

Christ Died for the Ungodly

Romans 5:5-8

I. A Flood of Love that Fills our Hearts (v. 5)

- A. Hope should be the _____ for every Christian (Rom. 15:13; 2 Cor. 1:20; 1 Pet. 1:3)
- B. Is _____ the same for every Christian? (1 Jn. 4:19; Jn. 7:37-39; Eph. 5:15-18)
- C. There is a _____ element to experiencing God's love (Heb. 4:12; 1 Thes. 5:17; Rev. 3:15-20)

II. A Fact of Love that Blows our Minds (vv. 6-7)

- A. This all happened for us when we were _____ (v. 6a) [Rom. 3:10, 23; 6:23; 1 Cor. 1:26-31]
- B. This all happened for us at the _____ time (v. 6b) [Lk. 2:1-5; Gal. 4:4-5; Dan. 9:24-27; Psa. 27:14]
- C. This all happened for us in a way that you would never _____ (v. 7) [Eph. 5:25; Heb. 9:11-14; Jn. 1:29]

III. A Feature of Love that Transforms our Lives (v. 8)

- A. The sharp reminder that you are _____ a good man (Isa. 1:18; 53:6; 1 Jn. 4:10; Eph. 2:1-5)
- B. The sacrificial gift _____ for you anyway (Jn. 3:16; 10:28)
- C. The stark _____ like no other (1 Jn. 3:1)

TAKE HOME:

- Has the love of God _____ your heart or are you receiving more of a trickle?
- What else would God have to do to _____ His love to you?
- Why is it so important to realize that Christ died for us while we were still _____?

Application Questions

James 1:22 says, *"But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves."* These questions are designed to help you apply today's message in your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a Small Group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please call the church office at (661) 259-2913.

1. Read Romans 5:5. What is biblical hope? If hope is not to put us to shame then why are we often disappointed? Should every Christian experience the same degree of hope? (Rom. 15:13; 2 Cor. 1:20; 1 Pet. 1:3)
2. How about love? Is the amount of love we experience from God the same for every Christian? Explain your answer. (1 Jn. 4:19; Jn. 7:37-39; Eph. 5:15-18)
3. Why is it important to acknowledge that there is a subjective element to experiencing God's love? What is the danger of being too subjective? (Heb. 4:12; 1 Thes. 5:17; Rev. 3:15-20)
4. Read Romans 5:6-7. What is the significance of this happening for us while we were unworthy? (Rom. 3:10, 23; 6:23; 1 Cor. 1:26-31)
5. Why would we have never expected God's love to happen for us like it did? (Eph. 5:25; Heb. 9:11-14; Jn. 1:29)
6. Read Romans 5:8. How does it make you feel that God offered His love for you in Christ even while we were still sinners? (Isa. 1:18; 53:6; 1 Jn. 4:10; Eph. 2:1-5; Jn. 3:16; 10:28)
7. How do we find the balance of the subjective love of God being poured out into our hearts and the objective love of God's demonstration by sending Christ to die for us?
8. Read the take home questions. Which one encourages you or challenges you the most? Why? How will you live differently this week based on what you have learned from this passage?

"Lord Jesus, make Thyself to me A living, bright reality; More present to faith's vision keen Than any outward object seen; More dear, more intimately nigh Than e'en the sweetest earthly tie."

-Howard Taylor, *Hudson Taylor's Spiritual Secret*