

“We Joy In God”
Romans 5:9-11

Introduction:

1. Like A Lot Of You - I Enjoy Learning & Trying New Things!
 - And - One Of The Ways I Learn Those New Things:
 - Is By Watching Others Do Them:
 - On YouTube!
 - And Sometimes:
 - When There Is A Project I Am Working On:
 - Whether Its On The Car Or On The House Or Even For Church:
 - I Will Catch Myself Watching Those Videos With My Mouth Wide-Open:
 - Because Of How **Easy** Some People Make Things Look!
 - Have You Ever Experienced That Feeling?
 - It's Because:
 - What May Be **Hard** For One Person – And Even For You!
 - May Be **Easy** For Another!
 - Especially When It Is That Person's Area Of Expertise!
2. In A Similar Way:
 - The Apostle Paul Wants To Reassure Believers In Christ:
 - That What He Told You:
 - About God's Love For You:
 - Is True!
 - So - Please Turn In Your Bibles With Me:
 - To Romans 5 - Where Last Week We Saw:
 - From 5:6-8:
 - That - Even Though:
 - You And I Were:
 - Weak In Our Condition:
 - 5:6 - “Yet Without Strength!”
 - And You Were:
 - Warped In Your Character:
 - You Were - 5:6 - “Ungodly!”
 - And We Were Further:
 - Weighed And Found Wanting:
 - In Our Consideration By God:
 - Because We Are Neither “Righteous” Nor “Good” - As We Saw In 5:7!
 - And We Were Even:
 - Wicked In Our Conduct:
 - Even “While We Were Yet Sinners!” (5:8)
 - Yet - In Spite Of All This:
 - What Did Jesus Do?
 - 5:8 Again - “Christ Died For Us!” - And For You!
 - And This Was How God Himself - The Creator Of All Things:
 - The One Who “Made Heaven, And Earth, And The Sea, And All That In Them Is!” (Acts 4:24)
 - This Is How He Demonstrated And Exhibited His Great Love For You!
 - 3. And - A Right-Hearted Response:
 - To God's Love - Should Be:
 - How Could He?
 - With Our Mouths Wide-Open:
 - And With Our Minds & Hearts Full Of Wonder:
 - We Should Both Feel And Say:
 - “The Wonder Of Wonders That Thrills My Soul, Is The Wonder That God Love's Me!”
 - 4. Well - As We Come To The Next Three Verses:
 - Of Romans 5 - Verse 9-11:

- Paul Wants You And I To Know:
 - As Christians - As Believers In Christ:
 - That - If God Could Love You:
 - When It Was **Hard!**
 - When You Were Still Unlovely And Unlovable In Your Sin!
- How Much **More** Now:
 - How Much **Easier** Even:
 - Is It For God To **Save** You:
 - Now That You Belong To Him?
 - As Charles Hodge Once Remarkd About These Verses:
 - “If Christ Died For His Enemies, He Will Certainly Save His Friends!”

5. And This Great Assurance And Encouragement:

- We Find In 5:9-11 - Where We Read:
 - “Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. / 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. / And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement (reconciliation)!”
 - Do You Have This Assurance:
 - In Your Life Today?
 - In These Three Verses, We Are Met With Three Gospel Truths:
 - Justification!
 - Salvation!
 - Reconciliation!
 - And Even Though:
 - Paul Does Not Give A Full Treatment Here About These Interconnected And Intertwined Doctrines:
 - Yet - They Provide The Assurance We Need About The “Wonder Of Wonders” That Ought To Just “Thrill Your Soul!”
 - “The Wonder That God Loves Me!”
- And So - Beginning In 5:9 - We Find Again:

1. **The Wonderful Love Of The Lord!**

- A Love That Is So “Full Of Wonder!”
 - It Ought To Still Cause You To Stand:
 - With Your Mouth Wide-Open!
 - Because:
 - It Is The Love Of God & The Love Of Jesus:
 - That Brought About Your Justification:
 - In The Past!
 - 5:9 - “Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him!”
 - Once Again Paul Refers To:
 - The Standing Of Your Justification!
 - The Fact That:
 - If You Are Trusting In Jesus Christ:
 - You Now Stand Before God, As Judge:
 - Completely Justified!
 - That Is - Because:
 - Jesus Died For You:
 - God Now Sees You As “Not Guilty!”
 - For All The Crimes And Sins You Have Committed & Even Will Commit Against Him!
 - What An Exhibition:
 - Of God’s Love!
 - But Paul Also Refers To:
 - The Steadiness Of Your Justification:
 - When He Uses The Word:

- “Now!”
 - Your Standing Before God:
 - As A Christian:
 - Is Steady & Sure!
- It Is Something That You Possess:
 - Right Now!
 - You Don’t Have To *Wait*:
 - For The Peace And Access And Joy And Confidence:
 - That Paul Mentioned Earlier In This Chapter!
- No - All Of These Benefits:
 - And More - Much More:
 - Have Already Accrued:
 - To Your Account:
 - Because You Have Been “Justified By Faith!”
- What Love!
 - A Love That Is Still:
 - So “Full Of Wonder!”
 - But Paul Also Refers To:
- The Source Of Your Justification:
 - Which Is - 5:9 - “His Blood!”
 - The Blood Of Jesus Christ:
 - Is, Of Course, A Special Reference:
 - To His Death!
 - But - There Is Even More Significance:
 - To The *Way* He Died:
 - When He Shed His Blood:
 - On The Cross!
 - You See - Your Standing Before God:
 - Did Not Come By Means:
 - Of A Natural Death:
 - That Comes Upon Us All!
 - Nor Did Your Justification Come By Means:
 - Of An Accidental Death:
 - That Happens All Too Frequently In This World!
 - No - It Came By Means:
 - Of A Sacrificial Death:
 - When The Blood Of Jesus Christ Was Shed Forth & Spilled Out:
 - As The “Lamb Of God, Which Taketh Away The Sin Of The World!”
(John 1:29)
 - There Was & Still Is:
 - Something Very Special & Significant:
 - About “His Blood!”
 - It Was Only Through:
 - “His Blood” That God The Father:
 - Could Be Both “Just And The Justifier Of Him Which Believeth In Jesus!”
(3:26)
 - Because - As We Are Told:
 - In Hebrews 9:22 - “Without shedding of blood is no remission!”
 - So - You And I Must Believe In:
 - Not Only That Jesus:
 - *Had* Blood:
 - By Taking Upon Himself The Same “Flesh And Blood” That We Possess!
 - But - We Must Also Believe:
 - That Jesus:
 - *Shed* His Blood:
 - As A Sacrifice For Our Sins Against Him!
- What Love!
- And - It Is Your Justification:

- That Was Made Possible:
 - By The Blood Of Jesus Christ:
 - Which Reveals The Extent Of:
 - The Wonderful Love Of The Lord:
 - For You!
- The Love Of The Lord:
 - Is The Foundation:
 - Of Your Assurance!
 - But So Is:

2. ***The Wonderful Life Of The Lord!***

- **IE:** It Is A Wonderful Expression Of Love To Lay Down Your Life For Someone! Even As Jesus Said In John 15:13 - "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends!"
 - But - I Think There Are More Ways To "Lay Down Your Life" Than Just A Sacrificial Death!
 - What About Through A Life Of Service!
 - Isn't This What The Life Of Jesus:
 - Was All About As Well?
 - Not Just His Life On Earth! But Even His Life In Heaven!
 - Isn't This What Are We Told:
 - In Hebrews 7:25? - "Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them!"
 - So - It Is The Life Of Jesus:
 - That Will Bring About Your Salvation:
 - In The Future!
 - 5:9 - "Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him!"
 - Now - Throughout The New Testament:
 - "Salvation" Is Referred To:
 - In Different Ways & Phases!
 - There Is A Past Phase:
 - When You Were Saved:
 - From The Penalty Of Your Sin!
 - There Is A Present Phase:
 - As You Are Being Saved:
 - From The Power & Even The Pleasure Of Your Sin! Sanctification!
 - But - There Is Also A Future Phase:
 - When You Will Be Saved:
 - Fully From The Very Presence And Final Punishment Of Your Sin!
 - The Future Phase Of Salvation:
 - Is What Gets Our Attention:
 - At The End Of 5:9!
 - And - What Will You Be Finally & Fully Saved From One Day?
 - "From Wrath!"
 - Because Of The Life Of The Lord:
 - The Eternal Life Of Our Resurrected Lord:
 - You Will Be Saved From:
 - The Divine Wrath!
 - The Wrath That Paul First Mentioned:
 - In 1:18 - "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness!"
 - This Is What Mankind Should Fear Most!
 - Even As Jesus Taught In Matthew 10:28 - "And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell!"
 - The Wrath Of God Is Coming!
 - But - Because Of The Life Of The Lord:
 - You Will Be Saved - And:
 - You Will Be Safe!

- Safe - Even From:
- The Deserved Wrath!
 - The Wrath That Paul Also Describes:
 - In 2:5 - When He Says:
 - “But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath!”
 - This Is What All Mankind Is Doing For Themselves, When Everyone Keeps On Doing “Whatsoever Is Right In Their Own Eyes!”
 - They Are Treasuring Up For Themselves The Wrath Of God!
 - The Wrath Of God Is Deserved!
 - Even By You! But - Because Of The Life Of The Lord:
 - You Will Be Saved - And:
 - You Will Be Safe!
 - Safe - Also From:
- The Day Of Wrath!
 - The Coming Day That Is Often Scoffed At:
 - In This World - The Coming Day:
 - That Paul Also Describes In 2:5:
 - When He Reminds Us About - “The day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God; / Who will render to every man according to his deeds!”
 - The Day Of Wrath Is Coming!
 - But - Because Of The Life Of The Lord:
 - You Can Be Saved - And:
 - You Can Be Safe:
 - When You Trust In Him!
 - And You Do Not Need To Fear:
 - The Destructive Wrath!
 - That Is Reserved For All Those:
 - Who Do Not Believe & Who Do Not:
 - “Obey The Truth!”
 - What Does God Reserve For Them?
 - 2:8-9 - His Own:
 - “Indignation And Wrath, Tribulation And Anguish – Upon Every Soul Of Man That Doeth Evil, Of The Jew First, And Also Of The Gentile!”
 - But - This Is The Wrath:
 - That Jesus Christ Alone:
 - Can & Will Save You From:
 - When You Believe In Him!
 - William Shedd - “If Justified Now In Time, We Shall Be Saved Hereafter In Eternity!”
 - And This Truth:
 - Is Further Amplified For Us:
 - In 5:10 - In Even Stronger Terms - “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!”
 - It Is The Death Of Jesus:
 - That Provides You:
 - A Restoration:
 - With God!
 - So - To Add To Our Unlovely & Unlovable Nature - Paul Adds Here The Word “Enemies!”
 - This Means That, Not Only Were We Weak & Warped, Wanting & Wicked, We Were Even At War Against God!
 - But Now - “By The Death Of His Son” Believers In Christ:
 - Have Been “Reconciled!” God Has Paved The Way For Peace!
 - So That Now:
 - Instead of Hostility:
 - There Is Harmony!
 - Instead Of Enemies:

- We Are Friends!
- Instead Of Fear:
 - There Is Favor!
- But Then - "Much More" - Paul Adds:
- It Is The Life Of Jesus:
 - That Provides You:
 - A Relationship:
 - With God!
 - "We Will Be Saved By His Life!"
 - Your Salvation:
 - Is Made Possible:
 - By The Life Of Jesus Christ!
- And - The Life Of The Lord:
 - Is The Foundation:
 - Of Your Assurance!
 - But So Also Is:

3. ***The Wonderful Labor Of The Lord!***

- Which Encompasses All That Jesus Did:
 - To Provide Our Atonement & Reconciliation:
 - With God - Which We Find In:
 - 5:11 - "And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement!" ("Atonement" - "Reconciliation" - Same Word As 5:10)
 - So - It Is The Labor Of Jesus:
 - His Life, His Death, His Resurrection:
 - And Now - His Intercession For You:
 - That Can & Ought To Bring About:
 - A Greater Joy In & Exultation Of God:
 - In The Present!
 - As It Says Again In 5:11:
 - "We Also Joy In God Through Our Lord Jesus Christ!"
 - The Word Translated "Joy" Here - We've Seen Already In Romans 5:
 - In 5:2 - "We Rejoice In Hope Of The Glory Of God!"
 - In 5:3 - "We Glory In Tribulations Also!"
 - But - Its Not Just:
 - Our Future Hope:
 - That We Can Glory In:
 - As Believers!
 - Nor Is It Also:
 - Our Present Help:
 - That We Can Glory In:
 - As We Face The Trials And Tribulations Of Life!
 - But - Now:
 - Because Of The Love & The Life & The Labor:
 - Of The Lord:
 - We Can & Should Glory:
 - In God Himself!
 - The Person Of God:
 - Should Be The Object:
 - Of Your Joy & Praise!
 - As We Will Sing In A Minute:
 - "To God Be The Glory, Great Things He Hath Done! So Loved He The World That He Gave Us His Son! Who Yielded His Life An Atonement For Sin, And Opened The Life-Gate That All May Go In!"
 - Since - As A Christian:
 - You Will Be Saved - Finally:
 - From The Wrath Of God - And:

- You Have Been Reconciled:
 - To Him - Your Life Should Now Be A Life:
 - Of Exulting And Glorifying In Him!
- And - We Can Only Do So:
 - Through Christ Himself!
 - “Through Our Lord Jesus Christ!”
 - Charles Hodge - “All We Have Or Hope For, We Owe To Jesus Christ!”
 - Here - We Have The Full Name & Title Of Our Savior - Because He Alone:
 - Is The One Who Connects You To All Of These Gospel Benefits!
 - So That Now:
 - As The Lord:
 - He Is Your Ruler!
 - You Are No Longer An Enemy Of The Lord:
 - You Are A Friend & A Fellow-Citizen In The Kingdom Of God!
 - Even As Paul Tells Us:
 - In Colossians 1:13 - About God - “Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son!”
 - As Jesus:
 - Which Means “Savior!”
 - He Is Your Rescuer!
 - Which Is Why He Can:
 - In Hebrews 7:25 - “Save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him!”
 - And - As Christ:
 - Which Means “Anointed!”
 - He Is The Representative:
 - Of God To Us! The Chosen One!
 - And The “Lord Jesus Christ” Alone:
 - Makes It Possible To Glory:
 - In God Himself!
 - Before - We Could Only Forget God & Forsake God & Fear God!
 - But Now - You Can Delight In Him!

Conclusion:

1. And - All This Is Provided To:
 - Those Who - 5:11 - Have:
 - “Now Received The Atonement / Reconciliation!”
 - That Is - To Those Who Have:
 - Accepted This New Restoration & Relationship With God:
 - By Faith!
2. Because - It Is One Thing:
 - For Something To Be Done For Someone!
 - But - Its Another Thing:
 - For It To Be Accepted And Received:
 - By That Person!
 - **IE:** It’s Like A Check That Has Already Been Completely Filled Out! The Date / The Amount / The Payee / Even The Signature! Now - What Do You Need To Do With That Check?
 - Endorse It With Your Own Name And Cash It!
 - Otherwise, It Will Do You No Good!
 - So It Is With These Benefits Of The Gospel! Justification & Salvation & Reconciliation! These Have Already Been Made Available From The Treasury Of Christ!
 - His Love! His Life! His Labor!
 - The Date And Time Was Stamped:
 - By Jesus Himself:
 - When He Shed His Blood On The Cross Of Calvary!
 - It Has Been Signed & Sealed & Delivered:
 - To Each One Of Us:
 - Through The Gospel Recorded For Us In His Word!
3. But - What Have You Done With It?

- Have You Received It?
 - Do You Believe It?
 - If So - Then Cash It!
 - Experience The Encouragement And The Assurance:
 - That The Gospel Provides!
- And Then:
 - “Joy In God” & Give Him All The Glory!
 - For The “Great Things He Hath Done!”

- * Are You Trusting In The Love, Life, And Labor Of God For You?
- * Are You Experiencing The Assurance That God’s Love Provides?
- * Are You Living Your Life In Praise & Glory To The One Who Saved You?

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