
The Power of Love

Romans 5:6-11 (NIV)

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

⁹Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! ¹⁰For if, when 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! ¹¹Not only is this so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

1. GOD RELEASES HIS POWER IN ME THROUGH GREAT SACRIFICE. (v. 6,7)

Hebrews 9:14 (CEV)

But Christ was sinless, and he offered himself as an eternal and spiritual sacrifice to God. That's why his blood is much more powerful and makes our consciences clear. Now we can serve the living God and no longer do things that lead to death.

Romans 3:25 (Msg)

God sacrificed Jesus on the altar of the world to clear that world of sin. Having faith in him sets us in the clear. God decided on this course of action in full view of the public—to set the world in the clear with himself through the sacrifice of Jesus, finally taking care of the sins he had so patiently endured.

- Christ's sacrificial death did not come out of obligation.
- Christ's sacrificial death was a choice He made for us.
- Christ's sacrificial death came when the time was right.

Ephesians 1:10 (CEV)

Then when the time is right, God will do all that he has planned, and Christ will bring together everything in heaven and on earth.

2. GOD REMOVES ALL BLAME BECAUSE OF HIS GREAT LOVE FOR ME. (v. 8)

Hebrews 1:3 (CEV)

God's Son has all the brightness of God's own glory and is like him in every way. By his own mighty word, he holds the universe together.

After the Son had washed away our sins, he sat down at the right side of the glorious God in heaven.

- My sin brings me condemnation.
- God demonstrates how much He loves me by sending Jesus.
- God's love motivates His mercy and grace.

3. GOD RECONCILES MY ACCOUNT AT GREAT PERSONAL COST. (v. 9-11)

- Christ's death cancels the debt of my sin.

Romans 3:24 (NLT)

Yet now God in his gracious kindness declares us not guilty. He has done this through Christ Jesus, who has freed us by taking away our sins.

Ephesians 1:7 (CEV)

[7-8] Christ sacrificed his life's blood to set us free, which means that our sins are now forgiven. Christ did this because God was so kind to us. God has great wisdom and understanding,

- My reconciliation to God comes at a tremendous cost.

Colossians 1:20 (NASB-U)

. . . and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, I say, whether things on earth or things in heaven.

- My salvation has so much meaning, it brings great joy.

John 15:11 (TEV)

"I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete."