**“What Love is This!”**

**(Romans 5:6-11)**

**In today’s text Paul continues to develop the blessings of our salvation by expounding upon the wonders of God’s love for us. We can know the assurance and security of this love as we reflect upon…**

 **I. The PROOF of His Love (6-8)**

 *(John 3:16; 1 John 4:9-10; Luke 23:42-43)*

* **A Desperate Condition (6)**

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

* **A Distinct Comparison (7)**

 *For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man*

 *some would even dare to die.*

* **A Demonstrated Compassion (8)**

*But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners,*

 *Christ died for us.*

 **II. The PROTECTION of His Love (9-10)**

 *(Romans 8:1, 32; 1 Thessalonians 1:10; 5:9; Hebrews 7:25)*

* **Logical Certainty 🡪 We’re Saved From Wrath (9)**

 *Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath*

 *through him.*

* **Logical Certainty 🡪 We’re Saved By His Life (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.*

**III. The PRAISE of His Love (11)**

 *(Romans 5:2-3; Philippians 4:4; Luke 10:20)*

* **Rejoicing in God**

 *And not only so, but we also joy in God…*

* **Rejoicing Through Our Lord Jesus Christ**

 *…through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the*

 *atonement.*

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 **Small Group Discussion Guide**

**1. Share something from Sunday’s study that was the most interesting or**

 **challenging to you, or that raised a question.**

**2. Read and discuss 5:6-8. How do these verses “prove” God’s love for us?**

 **How would any form of “works salvation” lessen the wonder of God’s**

 **amazing love in Christ? What does God’s love mean to you personally – i.e.,**

 **that YOU are the object of His love?**

**3. Notice the terms “ungodly” and “sinners” in verses 6 & 8. Why do people**

 **sometimes get offended at the Bible’s teaching that they are ungodly**

 **sinners? How would you explain to someone that it is important to know**

 **that they are ungodly sinners before God?**

**4. Read and discuss 5:9-10. What point does Paul make in these two verses?**

 **What logical approach does he use to make his argument? Why is it**

 **important for a believer to have assurance of their salvation? Is it possible**

 **for someone to have a “false assurance” of salvation? If so, how?**

**5. What does Paul mean by the phrase “joy in God” in Romans 5:11? What does**

 **he encourage us to “rejoice in” in verses 2 and 3? What are some ways we**

 **can show more joy in the Christian life?**

**Digging Deeper**

**1. The word “reconciled” is repeated 3 times in Romans 5:10-11 (the KJV**

 **word “atonement” is same Greek word as “reconciliation”). What does it**

 **mean to you to be reconciled to God. How does 2 Corinthians 5:18-21 shed**

 **light on the meaning of this term?**

**2. All that God has for us is found “in” or “through” Jesus Christ our Lord. This**

 **truth is a very strong emphasis in chapters 5 through 8 of Romans. List what**

 **we have “through Christ” according to each of the following verses: Romans**

 **5:1, 11, 21; 6:23; 7:25; 8:39.**

**For next week**

**Read Romans 5:12-21 a couple times, and then focus more intently on verses 12-14. Write out each of these three verses in your own words.**