

LOVE SO AMAZING

IS WORKING WITHIN THE BELIEVER Rom. 5:6-11

2022 THEME

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- <u>8</u> But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.
- <u>9</u> Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.
- <u>10</u> 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.
- <u>11</u> And not only *so*, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.

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

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 <u>Rom. 5:1-11</u>:

I. <u>HOW GOD HAS LIFTED US</u>, 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

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

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

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

2.Christ Gives His Life to Us, 5:10b

In this section Paul identified the following benefits of justification by faith:

- 1. Past justification (v. 1)
- 2. Peace with God (v. 1)
- Access into God's grace (having been under God's wrath, v. 2)
- 4. Joy in tribulation (vv. 3-5a)
- 5. The indwelling Holy Spirit (v. 5b)
- 6. Deliverance from future condemnation (vv. 9-10)

Another benefit of God's love is...

7. Present reconciliation with God (v. 11)

This morning, we will continue in <u>Rom. 5:11</u> to see the products of God's love.

C. The Products of God's Love, 5:11

<u>Rom. 5:11</u> And not only *so*, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement. As recorded in the first 10 verses, a believer has many spiritual benefits that are possessed the moment of salvation, yet, this verse adds an additional perspective to be considered – "And not only so..."

<u>Psa. 103:1</u> Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, *bless* his holy name. <u>2</u> Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:

As we observe <u>Rom. 5:11</u>, we see a stark difference between God and Man.

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN GOD AND MAN

C. The Products of God's Love, 5:11

<u>Rom. 5:11</u> And not only *so*, but we also **joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ**, by whom we have now **received the atonement**.

The products of God's love is joy and atonement.

As we consider the difference between God and man, our joy and assurance will intensify. 1. <u>The Difference Is Character Recognition</u>

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a. Spiritual Love

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

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

This verse contrasts such a difference between God's unconditional, spiritual love and mankind's selfish love.

b. Selfish Love

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

<u>Luke 6:32</u> For if ye love them which love you, what thank have ye? for sinners also love those that love them.

<u>33</u> And if ye do good to them which do good to you, what thank have ye? for sinners also do even the same.

The character of mankind is to put self, first.

2. The Difference Is Complete Reconciliation

<u>Rom. 5:9</u> Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. <u>10</u> 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.

Knowing doctrine brings joy and peace to the believer in the present – "…being now justified by his blood…"

- a. The Deliverance NOW Possessed "Much more then, being now justified by his blood…" and "For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled…"
- Believers are justified by the blood of Christ which provides reconciliation with God.

<u>1 Jn. 5:13</u> These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; **that ye may know that ye have eternal life**, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God. b. The Deliverance more Precious – "...we shall be saved from wrath through him." and "...we shall be saved by his life."

Believers NOW possess salvation and it continues to produce spiritual fruit in the present and for the future.

<u>Phil. 2:13</u> For **it is God which worketh in you** both to will and to do of *his* good pleasure.

<u>Phil. 1:6</u> Being confident of this very thing, that **he** which hath begun a good work in you will perform *it* until the day of Jesus Christ:

3. The Difference Is Cause For Rejoicing

<u>Rom. 5:11</u> And not only *so*, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.

> a. The Believer's Rejoicing – "And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ..."

Beyond the benefits of salvation, "And not only so...," is the product of "joy."

Original Word: καυχάομαι Transliteration: kauchaomai Definition: to boast, have joy; Usage: I boast; I glory (exult) proudly.

- <u>Rom. 5:2</u> By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and **rejoice** in hope of the glory of God.
- <u>3</u> And not only *so*, but we **glory** in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation **worketh** patience;
- <u>11</u> And not only *so*, but we also **joy** in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.

<u>2 Cor. 10:17</u> But he that **glorieth**, let him **glory** in the Lord.

The believer's joy is "...in God through our Lord Jesus Christ..."

b. The Believer's Reconciliation – "...by whom we have now received the atonement."

- Two opposing parties may be at peace, permanently, having "at-one-ment," or atonement.
- An enemy of God may be at peace with Him after being reconciled by the work of Christ.

The words "atonement" and "reconciliation" are synonymous terms indicating restoration of fellowship.

<u>2 Chron. 29:24</u> And the priests killed them, and they made reconciliation with their blood upon the altar, to make an atonement for all Israel: for the king commanded *that* the burnt offering and the sin offering *should be made* for all Israel.

<u>Rom. 5:11</u> And not only *so*, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now **received the atonement**. Two opposing partied may be at peace, permanently having "at-one-ment," atonement.

- Original Word: καταλλαγή
- Transliteration: katallagé
- **Definition:** reconciliation, atonement;
- **Usage:** reconciliation, restoration to favor.

katallagé – reconciliation (restoration) as the resulting of Christ *exactly* (precisely) *exchanging His righteousness* (*blood*) *for our guilt*. <u>https://biblehub.com/greek/2643.htm</u> A maturing believer grows in understanding the value of salvation and develops a by-product of "…joy in God…"

Psa. 21:1 The king shall joy in thy strength, O LORD; and in thy salvation how greatly shall he rejoice!

Psa. 51:12 Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.

- <u>Mt. 25:21</u> His lord said unto him, Well done, *thou* good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: **enter thou into the joy of thy lord**. ...
- 23 His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.
- <u>Jn. 15:11</u> These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.

<u>Jn. 16:24</u> Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.

<u>Rom. 14:17</u> For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

<u>Rom. 15:13</u> Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

<u>Gal. 5:22</u> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

<u>Heb. 12:2</u> Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of *our* faith; who **for the joy that was set before** him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

<u>Heb. 13:17</u> Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, **that they may do it with joy**, and not with grief: for that *is* unprofitable for you.

<u>1 Pet. 1:8</u> 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:

<u>1 Pet. 4:13</u> But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, **ye may be glad also with exceeding joy**.

<u>1 Jn. 1:4</u> And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.

<u>3 Jn. 1:4</u> I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.

<u>Jude 1:24</u> Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and **to present** *you* **faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy**,

Conclusion

<u>Gal. 6:14</u> But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.

- Isa. 12:1 And in that day thou shalt say, O LORD, I will praise thee: though thou wast angry with me, thine anger is turned away, and thou comfortedst me.
- <u>2</u> Behold, God *is* my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH *is* my strength and *my* song; he also is become my salvation.
- <u>3</u> Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation.
- <u>4</u> And in that day shall ye say, Praise the LORD, call upon his name, declare his doings among the people, make mention that his name is exalted.
- 5 Sing unto the LORD; for he hath done excellent things: this *is* known in all the earth.
- <u>6</u> Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: for great *is* the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.