

**Not Ashamed  
(Week 13)  
Romans 5:5-11  
“But Wait... There’s More!”**

**Introduction**

We all remember those infomercials from when we were younger. The excited announcer would describe whatever product they were trying to sell in the most flattering way imaginable. He would list all the great attributes of the product, and just when you thought that the presentation was over and you had seen it all, he exclaims, “But wait, there’s more!”

**Romans Chapter Five** could very well be described as the “But wait, there’s more” chapter. In the **Fourth Chapter of Romans**, Paul explains to us the concept of salvation by grace through faith. We are saved not because we deserve it, but because of God’s grace towards us. To ponder this is so wonderful that it is difficult to describe such a gift. But the Believer is not only saved by God’s grace, he is also kept safe by it as well. That is the “but there’s more” reality that Paul wanted the church at Rome to fully grasp. God does so much more than just save us, when we put our trust in Him. We are given peace with God in Christ, access to God through Christ, and the Spirit of God begins a work in us to conform us to the very image of Christ (**vs.1-5**). And that too is amazing, but there’s more!

Paul wanted us to grasp just how much The Father loves us, and now that we are reconciled to Him, we can experience that love to the fullest! The Holy Spirit of God has been given to us as a “deposit” of all of God’s glorious promises that are yet to come.

**“Now it is God Who strengthens us together with you in Christ, and Who has anointed us. He has also put His seal on us and given us The Spirit in our hearts as a down payment.”**  
**2 Corinthians 1:21-22**

So you see, The Spirit works within us not only to assure us of our salvation, but He also gives us the expectant hope (*elpice*) of all that we are to receive. He is our “down payment” on these things. As a result, Paul tells us that we can count on everything that we have hoped for in Christ.

**“This hope will not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured out in our hearts through The Holy Spirit Who was given to us.”**  
**Romans 5:5**

The Spirit indwells every believer. It is He that draws us to God in the first place, and it is also He that confirms in the heart of every believe that we are indeed a child of God.

**“The Spirit Himself testifies together with our spirit, that we are God’s children.”**  
**Romans 8:16**

It is God’s Spirit that is proof of His great love for us. The Spirit first convicts us of our sins, so that we will see a need for a Savior (**John 16:8**). He then guides us in all truth (**John 16:13**), so that we may believe in God’s promises. And then He points us to Christ as our only hope of salvation (**John 16:14-15**). This is only the beginning of how God “pours out His love within our hearts”. But wait... there’s more! Which bears the question, How much more? Today we will discover just how much more we have in Christ: **How much more** He loves us, **How much more** He saves us, and **How much more** He keeps us. Let us look together in God’s Word for the answers, so we can begin to fully grasp just how deep The Father’s love is for us.

**How Much More (He Loves Us)**

**“For while we were still helpless, at the right time, Christ died for the ungodly. For rarely will someone die for a just person — though for a good person perhaps someone might even dare to die. But God proves His own love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”** **Romans 5:6-8**

It is so very important for every sinner, who longs to be forgiven, to fully comprehend this truth. You do not have to clean yourself up in order for God to love you. He already loves you! Just come to Him, and He will clean you up. This is what The Spirit of God does, when we repent of our sins. He cleanses us from the inside out.

While we were still sinners, before we had even tried to do anything good, while we were still God’s enemies... Jesus died FOR US! **Romans 5:8** has been quoted so many times by believers trying to win a lost soul to Christ. It is famously known for being “verse number 3 of The Romans Road to salvation”. In order to fully comprehend just how much God loves you, you must understand that His love is unconditional. He loved you first, while you were His enemy. This is why Jesus commands us to love our enemies as well. He prayed for His executioners, as they nailed Him to a cross. In fact, they were some of the very sinners that He came to die for.

Have you ever read closely the narrative that describes Christ’s death on the cross? Read it again. These men that He prayed for as they were killing Him, actually ended up believing in Him.

**“When the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and the things that had happened, they were terrified and said, ‘Truly this man was the Son of God!’”** **Matthew 27:54**

Just like those Roman soldiers, we were God’s enemies in the bondage of sin. We had no use for God, but He loved us still. That is an amazing love. Paul tells us that some people might be willing to lay down their lives for a good person, but who would die for a wicked man? Christ, that’s Who. You didn’t have to “fix yourself” before He could love you. He loved you in spite of yourself. But there’s more!

How much more can you experience this wondrous love, now that you have believed? Many *Bible* scholars have used this passage to say that after you have been saved, God will love you even more. But Paul really doesn’t go there. He just points out how much God loves us already. I don’t believe that He loves us “more” when we accept Him, but what I believe is that we can never fully experience His great love until we have been reconciled to Him through Christ. Allow me to explain.

I once watched a movie called “Door to Door” about a salesman named Bill Porter, who had cerebral palsy. Bill refused to go on disability and wanted to work for a living. No one would give him a chance until the Watkins Supply Company finally offered him a job, giving him their very worst sales territory. They had hoped that Bill would fail miserably in this region and would simply give up. But instead he became the company’s top salesman.

In the movie (which I am not sure is completely accurate), there was a woman on Bill’s route who would invite him in for coffee each time he came to her door. She became his best customer, consistently purchasing more of his wares than all his other clientele. He had thought that she really loved the products he sold, but it turns out that it was him that she loved. When she passes away during the course of the movie, there is a tragic scene that shows all of the products that she has bought from Bill over the years, packed away neatly in a back room of her house. The boxes had never even been opened. You see, Bill had missed the point of her affections entirely. He could have had so much more with her, than a just client. He missed out on the love of his life, because he never fully came to understand it.

In much the same way, God loves you. He loves you with a perfect love, but in order to fully experience it, you must put your faith in Him and be reconciled to Him Through Christ Jesus. When you are willing to do this, so much more becomes available to you. The Holy Spirit will indwell you and enable you to fully experience God’s love. The same love that motivated Him to die for you, before you had ever

acknowledged Him. Oh, how He loves us! But just as you cannot feel the warmth of the sun on your face, as long as you hide in a dark room. You cannot feel the full warmth of God's love, until you step into to the light of The Son.

### **How Much More (He Saves Us)**

**"How much more then, since we have now been declared righteous by His blood, will we be saved through Him from wrath."** **Romans 5:9**

The phrase "how much more then" in the Greek actually means that the truth that follows is even greater than what has preceded. Paul, in **verse nine**, is in essence saying, since Christ died for us while we were still God's enemies, then how much more will be ours, if we simply trust in Him. Enemies deserve to die, but Christ has offered us permanent reconciliation, as well as, eternal life. This means that we have been FOREVER saved. It has everything to do with God and His love and nothing to do with what we deserve. The mercy we have been shown is far greater than our sin. We have been clothed in Christ's righteousness, and God's wrath has been permanently removed from us.

**"For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our LORD Jesus Christ, Who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with Him."** **1 Thessalonians 5:9-10**

And this is no "temporary salvation, it is permanent and assured by the death and resurrection of Christ. As sure as He died and rose again, we are assuredly saved, when we confess Him as LORD and believe.

### **How Much More (He Keeps Us)**

**"For if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, then how much more, having been reconciled, will we be saved by His life. And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through Whom we have now received this reconciliation."** **Romans 5:10-11**

Because we are no longer enemies of God, we have received reconciliation in Christ Jesus. His death paid for all that we have ever done or ever will do for that matter. Think of it this way. When a person writes a will that promises to leave an inheritance to someone, that person must first die in order for the will to go into effect. Jesus promises us that He will save us and reconcile us to The Father. When He died, our inheritance was put into effect. We are assured of our inheritance based upon the death of He Who placed us in His will.

But after someone dies, a legal professional (Executor) must enforce the will, in order to insure the requests of the deceased are carried out. Jesus is not only the Testator (person who leaves a will), but He is also the Executor. By His death, He put the will into effect, and by His resurrection He enforces His own will and testament! This is what Paul means when he says:

**"...how much more, having been reconciled, will we be saved by His life."** **Romans 5:10b**

You see, Jesus not only died to save you, but He rose again and is living forevermore to KEEP YOU SAVED! This is why I believe so strongly in eternal security. For the same One WHO wrote us into His will, is the same One Who sees to it that we receive all of our inheritance. This is the greatest

assurance that this world has ever known. Jesus saves us by His death and keeps us saved by His life! No wonder the hymn-writer Fanny Crosby entitled her greatest song "Blessed Assurance". To doubt your salvation is to miss out on the fullness of the greatest gift that has ever been given. Just trust in Jesus, He will keep every promise that He has made. He made them in His death, and He keeps them with His life. The Holy Spirit is our downpayment for all the promises yet to come.

So, how much more does God love us. How much more will he save us. And How much more will He keep saved the ones who believe in His promises. Your inheritance is secure today my friends, if you have placed your trust in Christ. You can depend on it and expectantly await its complete fulfillment. Christ ever lives to keep you secure.

I believe that I love the last verse of this passage even more than all the rest. For it speaks of one last "but there's more" yet to come. As if what we have already been offered is not enough.

**"And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our LORD Jesus Christ, through Whom we have now received this reconciliation."** **Romans 5:11**

Do you remember the story of when Adam and Eve sinned in the Garden of Eden? *The Bible* says that when The LORD came to check on them in the evening, and they heard Him coming, they ran and hid themselves in the trees of the garden. Doesn't really sound like they were "rejoicing in God", now does it? You see, that's what sin does to us. It causes us to feel dirty and ashamed. We feel the need to get as far away from God as we possibly can, because to stand in His presence covered in our sin is quite unbearable. Can I get a witness?

Now contrast that image with the last time you saw someone in church participating in what I like to call "full-on worship". They stand there in the presence of God, singing and praising His name. With their hearts set on God, they couldn't care less who else might be watching, as they sing to Him with their arms stretched toward heaven like a child longing to be picked up by his father. Quite a contrast is it not? From hiding from God, to stretching upward longing to reach Him. THAT my friends is what Christ has done for those who put their trust in Him. The shame is forever vanquished, and it is replaced with "rejoicing in God"! Words cannot describe the dramatic change that comes to a person, who has been born again as a child of God. This is why Paul describes it this way:

**"Don't worry about anything, but in everything, through prayer and petition with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."**  
**Philippians 4:6-7**

So, trust in Christ. Trust in Him for your salvation, and then trust Him all the more to keep you saved. To be forgiven is only the beginning. It is after your rebirth in Christ that the real blessings of eternal life begin. Or as Paul might say, "But wait there's more!" God will keep all of His promises, including those He has given in regard to your eternal security. So don't be anxious, and just leave it all to Him.

**"For this gospel I was appointed a herald, apostle, and teacher, and that is why I suffer these things. But I am not ashamed, because I know Whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to guard what has been entrusted to me until that day."**  
**2 Timothy 1:11-12**

And all let those who are fully trusting in Christ and Him alone say... TRUTH!!!