

## The Book of Romans

The Gospel of God

## God's Love Demonstrated

Romans 5:6-8

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

<sup>2</sup> through whom also we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we boast in hope of the glory of God.

<sup>3</sup> And not only this, but we also boast in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance;

<sup>4</sup> and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope;

<sup>5</sup> and hope will not put us to shame, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

<sup>6</sup> For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

<sup>7</sup> For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die.

<sup>8</sup> But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

(Romans 5:1-8)

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### ➤ Context

- the love of God for us is what assures our hope of sharing in His glory
- the love of God for us is a Spirit-worked experience mediated through the objective, historical truth of Christ's death for us

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### 1. An Undeserved Love

- God loved us *when* we were helpless, ungodly, sinners and enemies
- God's love far exceeds the height of human love (i.e., dying for a good man)

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### ➤ *Implications:*

- there is no cause to God's love – nothing in us
- there is complete security in God's love – it cannot be "unearned"

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### 2. A Self-Giving Love

- God's love is seen in giving His Son to die for us because, in so doing, He is giving Himself
- God does not love us because Christ died for us, but Christ died for us because God loves us

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### 3. A Holy Love

- Christ died as a sin offering, bearing in our place the penalty our sins deserved
- God so loved the objects of His wrath that He gave His Son/Himself to die in order to remove that wrath that we might be children of God

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<sup>9</sup> *By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him.*

<sup>10</sup> *In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.*

(1 John 4:9-10)