

The "But God..." Principle:

Because of our sinfulness, every person is an ungodly enemy of God and powerless to escape this condition by our own efforts. **But God** displayed His amazing unconditional love for us by sending Jesus to take our place in death, paying the sin penalty that we deserve. – Romans 5:8

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Romans 5: 6-10

Four "But God" Principles:

- People look at the outward appearance, <u>but God</u> looks at the heart. – 1 Samuel 16:7
- In this world, we will experience evil, suffering, and tribulation. <u>But God</u> works in all of these situations to bring about what fulfills His good purpose for those who love Him. – Genesis 50:20, Romans 8:28
- Temptations of many kinds are all around us, enticing us toward sin. This presents a great struggle, <u>but God</u> is faithful.
 He is always present to help us resist and endure. 1
 Corinthians 10:13
 - Apart from God, people are dead in their sins, living lives that have no hope and will lead to eternal judgement. **But God**, by His grace, mercy, and love is willing to save sinners and make them alive in Jesus Christ. Ephesians 2:1-4

A Time of Remembrance:

- 1. Remember your past condition.
 - Sinner
 - Ungodly
 - Enemy
 - Powerless
- 2. Remember Jesus' loving sacrifice.
 - At just the right time
 - Undeserved
 - In our place
 - A bloody death
- 3. Remember your life changing salvation.
 - Justified
 - Reconciled
 - Saved