

The Faithfulness of God to Love Man
Romans 5:6-11, Pew Bible p. 942
March 31, 2024

I. Faithful Love (V. 6-8)

A. The Faithful Time:

1. When He wanted to.
2. When we could not save ourselves.
3. When no one had repented yet.

B. Jesus did not die because we were faithful to love Him, but because He was faithful to love us.

II. Faithful Salvation (V. 9-11)

A. Jesus' work on the cross does not just save for a moment, but forever.

1. Justification – seen as right.
2. Reconciliation – brought back into right relationship.

B. The love of God demonstrated on the cross is not just a past and future blessing, but a forever present joy.

Group Discussion Questions

1. Read Romans 5:6-11.
2. Are there some kinds of people that are easy for you to love? Are there other kinds that are not easy for you to love? What makes them easy or hard?
3. Did Jesus die at a time people were easy to love, according to verse 6? What does that tell you about the love God has for man? How should you then love others?
4. What does the believer's justification because of the cross have to do with coming judgment from God, according to verse 9?
5. What is the cross's ability to not only save someone initially, but to keep them saved for eternity, according to verse 10? What does that tell us about the security of the believer?
6. How important is the present joy of the believer in the past and future reconciliation of Jesus Christ, according to verse 11? What are some ways in which this joy sometimes gets lost? What can you do to better rejoice in God through Jesus Christ?
7. Pray for our church members to watch and pray, that they may not fall into temptation. Come to the church prayer meeting this Wednesday from 6:00–6:30 pm in Worship Center Room 103.

1 John 3:16-18 (ESV)

¹⁶ By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. ¹⁷ But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? ¹⁸ Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting

- Praying for visitors going through Discover Apollo to be integrated into the church community well and for true conversion to happen in those needing salvation.

Pray for Our Church Family Needs:

- PRAY for missions and missionaries:
Andy & Lindsay M. in Spain; Luke P. in Maricopa, Arizona; Nathan & Becky F. in Indonesia; Doug & Cheryl D. in Thailand; Jules S. in Thailand; and Sylvia M. and Andrew M. at ASU West, Glendale, Arizona.
- PRAY for all our students: elementary school, middle school, high school, and college. No matter whether they are in the classroom, an online setting, or a home school setting, our students are forming minds that need to focus on Christ.
- PRAY for family & friends of church members who need salvation or to renew their relationship with Jesus:
Sharon L. (children & grandchildren); Marge D. (son, Matthew); Rezwana D. (parents); Margaret J. (Tom & Bob); Sophia W. (husband); Ida S. (granddaughter & her husband); Charity M. (daughter); Kayla P. (nephew, Jordan); Gary & Betty B. (grandchildren & siblings); and V. family (Ashley & Jesse); Michelle LaM. (son)
- PRAY for families who are grieving the recent loss of loved ones:
Gary & Betty B. (her sister); Dick & Peggy T. (nephew); and Stan & Lori F. (his mother)
- PRAY for those struggling with ongoing health and other issues:
Michelle L. (health); Leon V. (chemo); Jan B. (health); Kelly J. (health); Debbie P. (health); Debbie B. (health); Marge D. (health); Rita H. (health); Mimi M. (health); Dick T. (health); Michelle LaM. (health); Kathy W. (heart & other health concerns); Helene D. (eyes/shoulders); Peggy T. (physical therapy); Ray & Sue J. (health & other issues); Matthew M. (job loss); Ann C.-W. (headaches & vertigo); Sherri O. (surgery recovery); April H.-F. (new medication); Jeff S. (upcoming surgery); Laura M. (serious health issues); Ken R. (upcoming kidney stone procedure); and Susan K. (heart surgery)
- PRAY for others that you are aware of.