

Romans 5:6-11 God's Love Assured

How can we know that God loves us? How can we be assured that His love will never fail? Paul wants to show us the security we have in God's grace and the greatest demonstration of God's love.

Topic: Love of God, the Cross, Assurance

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Hook

How can I be assured that God loves me?

Bridge > Read

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GODS LOVE:

- 1. Was demonstrated in the past (6-8)
- 2. Will secure me in the future (9-10)
- 3. Gives me a boast now (11)

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“For when we were still without strength”

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“in due time”

Galatians 4:4 — But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son...

Jesus came at the perfect, prophesied time.

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“Christ died for the ungodly”

Luke 19:10 — “for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”

What two things describe those whom Jesus came to save?

- Without Strength (Helpless)
- Ungodly

Romans 3:10 — As it is written: “There is none righteous, no, not one;

Job 26:2 — “How have you helped him who is without power? How have you saved the arm that has no strength?

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“For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die”

“A righteous man”

-“A good man”

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“But God...”

-Contrary to the ways of man

“demonstrates”

“His own love”

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

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_____ is not easily provoked, thinks no evil; and does not rejoice in iniquity,

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God never fails.

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“in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

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**Dirk Willems, Dutch Anabaptist, 1522- May 16, 1569

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John 3:16 — “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

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Romans 8:31-32 — What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?

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1 Peter 3:18 — For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God...

Hebrews 12:24 NLT — You have come to Jesus, the one who mediates the new covenant between God and people, and to the sprinkled blood, which [still] speaks of forgiveness...

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“Much more then”

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“having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.”

Because Jesus has washed away your past, you are now free from future judgment.

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“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.”

Romans 8:34 — Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.

Hebrews 7:25 — Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

It is God's love that saved you and it is God's love that will keep you.

When you come to rightly understand how God saved you, you become assured that He is also able to keep you saved.

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*And not only that

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“we also rejoice”

“Rejoice” = to glory/boast on account of a thing

-v2: rejoice in hope of the glory of God

-v3: we also glory in tribulations

Like little boys “Oh yeah, but I've got a....”

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Why are we not always boasting about God?

Familiarity breeds contempt.

John 4:44 — For Jesus Himself testified that a prophet has no honor in his own country

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*Old Photos- often taken for granted, but in a house fire, they are precious to us.

When the cross is precious to a Christian, he will regularly boast in God.

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Is God's love for you living and powerful in your heart today?

Look to the cross and embrace the fact that it was meant to be yours.

And then look to the cross and see what God did to set you free.

Look to the cross and see your Savior.

Isaiah 45:22 — “Look to Me, and be saved, All you ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other.