

SCRIPURE: Romans 5:6-11 (ESV)

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.

JESUS DIED...

I. TO PAY FOR OUR SIN

⁶ ... Christ died for the ungodly

⁸ ... while we were still sinners, Christ died for us

The seriousness of sin

- The cross shows us just how serious our sin really is

Romans 6:23a (ESV)- ²³ For the wages of sin is death...

- Sin is an act of rebellion against the greatest authority, which results in the greatest punishment

II. TO SAVE US FROM WRATH

⁹ Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.

The wrath of God over sin

Exodus 34:6-7a (ESV)- ⁶ The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, “The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, ⁷ keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty,

The justice and mercy of God is displayed at the cross of Christ

III. TO RECONCILE US TO 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.

- “reconcile”= change (God sees us now, no longer as enemies but as righteous children)

- “justified” (v9)= declared righteous

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Which of the three reasons that Jesus died stuck out to you most and why do you think that is?
2. Do you truly believe that Jesus has died to pay for every single one of your sins? If not, why is that? If so, what is one appropriate response you can/should make this week in light of this fact?
3. Do you ever think that God is still angry with you over your continual sin? Why or why not? What can help you to combat against that thinking?
4. What significance does being reconciled to God have on your life? How should this impact the way you live? What is one appropriate response you can/should make this week in light of this fact?