**Romans Series March 19, 2023**

**Saved by the Love of God - Romans 5:1-11**

The Big Idea: Because of God’s great love expressed through the death of the Lord Jesus Christ, sinners are made right with God by faith, which results in the ability to persevere in trials, giving joy to genuine believers.

1. By faith, people are **made right with God** Romans 5:1-2

* Justified: to be declared right before God
* Peace: contentment with God, self and others because of what God has done by His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ
* Which comes by God’s grace and results in believers rejoicing in the hope God has provided
* Sinners WERE destined to receive God’s wrath, but instead those who have faith in the Lord have received the righteousness of Christ

2. Christians are able to rejoice in trials, knowing that God is **developing confidence in the future with Him** Romans 5:3-5

* “exult in our tribulations” [ESV=suffering]
* Tribulations perseverance
* Perseverance proven character
* Proven character hope
* Hope no disappointment

3. From God’s deep love, He sent His Son to die for all who turn to Him in faith **for forgiveness of sins** Romans 5:6-8

* “we were helpless” – verse 6 – total inability
* “at the right time” – promised since Genesis 3:15
* “Christ died for the ungodly” – sinners
* It seems inconceivable to the human mind

4. People are made right with God by the
**blood of Christ** Romans 5:9-11

* His sacrifice fully satisfies the wrath of God
* His sacrifice results in reconciliation which means to replace hostility in a relationship with friendship
* The only action of a Christian in this work is faith because Jesus has forged the reunion
* His work through the cross results in salvation
	+ “we shall be saved by His life”
* The Christian can rejoice in the restoration of right relationship with God through His Son

**What does this mean for me?**

* When going through trials, we can be joyful because of what Christ has done for us
	+ We know that God is working in us and through us, even when we cannot see the purpose in the suffering
* We have contentment with God, others and within ourselves because God has made us right with Him
	+ Allow the peace of God to confidently give you the promised hope of everlasting life
* God’s love for you is so great that the Lord Jesus Christ shed His blood and died for you so that you could have forgiveness of sins and future eternal life with God
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