 1:3-9. How do these passages relate to v. 11?

List some reasons in Romans 5:10–11 by which you can rejoice and spend some time in prayer thanking God for whatever the Holy Spirit brings to mind as a cause to rejoice.

Closing Prayer: God, please direct each of us into your love so that we might thrive this week. Holy Spirit help us to experience God's love being poured into our hearts. In Jesus name—AMEN!