

HE DID IT ALL FOR US

Key Verse: Romans 5:6-11

Key Thought: Despite our Failures, Christ Died for Us

This passage of Scripture joins other great mountaintop passages like Isaiah 53, Psalm 23, Hebrews 11, Philippians 4, and John 3, in being among the greatest in the Word of God. All these passages that I have mentioned, as well as others, have been known to bring great comfort to the hearts of men and women.

In this passage, we find the Apostle Paul naming the benefits that are ours as children of God. These verses make it clear the great provisions that have come our way through the death of the Lord Jesus and by righteousness placing our faith and trust in Him for salvation. These verses tell us what we are without Him and what He did for us. We *have* because of *His sacrifice*. I want to draw your attention to verse 8, and the last phrase of that verse, then look at the last 2 words: "for us". Those two words sum up the main thought of this message, that He Did It All for Us.

What was our condition before being saved?

We were all living in Sin and our spirits were in dark condition.

I. THE SINNER'S PITIFUL CONDITION

In these 5 verses, Paul tells us that man's condition can be summed up by four descriptive terms: Without strength, ungodly, sinner, and enemies of God. These four terms describe the condition of all men and women who are lost in sin. This is God's portrait of humanity apart from Him.

Let's look at these 4 conditions quickly this morning.

- a) The Sinner Is A Weak Man** - "Without Strength" - This carries the idea of being "powerless". It speaks of people who are "utterly helpless with no means of escape." The idea is that the lost sinner stands before God with absolutely no ability to change what he is. We are powerless to escape sin, to escape death, to resist the devil, to please God in any way. The whole essence of this statement is that man is unable to change his sinful nature by his own effort. He is totally without strength and weakened by his sins.

- b) The Sinner Is A Wicked Man** - "Ungodly" - This word refers to those who, "without reverence for or fear of God." It literally means to "live your life as if God did not exist." Because we are helpless to change our sinful nature, we live our lives as we please without regard for God, or for His Law and will.

- c) The Sinner Is A Wayward Man** - "Sinners" - This word means "to miss the mark." It carries the idea of an archer aiming at a bull's eye to the best of his ability, shooting his arrow and then missing the whole target. It pictures man as he tries and fails his way through life. No matter how good man tries to be, HE can never be good enough. Though he may aim high, and set high standards, still he always falls short of God's standard. Man, always misses the mark to get himself to God! No matter how

close he comes, he will always fall short. To be almost right is to be forever wrong!

d) The Sinner Is A Warlike Man - "Enemies" - The word means "an adversary". Basically, what the Bible is telling us is that when we are lost, we are in the devil's camp. Therefore, attempting to get to Heaven by good works will never work. Man can never be good enough. We are opposed to God, and we are the enemy of God. No matter how much a man may talk of loving the Lord, if that man is unsaved, he is a liar! God says the lost are His enemies.

When a person refuses to bow before the Lord in salvation, he is essentially setting himself up as his own god. Therefore, he does as he pleases, he worships himself without any regard for the true God. Hence, he is "godless."

But this morning *I come bringing hope to you* because there is one who did it all for us!!

What exactly did he do for us? I'm glad you asked!

II. THE SAVIOUR'S PRICELESS COMPASSION

The Superiority of His Compassion - Paul tells us that there are a few people in life that men might die for. Who would those people be in your own life? Perhaps it would be mother, father, husband or wife, son, or daughter, or even a few very close friends. If you really take the time to think it through, there are probably only a very few people for whom you would give your life for without a moment's hesitation.

Imagine that you are eating a meal in a restaurant with your son when, suddenly, a gunman enters the place and begins shooting people all around you. What is your immediate response? Hide under a table? Try to get away? Attempt to overpower the gunman? Or, somehow, protect your son? For a man named James Kidd, of Wheaton, Illinois, the answer was easy. He was visiting his son, who was stationed at Fort

Bragg. They went to a nearby Italian restaurant to eat. While they were eating a gunman entered the building and began firing into the customers. When it was over, 11 people had died, including James Kidd. When the shooting started, he had used his own body to shield his son from the bullets, and he, himself, had died from a gunshot wound to the back. Later, his wife said, "He was a good man, a good father and a good husband. He died saving his son. What more can you say?"

Another true story involves two miners who were trapped in a cave-in. They were trapped in the mine. They had two oxygen masks, but one was damaged. Only one of these men would be able to get out alive. One of the miners, a single man, handed the good mask to the other miner and said, "Here, you take it. You've got a wife and children. I don't have anybody. I can go. You've got to stay."

Or what about the stories of soldiers who have given their lives for their comrades. Maybe a grenade will be thrown into the midst of a patrol and one of the men will fall on that grenade and absorb the blast with his body. He will be blown to pieces, but the rest of the men live.

All these are examples of rare courage and sacrifice. However, they all have one common theme: they demonstrate the human capacity to give ourselves for the sake of those we love. Family, friends, and fellow soldiers are one thing, but can you imagine giving your life for an enemy? Human love has its limits, thankfully, the love of God does not! Verse 6 tells us that this is exactly what Jesus did! He didn't die for the good, but for the ungodly!

Notice how the love of God transcended anything humanity can produce. He put His great love on display when Jesus Christ died for those who "were yet sinners." You see, while we were still weak, wicked, wayward, and warlike, Jesus died for us! He did not die for His friends. He died for His enemies! He did not die for people who loved Him, but He died for the very people who had crucified Him. He died for the ungodly!

For a moment I want to come with me to that restaurant near Fort Bragg. Suppose that young soldier is a total stranger. What if James Kidd had protected a total stranger? What if, instead of that grenade being thrown into the midst of a Marine patrol, it had been thrown into a group of Vietnamese soldiers guarding an American prisoner. Suppose that American soldier, who had been abused and beaten and was permanently scarred and disfigured by his captures, fell on that grenade, and gave his life to save his enemies. You say, "People don't do that!" That's right! Human nature laughs at the thought of doing good to one's enemies. However, while man doesn't do that, God does! That is exactly what happened at Calvary! Jesus Christ died for the sins of His enemies. He threw Himself on the grenade of God's wrath and when it detonated, He died to deliver those who hated Him. What love! What deep and boundless compassion!

May we never look at this crazy, confused world and say, "If God is a God of love, then why do bad things happen." That is foolishness! If there is a doubt in your mind as to the love of God, I challenge you this morning to look back at a place called Calvary. There you will see a holy and a sinless God, the Creator, dying for the people that hated Him. Watch as the life leaves His body. Watch as His blood runs down the cross. Listen as His blood drips in great pools on the ground. Hear Him as He gasps for His last breath and gives His life a sacrifice for sin. Look at that broken and bleeding form hanging there lifeless on that cross and tell me that God doesn't love you! There never has been, nor will there ever be a greater demonstration of God's love than that of a broken and dead Savior on a bloody cross.

He died for our conversion our very transformation from death to life
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III. THE PRECIOUS CONVERSION

Our Position - Justified - this word means to declare a person "not guilty".

This makes us protected and saved from wrath - Because we are in Jesus, we are protected from the wrath of God. Simply stated, no child of God needs ever fear dying and going to Hell! Jesus has already paid the price and quenched the wrath of God toward those who believe in Him. This should give you Peace and allow you to feel "reconciled" This word means "to take enemies and make them into friends." No longer are we in opposition to God. We have been brought together through the blood of Jesus! God has called a truce and put away the battle flags. We are no longer fighting, but we are at peace with God. God now becomes Our Preservation - this means to be "saved by His life" - These words tell us that Jesus is alive this morning. This has nothing to do with the life He lived here on the earth. It has everything to do with the life He lives in Heaven today. Jesus is Our Advocate - 1 John 2:1 and He Is Our Intercessor - Hebrews 7:25

We should Praise in the joy of the Lord - That is, because these things are true. Because we are saved and secure in our salvation, we are filled with praise to the King. My friends, if there was ever a reason to praise the Lord, God has given it to you today through His Word.

These may be difficult days for you as a believer. You may feel that there is no real reason to praise the Lord today. However, if you are saved, then you have all the reason you need!

We are given the privilege of the atonement through Christ.

This makes us overcomers in this world. the Bible says that we are more than conquerors.

It is our Privilege - "given the atonement" - This phrase reminds us that we have been made "one" with God. Think of it, old, lost, hell bound sinners have been brought into a personal relationship with the God of Heaven! It isn't just any relationship, but that of a Father and child! We have been brought close to God through the blood of Jesus! Ours is a great privilege that should not be taken for granted! All through history, man has wanted to be brought near to God. That is why Israel sacrificed millions of sheep, cows, and birds on their altars. That is why, every year, Muslims sacrifice millions of animals on Mecca. What the blood of those dead animals could never do for them, the blood of Jesus has done for us.

Hebrews 10:11-14

“Day after day the priest stands and performs his religious duties; again, and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when the Great High Priest offered an all-time sacrifice for sins, He sat down at the right hand of God, and since that time He waits for His enemies to be made His footstool. For by one sacrifice, He has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.”

In closing, I want you to look at these verses and join me to marvel how God would do all this just for us, but He did! Our blessings are far greater than the mind could ever begin to comprehend. Considering these truths, where do you stand with God this morning? Are you saved? Are you as close to Him as you need to be? Are you guilty of being in love with Jesus with every fiber of your being? Well, we should be! He should fill our hearts today! If other things have begun to crowd Him out, why not come and let Him clear the clutter and take His rightful place in your heart? Maybe some would just like to come and tell the Lord that you love Him and thank Him for His great gifts to your life. Let's obey Him this morning.

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After Service Song: Lead Me To The Cross