



# LOVE SO AMAZING

IS WORKING WITHIN THE BELIEVER Rom. 5:1-5

2022 THEME

Rom. 5:1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

2 By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

3 And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation **worketh** patience;

4 And patience, experience; and experience, hope:

5 And hope maketh not ashamed; **because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.**

Our theme for 2022 is... LOVE SO AMAZING. We have considered “LOVE SO AMAZING” in several different perspectives.

Knowing and having amazing love for Christ has a profound effect upon a believer. As we notice in the passage, in verse three, the word “worketh” is used:

Rom. 5:3 And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation **worketh** patience;

**Original Word:** κατεργάζομαι

**Transliteration:** katergazomai

**Definition:** to work out; **Usage:** I effect by labor, achieve, work out, bring about.

*katergázomai* – **literally, "work down to the end-point," bring to decisive finality (end-conclusion).**

<https://biblehub.com/greek/2716.htm>

- ❖ A true believer cannot help but be motivated to live a life for God's glory:
- ❖ The imputation of Christ's righteousness has made the difference.

❖ Last week, we began looking at divine truth revealed to us in Rom. 5:1:

## I. HOW GOD HAS LIFTED US, 5:1-5

### A. As to Our Standing, 5:1-2

1. We Have Acceptance, 5:1

2. We Have Access, 5:2

### B. As to Our State, 5:3-5

1. How Maturity is Displayed in Us, 5:3a “And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also...”

2. How Maturity is Developed in Us, 5:3b-5a

3. How Maturity is Determined in Us, 5:5b

“...**because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost** which is given unto us.”

❖ Justification by faith provides assurance in three areas:

- Peace with God;
- Standing in grace;
- Rejoicing in hope of the glory of God.

Believers, knowing the Scriptural foundation of salvation, are motivated to endure challenges during difficult times. They have experienced the love of God in a manner that has radically changed their lives.

2 Cor. 5:17 Therefore **if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature**: old things are passed away; **behold, all things are become new.**

❖ As believers grow in grace, faith is strengthened to give assurance, affecting believers to be strengthened “in the inner man.”

Eph. 3:16 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, **to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;**

17 **That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith;** that ye, being **rooted and grounded in love,**

❖ This morning, we will return to Rom. 5:5, and reconsider the last part of the verse:

Rom. 5:5b “...because **the love of God** is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.”

- ❖ In Rom. 5:1-4, a believer is described as one who walks by faith which provides assurance of salvation regardless of trying circumstances in life.
- ❖ Such assurance, even during “tribulations,” produces a hope that “...maketh not ashamed...”
- ❖ This form of rhetoric employs a literary technique known as “litotes.”

## Litotes

An understatement, especially that in which an affirmative is expressed by the negative of its contrary, as in “not bad at all.”

<https://www.dictionary.com/browse/litotes>



❖ Litotes is literary form of using a negative statement to make a positive one.

“that maketh not ashamed” = “we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.”

Rom. 8:37 Nay, in all these things **we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.**

❖ Note the Apostle Paul's encouragement to young Timothy:

2 Tim. 1:8 **Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord,** nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God;

9 Who hath saved us, and called *us* with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,

10 But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel:

11 Whereunto I am appointed a preacher, and an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles.

12 **For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed:** for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.

13 Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, **in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.**

14 That good thing which was committed unto thee keep **by the Holy Ghost which dwelleth in us.**

- ❖ Why have some believers been so radical in self-sacrifice during their lives? What makes them tick?
- ❖ Real, mature believers have a hope that “maketh not ashamed” – it produces confident assurance that expects to glorify God!
- ❖ How does such hope become so influential in a believer’s life?

Rom. 5:5b “...because **the love of God** is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.”

- ❖ Such believers have personalized Jn. 3:16 as a motivating truth to their souls.

❖ Scrutinize the Apostle Paul's testimony in Gal. 2:20:

Gal. 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, **who loved me, and gave himself for me.**

- Life is a sacrificial dominance in denial of self.
- Life is vibrant because I have Christ living in and through me.
- Life is temporal, but greatly energized by faith focused upon the Son of God.
- Life is motivated by God's love for me and, consequently, His sacrifice for ME!
- Life is conclusively wrapped around the Lord Jesus Christ because of His love.

1 Jn. 4:19 **We love him, because he first loved us.**

- ❖ The life changing love of God is “...shed abroad shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost...”
- ❖ Such shedding abroad is an outpouring of God’s love for the believer.

**Original Word:** ἐκχέω

**Transliteration:** ekcheo

**Definition:** to pour out, to bestow

**Usage:** I pour out (liquid or solid); I **shed**, bestow liberally.

<https://biblehub.com/greek/1632.htm>

- ❖ This shedding abroad is “...in our hearts...”
- ❖ The transformed believer has had an eternal “heart surgery” that affects the center of one’s being, personality...LIFE!

Rom. 8:14 For **as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.**

15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but **ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.**

16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, **that we are the children of God:**

❖ The presence of the Holy Spirit “in our hearts” is confirmation of a believer’s relationship with God.

1 Jn. 4:13 Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, **because he hath given us of his Spirit.**

16 And **we have known and believed the love that God hath to us.** God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

❖ This imparting of love that “...is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us” Is NOT due to stoic determination of a discipline to “suck it up” and tough it out through the challenges of life.

❖ This love is a result of the Holy Spirit's influence in a believer's heart and life.

1 Pet. 1:6 Wherein **ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season**, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations:

7 That **the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth**, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:

8 **Whom having not seen, ye love**; in whom, though now ye see *him* not, yet **believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory**:

9 Receiving the end of your faith, *even* the salvation of *your* souls.



- ❖ In the midst of the tribulations of life, the Holy Spirit confirms such a sense of assurance within a believer's heart that passes knowledge:

Eph. 3:19 And **to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge**, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

- ❖ Believers are given all the tools needed, including those needed when facing adversity, in order to live a victorious life.
- ❖ Faith is the victory that overcometh the world.

1 Jn. 5:4 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and **this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.**

## Conclusion

Eph. 3:14 For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

15 Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,

16 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;

17 **That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,**

18 May be able to comprehend with all saints what *is* the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;

19 And **to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge**, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

20 Now **unto him** that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,

21 **Unto him** be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.