

Love Poured Out

Romans 5:5-11... and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. ⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸ but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰ For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹ More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

❖ Review

- 1) We Have Peace With God
- 2) We Have Obtained Access Into Grace
- 3) We Rejoice in the Hope of the Glory of God
- 4) We Rejoice in our Sufferings that Lead us To Hope
- 5) We Have God's Love Poured Out on Us.
- **Joining verse from last week to this week:**
 - Romans 15:13 ¹³ Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

❖ 1) Hope hopes. (of course it does... right?)

- and hope does not put us to shame
- (nasb) and hope does not disappoint
- **This is a present Hope...**
 - This is not just in the future
- **Of Course... our Hope is certainly a future Hope**
 - There is a day coming in the future where God will turn our Hope into Sight
 - He will come and restore all things
 - And He will give honor to His faithful children
- **This Hope is also Present Hope...**
 - There is a Hope for the Christian right now... from the moment they believe... Hope
- **Never be put to shame... never be disappointed... never be let down**
 - Paul had a hope that kept him from being put to shame over his faith in Jesus
 - **2 Timothy 1:12 which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that Day what has been entrusted to me.**
 - **Paul was able to go around from town to town all over a pagan world...**
 - He would go and preach the gospel
 - He would heal people... He would talk one on one
 - He would preach to groups...
 - And He would be thrown into jail...
 - ◆ He would be tortured in jail...
 - ◆ I do not know about you... but jail is a place for criminals...
 - ◆ It is a place where you go to be shamed...
 - **But, not Paul... He was proud of who He was... He was proud of who He believed in**
 - ◆ He had entrusted his life to Jesus...
 - ◆ So he was able to say... I am not ashamed... I am not put to shame... I have a hope
 - ◆ I have been through sufferings... I have endured in my suffering... my endurance

- ◆ It produced character in me... and this character has produced Hope...
- **Paul says: I live in Hope... My life is filled with Hope....**
 - ◆ Even in dire circumstances and facing prison and death... I hope
 - ◆ And my hope in Jesus Christ has never put me to shame...
 - ◆ I may be counted with the criminals... but I am not ashamed...
 - ◆ I am honored....

➤ **Consider it in the Positive...**

- **Let us not just say...**
 - This Hope produced in us through our tribulations after being rooted in the gospel....
 - This hope does not put us to shame...
- **Rather... what is the opposite of shame?**
 - Glory and Honor...
- **Paul is being humble here...**
 - He says... Hope does not put us to shame... and it is the same as saying
 - This hope gives us glory and honor...
- Hope in the gospel in tribulation brings about our honor and glory...

➤ **Application:**

- **Do you live in a present Hope...? Are you able to live your life in such a way...?**
 - That no matter what is going on around you...
 - You are living for Christ... because you Hope in Christ
 - You are willing to suffer because you Hope...
- **Are you living in Hope even now in your life...**
 - A hope that does not make you ashamed...
 - Rather... you are honored to live for God...
 - Even though the world around you may press against you hard...
 - Let me share with you where you will be tested...
- **Example of Homosexuality...**
 - ◆ **This issue is going to test your walk with God...**
 - ◆ **Will you stand in hope that God will not put you to shame?**
 - ◆ **Will you be unashamed of God's Word?**

❖ **2) God's Love Has Been Poured Out**

- **because God's love has been poured into our hearts**
- **(kjv) because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts**

➤ **Poured into our Hearts...**

- What an amazing way of describing what God has done for us...
- Now... Paul is going to explain to us this outpouring of love on us...
- For now... let's just explain the terms so we have understanding when we get to verse 6

➤ **God's Love**

- This is agape love... God's willful love toward us...
- This is what we talk about so much... We say... God loves me...
- This is not a love that comes and goes.... This is a committed love that never ends...
- This love does what needs to be done for the object of its love
- This is indeed that character of God... God is love

➤ **Poured**

- This word means : to be fully experienced... to be expressed without restraint...
- It is like having a big jug of your favorite drink...
- And you ask for some of it... and instead of pouring you a small glass from the jug

- They bring you a hug glass and they pour the entire contents of the drink
- They hold nothing back...
- God's love has been give to you without restraint... no holding back

➤ **Into our Hearts**

- Now we get to where the love of God has been given...
- And that is into our hearts...
- **What is the heart?**
 - It is the person's inner self... You know that part of you where...
 - Your emotions and thoughts and desires dwell.
 - That part of you that is the most true you
 - That is the heart... it is where you feel and understand and dream and hope
- **It is here at the core of your being that God has poured out His love...**
 - He has found His way into your inner being so that you may know His love...

➤ **Now... we still have not gotten to an explanation of this love...**

- But we are getting there...
- But one more thing...
 - How did He do this?

❖ **3) The Holy Spirit is the Conduit of God's Love**

- **through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.**

➤ **The Holy Spirit Has Been Given to Us...**

- What an utterly amazing statement by Paul
- Do you see what he is saying to you?

➤ **God has been given to you...**

- God himself has been give to you... You have God dwelling in you...

➤ **Illustration**

- Imagine you live in a town... and this town has no water left in it...
- All the canals and rivers and lakes are dried up...
- And the town is about to die...
- But... there is a huge damn holding back billions of gallons of water a couple miles north...
- And this damn only has to be opened... and water will be let through these huge pipes
- And they will run down this dried up river... and then slowly work its way into canals
- And lakes and underground places...
- The damn just has to be opened...
- And when it is opened... water will come to you... and it will bring refreshment and life to you...
- **Now:**
 - **We hear the gospel...**
 - ◆ And there is this damn holding back the love of God
 - ◆ Because your life is dead... there is no spiritual life in you
 - ◆ And the love of God is waiting to be released into your life...
 - ◆ But, it requires faith...
 - and when we believe it... it opens the pipes of the damn
 - And the Holy Spirit of God comes to us... like the water... And He fills us...
 - And He pours out the love of God into our hearts
 - just like the water brings refreshment
 - The Holy Spirit brings the Love of God...

➤ **The Holy Spirit Has been Given to You**

- The Holy Spirit is God Himself... And He has been given to you

- He has been placed within your inner being... within your “heart”
- And He is your connection with the Father and Son and Himself...
 - ◆ He lives and dwells within you every single day if you are born again...

➤ **You are Able to Experience God and Know God... Experience and Knowledge**

- **Now... we see God has used His Spirit to pour out His love...**
- How in fact did He accomplish this feat?

❖ **4) Love on Display: God’s Love seen in the Death of Christ**

- Before we get into verse 6... let’s skip to verse 8
- Because in verse 8... We have it summed up rather nicely...
 - And it makes it so we can then explain in a little more detail
- **Verse 8: ⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.**

- God’s love is on display in the death of Jesus Christ...
- God’s love is on display when Jesus dies for sinners
- God shows his love for us because we were sinners... and Christ came to die...

➤ **Man’s Love on Display:**

- If you’re a celebrity... you may buy a million dollar engagement ring
- If you’re a song writer... you may write a song
- If you’re a poet you may write a poem
- If you love a girl you will ask her to marry you
- If you love your children you will teach them and provide, protect and discipline them
- If you love your spouse, you may do nice things for them
- Maybe you would shout your love for someone at the top of a summit...

➤ **But, God’s love is much greater...**

- Because in all of these cases... these people have objects that are worthy of their love...?
- Would they buy a million dollar ring for a person that cursed them as they left their home?
- Would they write a song for someone who lied and stole from them?
- Would they write a poem for someone who physically harmed them?
- Would they teach, provide, protect and discipline other children that beat up their own child?
- Would they do nice things for the spouse who cheated on them with multiple people?
- Would they shout their love for the person who defamed and ridiculed their name?

➤ **God’s Love is Much Greater...**

- Of course they would not... and they certainly would not go to God’s lengths
- God did not just speak of His love... He showed it...
- He did not just provide and give gifts and do kind things...
- He gave up His life...
- Jesus died for sinners...
- God sent His Son to bear the penalty for the sinners sins...
- God showed His love toward us by having Jesus die for sinners...
 - Jesus said in **John 15:13 Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.**

➤ **Do you see the extent of this love of God?**

- This is the kind of love that has been poured out in our hearts through the Spirit...
- Within my inner being... I know that Jesus has died for me... for me... a sinner...
- A ridiculer of God... and ignorer of His Word... One who takes advantage of His grace
 - One who takes advantage of God’s gifts...
 - God died for me... a sinner...

➤ **God showed His love for you... in that He died for you... For you the sinner**

- Jesus... He bore the wrath of God on your behalf...
- **Now: Before the writer of Romans says this in vs 8**
 - He gives great detail as to what God in Christ has done...
 - And verse 8 has just summed up verses 6 and 7

❖ 5) He Died for You Even Though You Were Helpless

- **For while we were still weak,**
- **(nasb) For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.**
- **We are sinners... that is true... but we are so much more... or shall I say less...**
- **While we were still weak...**
 - This word means helpless or unable...
 - It is not just the idea of being a little weak... and we only need to muster up enough strength
 - **The idea here is:**
 - While we were still in a helpless condition... without strength...
 - This is not the idea of a weak person compared to a strong person...
 - The strong person can lift and do a lot
 - And the weak person can only muster up the strength to lift a little...
 - **The idea here is... helpless...**
 - ◆ No matter how hard the person tries... He is helpless
 - ◆ He is unable to stand
 - ◆ He is so weak that no matter how hard He tries he can not succeed
- **This verse supports the great theological doctrine of Total Depravity...**
 - Where we see man as unable to come to God... not just unable, but unwanted...
 - **Personally....**
 - I never met a person that wanted to come to God on their own...
 - None of them ever said to me... I woke up and decided to come to God
 - There is always a direct line to see God drawing the person to Himself...
 - We are helpless here... or even worse... we are dead...
- **This Verse speaks volumes of what God has overcome for us:**
 - **Ephesians 2:1-5 And you were **dead** in the trespasses and sins ² in which you once **walked**, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— ³ among whom we **all once lived** in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were **by nature children of wrath**, like the rest of mankind. ⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved**
 - **Notice:** We were... Dead, Followed course of this world, followed prince of power of air, once lived in the passions of flesh, by nature children of wrath
 - **But...** God is Rich in Mercy... Rich in Mercy.... Because He has a Great Love for us...
 - Therefore He made us alive with Christ...
- **So, we see our nature... it was a fallen nature... a people that had forgotten their maker...**
 - Our sin had been handed down to us from our fore fathers...
 - The further we got away from creation... the more wicked we become...
 - **Argument: There are so many people that think... well... I did not start this whole sin thing...**
 - Why is it that I am responsible? Why is It that God allowed sin to be passed down?
 - Why couldn't He make us all perfect with no sin
 - Well... I would say... we come into this world without having sinned...
 - And we all choose to sin don't we?

- Now... you may argue... well, it is because we have a sin nature...
- But... Adam and eve were not created with a sin nature... and they still sinned...
- And since many of us have come to know Jesus, we have still sinned...
- We are responsible for our sin... because we are responsible for our sin...
- We sin because we choose too... We miss the mark of God's standard

➤ **Remember... Paul is getting read to make that great Statement:**

- **⁸ but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.**
- And here in verses 6 and 7 He is setting us up to say verse 8

➤ **So, Jesus died for you when you were Helpless...**

- He also died at the right time...

❖ **6) At the Right Time**

- **at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.**

➤ **I'm not going to get into all the nuances of why it was the right time for Jesus to come and die...**

- I will focus on the fact that God planned this

➤ **God planned the Death of Jesus...**

- Even before the creation of the World...
- Throughout Genesis we see God proclaiming that Jesus would come

➤ **Rev. 13:8 teaches us there is a book of the lamb who was slain before the foundation of the earth....**

- Meaning that this was planned before God even created the human race...
- **Acts 2:23 this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God**

➤ **Jesus died while we were weak... and He died at the right time... He also died for the ungodly...**

❖ **7) He Died Even Though You Were Ungodly**

- **at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.**

➤ **Here... Paul is going even further in explaining our condition before God**

➤ **Ungodly is translated perfectly... this is the sense of the word... we could add "profane" as well**

- **Meaning you are a person "without worship"**
 - Basically it means godless, without fear and reverence of God.
 - It does not mean irreligious,
 - But one who actively practices the opposite of what the fear of God demands.

➤ **Do You see this?**

- For many of us in here... we like to think of ourselves as pretty good people...
 - We like to think we were God honorers before we were saved...
- But in reality... in our heart we were opposed to God
- We did not live in the fear of God...
- Because we could not.... It was not our nature... The Spirit did not live in us... we had no ability

➤ **I want you to understand...**

- That the ungodly are not running around blaspheming the name of God all the time...
 - You do not have to be sinning against God every second to be considered ungodly
 - Being ungodly is a state of the person...
- **God is godly... God is the standard of godliness...**
 - Understand: Anyone that misses the mark of God's standard is ungodly...
 - Unless God changes their heart...

▪ **So... we were not worshipping and reverent to God in our heart...**

- We may have went to church... we may have been a beautiful child at VBS or church
- Yet in our heart we were not truly fearing and revering the name of God...

➤ **We were ungodly... meaning we were the opposite of what God is...**

- This is the person for whom Christ came to die
- **Remember... Paul is getting read to make that great Statement:**
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 - And here in verses 6 and 7 He is setting us up to say verse 8
- **Finally... before getting to this great verse... He makes one final statement... or argument...**
 - Paul is trying to show how amazing it is that God did this... And how we should glory in it

❖ 8) His Death Does not Make Logical Sense

- ⁷ For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—
- **The Righteous person** is the person that does everything right... follows the law perfectly
- **The good person** is the person who does everything right but goes above and beyond that
 - He is kind and compassionate to those around him...
- **Paul is saying... it is not likely that someone would die for that righteous person...**
 - He says... but... a person might would dare to die for a good person
 - A person might sacrifice himself for a good person
- **Not the case for Jesus... He did not die for righteous or good people...**
 - I know this is hard for some of us to take...
 - That there was nothing about us that was good or righteous
 - In fact... we were the opposite...
 - Later in these verses Paul will say we were “**Enemies of God**”
- **Do You See How Amazing it is that Jesus has died?**
 - **Enemies of God...**
 - **Illustration...**
 - This would be like: Isis comes over here to our area...
 - And they kill a bunch of people... and kidnap a bunch of people...
 - And they do unspeakable things
 - Finally... we capture them... and the verdict comes down... Death for their crimes...
 - ◆ And one of us that has been hurt by them significantly... seen our family killed...
 - ◆ One of us says... Don’t kill them... I will take their penalty... Let me die
 - ◆ So they can go free
 - **You think I am overstating it?**
 - I am not! And that is the problem for man... we understate our sinful condition before God
 - And by doing so... we understate the greatness of Jesus sacrifice
- **Jesus’ Death goes Against all human logic... He goes above and beyond?**
 - And why? Because He loves us... God loves us...
 - ⁸ but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

❖ Invitation

- This love of God is to be received in Faith...
 - When the person responds in Faith... they will experience the love of God through the Holy Spirit