

JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH,  
A DEMONSTRATION OF GOD'S LOVE FOR ALL  
Romans 5:6-11

INTRODUCTION:

- A. We are all sinners
  - 1) Romans 3:9-12 - "are all under sin"
  - 2) Romans 3:23 - "For all have sinned"
  
- B. We are justified by faith
  - 1) Romans 3:24 - "Being justified freely by his grace"
  - 2) Romans 3:28 - "a man is justified by faith without the deeds (works) of the law."
  
- C. Two examples
  - 1) Abraham - 4:3
  - 2) David's description - 4:6
  
- D. What prompted this plan?
  - 1) God's wisdom - I Corinthians 1:21 - The Plan
  - 2) God's love - John 3:16 - The Accomplishment
  
- E. God's love revealed
  - 1) I John 3:16 - "Hereby we perceive the love of God, because he laid down His life for us..."  
ginosko = "observe", "obtain knowledge"
  - 2) vs. 8 - "commendeth" = sunistesin = "to bring together", "to demonstrate"
  
- I. Christ Died For the Ungodly vs. 6
  - A. "For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly."
    - 1) "without strength" = asthenes = "infirm", "weak", "feeble", "sick", anesthetic (moral sense)
    - 2) "in due time" = kata kairon = "at the proper time"  
Galatians 4:4 - "...when the fullness of time was come."
    - 3) "ungodly" = asebes = "one who has no reverence for sacred things", "without fear of God"
  
  - B. When did Jesus die for us?
    - 1) When we were hating Him the most.
    - 2) When we were wounding Him the deepest.
  
- II. The Demonstration of His Love vs. 7-8
  - A. "For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die."  
vs. 7
    - 1) "scarcely" = molis = "with difficulty", "hardly"

- 2) "righteous" = uper dikaiou = "a man who is known for proper conduct", "now it is an extraordinary thing for one to give his life even for an upright man." Amp.
- 3) "peradventure" = tachai = "quickly", "speedily", hence "perhaps" = "though perhaps for a noble and lovable and generous benefactor someone might even dare to die." Amp.

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

- 1) "commendeth" = [Introduction E-2]
- 2) "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, that it was while we were yet sinners Christ died for us."
- 3) I John 4:10 - "Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent His son to be the propitiation for our sins."

III. Our Better Position As Justified Ones vs. 9, 10, 11

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

- 1) "justified" = dikaios = "to justify by a judicial act"
- 2) "saved" = sozo = "preserve from danger"

B. "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." vs. 10

- 1) "enemies" = echthros = "an adversary"
- 2) "reconciled" = katallasso = "to exchange", "to make other a state of enmity", "to exchange enmity for friendship"
- 3) "If while we were His enemies we were made God's friends by the death of His son, it is far more certain that now that we are His friends we shall be saved by His life."
- 4) "If death made us friends, think what His life will do for our relationship."

C. "And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement" vs. 11

- 1) "And not only that, but this too...."
- 2) "joy" = kauchaomai = "to speak loud", "boast", "extol"
- 3) "atonement" = katallage = "the exchange" (this is the same as verse 10)
- 4) "And not only that, but this too; we shall continue exulting in God...., through whom we have now received or obtained our reconciliation."