



LOVE SO AMAZING

IS WORKING WITHIN THE BELIEVER Rom. 5:6

2022 THEME

Rom. 5:6 For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

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**," i.e. to an *exact*, definite conclusion (note the prefix, *katá*); **bring to decisive finality (end-conclusion)**).

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❖ We continued looking at divine truth revealed to us in Rom. 5:1-5:

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

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.”

❖ Last week, we returned to Rom. 5:5, and reconsidered 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.”

❖ Such assurance, even during “tribulations,” produces a hope that “...maketh not ashamed...”

❖ We considered that such hope is like a hug from the Lord to those facing heart-wrenching challenges.

- ❖ This morning, we will continue in Rom. 5:6-8 to see the proof of God's love.

- ❖ Paul, via the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, has referred to five benefits of salvation:
 - 1) Justification (v. 1),
 - 2) Peace with God (v. 1),
 - 3) Access into a gracious realm (v. 2),
 - 4) Joy in tribulations (vv. 3-5a), and
 - 5) The indwelling Holy Spirit (v. 5b).

- ❖ As we continue looking at this passage, we see that the Holy Spirit moves the Apostle Paul to focus upon the amazing love of Christ in regard to redemption and the price of salvation.

II. HOW GOD HAS LOVED US, 5:6-11

A. The Proof of God's Love, 5:6-8

1. It is Unconditional Love, 5:6

Rom. 5:6 **For** when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

- ❖ The word “for” is elaborating on verse 5, “...the love of God...”
- ❖ The depth of God's love becomes clearer in this verse and in those that follow (vv. 6-10).

❖ Four terms that are increasingly uncomplimentary describe those for whom Christ died.

- **The first term is that mankind is "helpless" – spiritually and morally.** (“For when we were yet without strength...”)

Original Word: ἀσθενής

Transliteration: asthenés

Definition: without strength, weak; **Usage:** (lit: not strong), (a) weak (physically, or morally), (b) infirm, sick.

asthenés – properly, without vigor, living in a state of weakness (*depletion*). Refers to a *lack of necessary resources* ("insufficient") – literally, "without adequate strength" and hence "*frail, feeble* (sickly)."

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The idea expressed by the Greek word (asthenon) is that we were "incapable of working out any righteousness for ourselves."

- ❖ We were helpless and at that very time Christ died for us. "...in due time..." = "At the right time" refers to the fullness of time, the right time from God's perspective. (Gal. 4:4)
- ❖ The Law could not produce righteousness.
- ❖ The great civilizations of the world – Egyptian, Babylonian, Persian, Chinese, etc. could not do it.

- ❖ The brilliant philosophers of Greece could not do it. Only Christ can make a sinner righteous.
- ❖ “Christ died”
- ❖ The “Suffering Messiah” is the greatest display of God’s love in all of history.

Rom. 8:32 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up **for us all**, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

❖ The Incarnation is the revelation of God's love to mankind:

1 Jn. 4:9 **In this was manifested the love of God toward us**, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.

10 **Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us**, and sent his Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins.

❖ The Holy Spirit moved the Apostle Paul to encapsulate the Incarnation:

Phil. 2:5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

6 **Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:**

7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

8 **And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.**

9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:

10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of *things* in heaven, and *things* in earth, and *things* under the earth;

11 And *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

- **The second term is that mankind is "ungodly," – without respect to the Creator**
– dead spiritually, which is a strong pejorative term as Paul used it. (“...in due time Christ died for the ungodly.”)

Original Word: ἀσεβής

Transliteration: asebéś

Definition: ungodly, impious; **Usage:** impious, ungodly, wicked.

asebéś (an adjective which is the negation of *séboimai*, "to respect") – **properly, lack of reverence ("without due respect"), i.e. failing to honor what is *sacred* – especially in the *outward* (ceremonial) sense.**

[(*asebéś*) is **the antonym (opposite) of *séboimai* ("respecting what is holy").**]

<https://biblehub.com/greek/765.htm>

- A natural tendency of most people is to judge themselves better than others, particularly religious people.
- Yet, according to God's standard of holiness, everyone neglects God and rebels against God. This is ungodliness.

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❖ All of mankind is helpless and ungodly, without hope without Christ:

Eph. 2:12 “That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, **having no hope, and without God in the world:**

13 But **now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.**

14 For **he is our peace...**”

❖ The greatest act of love is portrayed upon the cross of Christ – take a good look:

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

By: Isaac Watts

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.

**See from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
**Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.**

[https://library.timelesstruths.org/music/When I Survey the Wondrous Cross/](https://library.timelesstruths.org/music/When_I_Survey_the_Wondrous_Cross/)

- ❖ Love so amazing was commended to us by Christ, when we were so helpless and ungodly, that we may come to Him for abundant life, for both now and eternity.

Conclusion

Rom. 3:22 Even **the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all** and **upon all them that believe**: for there is no difference:

23 For **all have sinned**, and come short of the glory of God;

24 Being justified **freely by his grace** through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

25 Whom God hath set forth *to be* a propitiation through faith in his blood, **to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;**

26 To declare, *I say*, at this time **his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.**