



LOVE SO AMAZING

IS WORKING WITHIN THE BELIEVER Rom. 5:6-10

2022 THEME

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

A few weeks ago, we began looking at LOVE SO AMAZING IS WORKING WITHIN THE BELIEVER. This morning we will again consider that again. We began by considering the motivation for a genuine believer. We know that in Gal. 5:6b “...faith worketh by love.” The greatest motivation to walk by faith, please God, and serve Him is...because we love Him.

❖ 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

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

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

❖ 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...”)

✦ **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.”)

✦ We will look at the third term in a moment.

✦ What does it mean to you to be loved?

- ❖ One knows about “love” theoretically, and some know of love experientially. How does one know love if it is totally unexperienced? God’s love is always “giving.” His love is like an endless resource from an artesian well that perpetually satiates the soul. (Jn. 4:10, 7:38)
- ❖ Many marriages fail for want of unconditional love.
- ❖ Many children are estranged from their parents due to a lack of being love.
- ❖ Many will miss eternal fellowship with Christ because they did not know His love.
- ❖ This morning, we will continue in Rom. 5:7-10 to see the proof and provision of God’s love. Not only is God’s love to us an “Unconditional Love,” it is an “Incomparable Love.”

2. It is Incomparable Love, 5:7-8

Rom. 5:7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die.

8 But **God commendeth his love toward us**, in that, **while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.**

❖ Paul used the word “righteous” here in the general sense of an upright person, not in the theological sense of a person made right with God by faith in Christ.

- ❖ “Righteous” carries the idea of one who is not only upright but one who is loved for it, because he or she reaches out to help others.
- ❖ Verse 8 begins with “But...” – this is a conjunction used as a connective or adversative particle to express a contrast.
- ❖ Mankind, in God’s eyes, are not “righteous” or “a good man.” In contrast, all are “sinners.”
- **The third term used to describe those for whom Christ died is that mankind is called "sinners"** (cf. 3:23): those who are neither righteous nor good.

Rom. 5:8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, **while we were yet sinners**, Christ died for us.

9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.

10 For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

- The Apostle Paul here was contrasting the worth of the life laid down, Jesus Christ's life, and the unworthiness of those who benefit from His sacrifice.

- Whereas people may look at one another as meriting love because they are righteous or good, God views them as sinners.
- Nevertheless God loves them. His provision of His own Son as their Savior demonstrated the depth of His love (John 3:16).

❖ The preposition in the clause "Christ died for (ὑπέρ) us" stresses the substitute character of His sacrifice. It also highlights the fact that God in His love for us provided that sacrifice for our eternal welfare.

Original Word: ὑπέρ

Transliteration: huper

Phonetic Spelling: (hoop-er')

Definition: over, beyond, on behalf of, for the sake of, concerning; **Usage:** gen: in behalf of; acc: above.

hypér (a preposition) – properly, beyond (above); (figuratively) to extend *benefit* (*help*) that reaches beyond the present situation.

***hypér* ("beyond") is "for the *betterment* (*advantage*) of,"** i.e. focusing on *benefit*.

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B. The Provision of God's Love, 5:9-10

❖ The proof of God's love is in His provision.

1. Christ Gave His Life *for* Us, 5:9-10a

Rom. 5:9 “**Much more then**, being now justified by his blood, **we shall be saved from wrath through him.**”

10 For if, **when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son...**”

❖ Still there is "much more then."

Rom. 5:10 For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, **much more, being reconciled**, we shall be saved by his life. ...

15 But not as the offence, so also *is* the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, **much more the grace of God**, and the gift by grace, *which is* by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many. ...

17 For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; **much more they which receive abundance of grace** and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.) ...

20 Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, **grace did much more abound:**

- **The fourth and worst term used to describe those for whom Christ died is that mankind is labeled as enemies.**

❖ What the Apostle Paul next described is a benefit that justified sinners will experience in the future, namely, deliverance from the outpouring of God's wrath on the unrighteous.

Rom. 1:17 For therein is **the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith**: as it is written, **The just shall live by faith.**
18 For **the wrath of God** is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;

- ❖ Jesus Christ's blood is both the symbol of His death and the literal expression of His life poured out as a sacrifice (cf. 3:25).
- ❖ Having done the harder thing, namely, justifying us when we were yet sinners (v. 8), how much more will He do the easier thing, namely, delivering us from coming wrath.

Jn. 3:36 He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but **the wrath of God abideth on him.**

Isa. 13:9 Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it. ...

13 Therefore I will shake the heavens, and the earth shall remove out of her place, in the wrath of the LORD of hosts, and in the day of his fierce anger.

Psa. 7:11 God judgeth the righteous, and God is angry with the wicked every day.

❖ People are not only helpless to save themselves (v. 6), neglectful of God (v. 6), and wicked (v. 8), but they also set themselves against God and His purposes.

❖ Even though many unsaved people profess to love God, God, who knows their hearts, sees opposition to Himself in them. Their antagonism toward Him is the proof of their enmity.

Rom. 5:10 For if, when we were enemies, **we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son**, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

❖ "For" (Gr. gar) in this case means: Let me explain more fully.

❖ Jesus Christ's death reconciled us to God.

2 Cor. 5:18 And all things *are* of God, **who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;**

Col. 1:21 And you, that were sometime **alienated and enemies** in *your* mind by wicked works, **yet now hath he reconciled**

22 In the body of his flesh through death, **to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight:**

❖ God reconciles people to Himself, He redeems them from sin, and He propitiates (satisfies) Himself—all through the death of His Son.

- ❖ Humankind has offended and departed from God and needs reconciliation into relationship with Him.
- ❖ There are two aspects of reconciliation: one for all humankind (2 Cor. 5:19), and another for the believer (2 Cor. 5:20).
- ❖ Jesus Christ's death put humankind in a savable condition, but people still need to experience full reconciliation with God by believing in His Son.
- ❖ Jesus Christ's death was responsible for our justification. His continuing life is responsible for our progressive (practical) sanctification and our glorification.

2. Christ Gives His Life *to Us*, 5:10b “...**much more**, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.”

- ❖ We experience continuing salvation (progressive sanctification) and ultimate salvation (glorification) because of Jesus Christ's ongoing life.
- ❖ We have salvation in the present and in the future because our Savior lives. He is still saving us. This verse shows that we are eternally secure.

Summary

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Conclusion

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19 To wit, that **God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself**, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

20 Now then **we are ambassadors for Christ**, as though God did beseech *you* by us: we pray *you* in Christ's stead, **be ye reconciled to God**.

21 For he hath made him *to be* sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.