

Exegetical Notes - Romans 5:6-11

“SAVED”

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Verses 6-8

You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸ But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

- In Mark 1:15 when Jesus began to preach the Gospel, he said, “The time has come. The Kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!” That moment was “the right time” of which Paul speaks it. It was the moment in God’s plan for the world for the preaching of the good news to begin.
- “When we were still powerless,” when we were still slaves to sin because Christ had not yet died to set us free from sin’s power.
- “Christ died for the ungodly.” As Christ’s love for us is grounded in God’s grace and not an act earned by our righteousness, he died for us when we were yet sinners.
- Someone might lay down their life for a good person, but no one would die for an evil one. But that is the demonstration of God’s great love for humanity as a whole and for each one of us. While we were still evil sinners, Christ died in our place to set us free from the power of sin over us.

Verses 9-11

Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God’s wrath through him! ¹⁰ For if, while we were God’s enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! ¹¹ Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

- By Christ's sacrifice as the spotless Lamb of God (see Romans 3:25), we are justified. God removed our sin from us by nailing them on the cross with Christ.
- By the resurrection of Christ from the grave, we are set free from the consequences of sin, eternal death, and given eternal life through Jesus.
- We will be saved from God's wrath when it falls on the earth on the day of judgment.
- We used to be God's enemies. We were hostile to the ways of God and did not know God. But through Jesus we are reconciled to God. We now know that he loves us, and we are resolved to live in his will for us.

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