

Romans 5:6-11
For the week of January 15, 2023

Reflection

1. What were some of the takeaways for you from Sunday's sermon?

2. Were there questions, comments, concerns...?

The apostle is emphasizing that the death of Christ¹⁷ took place, not for good people, but for people still sinners. The emphasis is on our unhappy state. We were weak, ungodly sinners (v. 8), and God's enemies (v. 10). "Weak" (NIV, *powerless*) refers to moral frailty rather than to physical weakness. We were quite powerless to help ourselves (and unable even to understand the things of God, 1 Cor. 2:14, let alone act on them). But God's love triumphed where human power failed.¹

Observation (vs. 6)

3. Summarize this verse.

Interpretation

4. What does "while we were still weak" mean?

5. How do you interpret "at the right time"?

Application

6. In this expression of God's love, how does it impact your walk with Christ?

¹ Leon Morris, [*The Epistle to the Romans*](#), The Pillar New Testament Commentary (Grand Rapids, MI; Leicester, England: W.B. Eerdmans; Inter-Varsity Press, 1988), 222.

Observation (vs. 7-8)

7. Write these verses in your own words.

Interpretation

8. Define God's character revealed in these verses.

Application

9. How do you define fair?

10. Is God a fair God? Why or why not?

11. How does God's character impact your relationship with Him and with others?

Observation (vs. 9-10)

12. What are these verses saying?

Interpretation

13. How do the following verses correlate to verses 9 and 10?

John 3:36 –

Romans 5:9 –

Colossians 1:21-22 –

I Thess. 1:10 –

I Thess. 5:9 –

Application

14. Read Romans 6:8-11. Is this a hard concept? Why or why not?

15. While attempting to be like Christ in the life you are living, how are you “living to God”?
(Romans 6:10b)

Observation (vs. 11)

16. Write this verse in your own words.

Interpretation

17. How do the following verses help you understand rejoicing?

Habakkuk 3:18 –

Romans 12:12 –

Philippians 4:4-6 –

I Thess. 5:16-18 –

I Peter 1:8 –

I Peter 4:12-13 –

18. Read II Cor. 5:18-20. How do you define reconciliation?

Application

19. In what ways do you rejoice through the reconciliation of Christ?

20. How can you encourage your group and those around you to do the same?