

The Potter's Christian Life Center

SERMON NOTES
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At The Right Time

Romans 5:6-8

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We often spend our lives waiting for the "perfect moment." We wait for the right time to start a career, the right time to apologize, or the right time to get our lives in order so we can finally please God. But the Gospel tells a different story about timing, and an even more shocking story about who God decides is worth His time.

In Romans 5, the Apostle Paul peels back the curtain on the heart of God. He shows us a love that doesn't just meet us halfway; it finds us when we are heading in the opposite direction.

CHOOSING THE RIGHT TIME

Romans 5:6

When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners. NLT

When Paul says Christ died "at the right time," he is not suggesting it was just a convenient moment in history. It was not a historical accident or a tragic twist of fate. This was the moment God intentionally decided on before He created the world. He called it the "fullness of time."

While the world saw a common execution, God saw the fulfillment of His plan of redemption. Salvation did not come because we were finally ready. It came because God was ready to act on our behalf.

Israel was physically trapped and spiritually fearful at the edge of the Red Sea. They had no way to save themselves. A strong east wind blew all night. Had the wind stopped too early, the path would have been mud; had it started too late, the Egyptian chariots would have reached the camp.

God waited until the Egyptians were in the midst of the sea to toss them into confusion. The salvation of Israel and the judgment of their enemies happened in the same timeframe.

FOR THE RIGHT REASON

Paul points out a basic human truth.

Romans 5:7

Now, most people would not be willing to die for an upright person, though someone might perhaps be willing to die for a person who is especially good. NLT

We might risk our lives for someone "righteous" or "good." We sacrifice for what we value. But God flips this logic on its head. Jesus did not die for the godly; He died for the ungodly - those who were actively hostile toward Him.

Romans 5:8 NLT

But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.

He did not wait for a sign of improvement from us. He moved when we were spiritually helpless.

We are not just "ignored" or "tolerated," we are justified - declared righteous - by the blood He shed.

Choosing The Right Time For the Right Reason

Through Jesus Christ, the barrier has been removed. The "right time" has arrived, the "ungodly" have been invited, and the "enemies" have been made children.

Conclusion

The cross proves that God's clock and His compassion are perfectly synchronized. He did not wait for your strength or your "godly" season; He moved while you were still helpless. Just as the Red Sea parted at the precise moment of Israel's greatest need, Christ died at the exact hour required to bridge the gap. Today, stop waiting to be "ready" for God.

2 Corinthians 6:2

Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. ESV