

— Romans 5.5-11 —
Romans Series 33
The Assurance of Our Hope

Romans 5.5 Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. 6 For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. 8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. 10 For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. 11 And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

* This passage is about ... Paul wants us to have full assurance that as those who have their faith and trust in Christ, we shall not be ..., but we shall be delivered from ..., and shall participate in ...

* Assurance is a key ingredient in the biblical concept of ...

* Heb 6.11 says we should have “the ... until the end.”

* Hope is especially connected to the promise of ...

* In Acts 28.20, Paul calls the promise of the resurrection “the ... of Israel.”

* In Rom 8.23-24, Paul says we “groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of For we were saved in this ...”

* Regarding this hope, Paul says in Rom 5.5 that we shall not be ...

* When Paul says in vs 9 that “we shall be saved from wrath though [Christ],” and in vs 10 that “we shall be saved by [Christ’s] life,” he is alluding to ...

* Jesus teaches us in John 5.29 that everyone will participate in one of two resurrections, either the ... or the ...

* Paul says in Rom 2.7-8, “those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness” shall receive ..., but those “who by patient continuance in doing good seek for glory, honor, and immortality” shall receive ...

* So the hope of the believer in the OT and the New is that we shall be delivered from ..., so that when we die, we immediately go to be with ..., and there we wait for the final aspect of our salvation, which is the ...

* Paul wants us to have the ... that this will certainly take place. He wants us to go through life with ...

* Paul tells us in our text that the basis for the full assurance of hope in the ... for what will do in the ... is what God has already done for us in the ...

* Our assurance is not that all that shall befall us in this life will be ..., or that we shall be able to see clearly the ... that God intends to work from it. Rather, our assurance is that God has already ... his love for us once for all.

* When the Israelites came out of Egypt, their assurance was not found in ..., nor was it found in ...

* That kind of thinking was one of their constant ... that led to their constant ... against God.

* What God kept telling them was that their assurance of God’s love in the ... and for the ... was found in what God had already done in the ... through ... and the ...

* That is why God began the ten commandments by saying, “I am the Lord your God who ...”

* Moses tells the people that one of the key things God wants from them is that they ... to him, “for he is ...” (Dt 30.20).

* ... is the opposite of ...

* The NT tells us, “Do all things without ...” (Phil 2.14).

* The difference between those who ... against God and those who ... to God is not found in what they ...; the difference is found in whether they see and respond to ... in the light of God’s ... or not.

* What two things in the past does Paul point to that prove God’s love for us in the present and into the future?

* What Christ did when he acted to show God’s love for us is stated in vs 8: “Christ ...”

* It is extremely rare, even hard to imagine, that someone would willingly ..., even if the other is a truly great person, unless they bear some ... But to just pick some other person and ask, “Would you trade your life for this person?” The answer would be ... (Rm 5.7)

* But here’s the thing: Christ gave his life for us even though we had no ... Indeed, we had ... from him, ... his Fatherhood over us, declared our ..., ... life as he created it to be, and were in fact ... of God and all he stood for.

* Just how much we were God’s enemies was on full display as we all acted through our ... who ... him (Rm 5.,6, 8, 10).

* Further, we were “...” (vs 6). We were ... to change ourselves or to do anything about our situation.

* Yet “in ...,” that is “at just the ...” (vs 6), Christ died for us, and God sent him for the express purpose of doing so.

* Although Jesus was being judicially framed and railroaded in a plot to kill him, and all the powers of Israel and Rome were coming together to cooperate, Jesus made it clear that no one was ...; he was ... of his own volition according to the will of the Father (Jn 10.17-18.).

* What three things did Christ accomplish by dying for us?

1) Christ “... by his blood” (vs 9).

2) Christ “... through [his] death” (vs 10).

3) Christ “... by his life” (vs 9, 10).

* Rom 8.34: “Who will ... us? Christ is the one who ..., who is also ..., and even now is at the ... making ... for us.”

* God has already done the ... What remains is the ...

* All this—what God has already done—is why we “... in God through our Lord Jesus Christ” (vs 11).

* God’s great act of love cannot be ...; it cannot be ...; it is the great ... of all history.