

## The Fountain and Foundation of Justification

(Rom 5:6-8)

- In Rom 5:5, Paul introduces the “love of God,” now he begins (Rom 5:6-10) to work that thought out
  - Rom 5:6- Paul’s “John 3:16”
- I. “For”- Connects this with what has gone before, the highest assurance of God’s love manifested
- A) Mechanics of Rom 5:6-10
1. Rom 5:6- Statement concerning love of God (what it has performed)
    - i. Rom 5:7-8- Elaborates on his statement
    - ii. Rom 5:9-10- Conclusions drawn (what it is certain to perform)
- II. Paul shows that it is the love of God (love for us, love for His Son) that has actually planned and produced our salvation, **thus the love of God is proven by:**
- A) Salvation is completely of God (His idea, which proves His love))
1. “In due time”- God the Father has planned it all
    - i. In the time “appointed” by the Father- Gal 4:4
    - ii. In the “appropriate” time
      - a) “When we were without strength” = appointed/appropriate time when man had/has been proven completely unable and unwilling to save himself
        - 1) Both for the world and for the individual
          - (a) “Commendeth”- present tense
            - (1) Means to “stand with, to exhibit, to prove”
          - (b) “Toward us”- Gal 2:20- “For me”
        - b) After 2000 years of failed human government
        - c) Rom 3:19-20- After 1500 years of the “Law of Moses” for the Jew
        - d) 1 Cor 1:21-”For after that”- After 500 years of philosophy for the gentile
  2. “Due time”- suggests action at a certain point, predicted results, like a woman’s “due date” (Eph 1:10)
    - i. Jer 31:3- God’s love for His children is from before the world was
  3. 2 Cor 5:21- God was actively involved/ planned it all
    - i. Thus redemption is not something the Son has done in order to “win-over” the Father, it is the Father’s eternal plan
      - a) Christ is not “pleading our case” to sway God
      - b) God is not divided, wanting to pour out wrath, but blocked from doing so by Christ

- 1) People accuse God of this when the “wrath of God” is preached, and yet the wrath must be preached
- 2) God is love, and therefore God must hate sin, because it is harmful to the object of His love
  - (a) Rom 3:24-26- Proves this

B) He gave His Son (Value of what He gave, which proves His love)

1. 1 John 4:9- Love of God manifested in the fact that He gave His only begotten Son
  - i. Matt 21:33-43- The owner of the vineyard sends his son
2. Heb 3:9- He sent Him to suffer and die
  - i. Christ took upon Himself fleshly life, the very thing that a human values above all, and then He sacrificed that most valued of every gift
3. Rom 8:32- Consider what the Father witnessed and endured
  - i. Phil 2:5-8- The highest went the lowest

C) The character of those He did this for (proves His love is like no other)

1. “Without strength”- Completely incapable, impotent, unable to please God, unable to know God
  - i. Benjamin Franklin said “God helps those who help themselves”, which is completely contrary to scripture
  - ii. We are not only without strength, but worse yet, we are unaware that we are without it
2. “Ungodly”- Without righteousness or redeeming qualities
3. “Yet sinners”- Not just unable to know God, but unwilling to know Him and with no desire to obey Him
  - i. “Yet”- Highlights the election and grace of God
4. “Enemies”- Rebels against Him, soldiers in the army of the devil
  - i. Paul spent nearly 3 chapters proving exactly these points
  - ii. “God’s love is both unprecedented and unparalleled”- Matthew Henry
    - a) Thus we see that we are <sup>1</sup>helpless and likely to perish, <sup>2</sup>Perished already, <sup>3</sup>Desirous to be perished

III. Our hope will not disappoint

A) Rom 5:9-10- If God has done the greater for us, will He fail to do the lesser?

1. Rom 8:32- “If He spared not His Own Son.....”
2. Ex 34:6-7- God delights to show mercy
  - i. Mic 7:18- “The Lord delighteth in mercy”

B) “Christ is the Testator Who bequeathed it, and the Executor Who Pays it”  
William Hendricks

1. Will the One Who purchased His inheritance fail to redeem it at the proper time?