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God's Reconciling Love

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Romans 5:6-11; 8:31-39

Introduction: The apostle, having made good his point, and fully proved justification by faith, in this chapter proceeds in the explication, illustration, and application of that TRUTH.

I. He shows the **fruits** of justification, Romans 5:1-5. **II.** He shows the **fountain** and **foundation** of justification in the death of Jesus Christ, which he discourses of at large in the Romans 5:6-23. (Source: <https://www.studylight.org/commentaries/mhm/romans-5.html>)

*Romans 5:1-5, Therefore being justified **by FAITH**, we have **peace** with **God** through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have **ACCESS by FAITH INTO** this **GRACE** wherein we stand, and **rejoice in (because of) HOPE (expectation)** of the glory of God. And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: **KNOWING** that **tribulation (persecution) WORKETH patience (cheerful or HOPEFUL endurance);** And patience, **experience (trustiness [faithfulness]);** and **experience (trustiness [faithfulness]), HOPE:** And **HOPE** maketh **NOT** ashamed; because the **LOVE** of God is shed abroad **IN** our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is **given** unto us.*

Worketh defined 2716, to work fully, i.e. accomplish (complete; to finish entirely; gain); by implications, to finish, fashion:-- **CAUSE to PERFORM** [MOVE to ACTION], **work.**

Thought 1. To prove that “CAUSE to PERFORM” is correct, let's look at a parable.

Matthew 13:20-21, But he that received the seed into **STONY** places, the same is he that heareth the **WORD**, and anon with **JOY** **receiveth** it;. Yet hath he **NOT** root (NO SOIL in which grace can grow and flourish) in himself, but dureth (to LAST) **for a WHILE:** for when **TRIBULATION (trouble)** or **PERSECUTION** ariseth because of the **WORD**, by and by **HE** is **offended (trip up, apostasy [renunciation of FAITH])**.

Thought 2. Jesus just taught that tribulation and affliction does NOT produce any **FRUIT** of the spirit! And when they renounced their “faith”, they were **NO** longer saved.

Romans 11:18-22, Thou wilt say then, The branches were **broken off**, that I might be grafted in. Well; because of **UNBELIEF** they were broken off, and thou standest by FAITH. Be **NOT** highminded, but **FEAR:** For if (*since*) God spared **NOT** the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare **NOT** thee. Behold therefore the **goodness** and **SEVERITY** (harshness, strictness) of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, **IF** thou **CONTINUE** **IN** his goodness: **otherwise thou ALSO shalt be CUT OFF.**

Thought 3. Now, let's see what the scriptures say **DOES** produce “patience.” The

first thing we MUST know is “Patience: endurance” is a FRUIT of our spirit.

Galatians 5:22, But the FRUIT of the Spirit is **love**, joy, peace, **longsuffering**, (PATIENCE), gentleness, goodness, **FAITH**...

Romans 15:5, For whatsoever things were **written** aforetime were **written** for our learning, that we through **PATIENCE** and comfort **OF (FROM) the SCRIPTURES** might have **HOPE**.

Thought 4. So, patience comes FROM the scriptures. Now, let’s read Rom. 5:3 again.

Romans 5:3, And not only so, but we **glory (REJOICE)** in **tribulations (pressure)** also: knowing that **tribulation WORKETH** (MOVE to action) **PATIENCE (cheerful or HOPEFUL endurance)**...

Romans 5:6, For when WE were yet without strength, in due time **Christ died** for the **ungodly**.

NOTE: Here it means that we were without strength “in regard to the case which the apostle was considering,” that is, we had **no power to devise a scheme of justification**, to **make an atonement**, or to put away the wrath of God, etc. While all hope of man’s being saved by any plan of his own was thus taken away; while he was thus lying exposed to divine justice, and dependent on the **mere mercy** of God; God provided a plan which met the case, and secured his salvation. The remark of the apostle here has reference only to the **condition** of the **race BEFORE an atonement is made**. It does not pertain to the question whether man has strength to repent and to believe after an atonement is made, which is a very different inquiry.

In due time - Margin “According to the time” In a timely manner; at the proper time; Galatians 4:4... (Source: <https://www.studyight.org/commentaries/bnb/romans-5.html>)

Galatians 4:4, But when the **fulness of the time** was come, God **SENT forth** his Son, made of a **woman**, made under the law...

Romans 5:7, For scarcely for a **righteous man will one die**: yet peradventure for a good man **SOME** would even dare to **DIE**.

NOTE: For scarcely ... - The design of this verse and the following is, to illustrate the great love of God by comparing it with what man was willing to do. “It is an unusual occurrence, an event which is all that we can **HOPE FOR** from the highest human benevolence and the **purest friendship**, that one would be willing to die for a good man. There are none who would be willing to die for a man who was seeking to do us **INJURY**, to calumniate our character, to destroy our happiness or our property. But Christ was willing to die for bitter foes.”

Scarcely - With difficulty. It is an event which cannot be expected to occur often. There would scarcely be found an instance in which it would happen. (Source: <https://www.studyight.org/commentaries/bnb/romans-5.html>)

Romans 5:8, But God commendeth **his LOVE** toward us, in that, while we were **yet SINNERS**, Christ **died** for US.

NOTE: Romans 5:6-8. The helplessness and ill-desert of the objects, and the timeliness of the intervention, go to “commend **God’s love to us**, **SHOWN in the death of Christ** on our behalf”—a sacrifice enhanced when one considers that “a righteous man” will “scarcely “find another to “die for him,” though “it may happen” that a friend “ventures his life for the good man” (known and loved as such).—God’s and Christ’s love are identified (Romans 5:6; Romans 5:8). (Source: <https://www.studyight.org/commentaries/pfc/romans-5.html>)

Romans 5:9, *Much more then, being now justified by his (Jesus' [Yahshua's]) BLOOD, we shall be saved from wrath through him.*

NOTE: - It is **much more reasonable** to **EXPECT** it. There are fewer obstacles in the way. If, when we were enemies, he overcame all that was in the way of our salvation; much more have we reason to **EXPECT** that he will **afford us protection** now that we are his friends. This is one ground of the hope expressed in Romans 5:5.
Being now justified - Pardoned; accepted as his friends.

By his blood - By his death; Note, Romans 3:25. The fact that we are purchased by his blood, and sanctified by it, renders us sacred in the eye of God; bestows a value on us proportionate to the worth of **the price of our redemption**; and is a pledge that he will keep what has been so dearly BOUGHT.

Saved from wrath - From hell; from the punishment due to sin; Note, Romans 2:8.
 (Source: <https://www.studylight.org/commentaries/bnb/romans-5.html>)

Romans 5:10, *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.*

NOTE: For if - The idea in this verse is simply a repetition and enlargement of that in Romans 5:9. The apostle dwells on the thought, and places it in a **new light**, furnishing thus a **strong confirmation** of his position.
 (Source: <https://www.studylight.org/commentaries/bnb/romans-5.html>)

Romans 5:11-12, *And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement. Wherefore, as by ONE man SIN entered into the world, and DEATH by sin; and so death passed upon ALL men, for THAT ALL have sinned...*

Thought 1. First, we know "death" was in existence BEFORE Adam sinned. It was Lucifer's sin that brought DEATH into existence. So, when Yahweh made Adam, he warned him to OBEY him. He was told IF he disobeyed, he would DIE. WHY? Again, death existed, but was NOT in the earth. Also remember, love gives everyone a choice.

Genesis 2:16-17, And the LORD God **commanded the MAN**, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof **thou shalt surely DIE.**

Well, as we know, Adam sinned and death entered the world, in his spirit and Eve's spirit. However, that nature, "death", called "HUMAN NATURE", was received from Satan, and passed down from Adam to ALL humans who had "MAN" for his father. Even though Eve had the same nature, it's NOT passed on by women. It's passed on from the "MAN" who fathers the child. This explains WHY Jesus (Yahshua) could have God's (Yahweh's) nature: LIFE, even though Mary, a human being with Satan's nature could be his mother. The SEED of Yahweh that impregnated Mary was his WORD.

Romans 5:13-14, *(For until the law sin was in the world: but SIN is not imputed when there is no law. Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even OVER THEM that had NOT sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come.*

Thought 1. Every human, EXCEPT Jesus (Yahshua), was BORN a sinner. So, even though we've DONE no sin, we're SINNERS because of the nature with which we're born.

Romans 5:18-19, *Therefore as by the offence of one (Adam) judgment came upon ALL men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of ONE (Jesus) the free gift came upon ALL men unto justification of life. For as by ONE man's disobedience MANY were MADE sinners, so by the obedience of ONE shall MANY be MADE righteous.*

Thought 1. Again, we are MADE righteous. He did not say it was imputed to us. Although, he uses “imputed” in other verses, that’s NOT the only way to describe what happened to us when we BELIEVED on Jesus (Yahshua).

Romans 8:16-23, *The Spirit itself beareth witness with OUR spirit, that we are the **children** of God: And if **children**, then **heirs (a sharer by LOT, inheritor)**; heirs of God, and **joint-heirs** with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also **glorified** together. For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are NOT worthy to be compared with the **GLORY (dignity, HONOUR, praise)** which shall be revealed IN us.*

For the earnest expectation of the **creature (creation)** waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. For the **creature** was made subject to vanity, NOT willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope, Because the **creature** itself **ALSO shall be delivered** from the **bondage of corruption** into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole **creation** groaneth and travaileth in **pain** together until now. And NOT only they, but ourselves also, which **HAVE** the **firstfruits** of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the **redemption** of our **body**.

Thought 1. This section of scripture is about the time of **restoration**: new earth/ heaven. But, we’ll have our glorified bodies before then when he comes to receive us unto himself.

Romans 8:24-26, *For we are **saved by HOPE (expectation)**: but hope that is seen is NOT hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? But **if we HOPE** for that we see NOT, **THEN** do we with **PATIENCE (cheerful or hopeful endurance)** WAIT for it. **LIKEWISE** the Spirit **also helpeth** our infirmities (weakness): for we know NOT what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh **intercession** for us with **groanings** which cannot be **uttered**.*

Thought 1. Paul adds the Holy Spirit to the LIST of God's THINGS that are helping us in the earth until Jesus comes back to receive us. Likewise, means: "in the same way or a similar way that faith, hope, and patience HELP US, also", the Spirit HELPS us.

Romans 8:27-28, *And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God. And we **know** that **ALL THINGS WORK together (be a fellow-worker, i.e. CO-OPERATE)** for **GOOD** to them that **LOVE** God, to them who are the called according to **HIS** purpose.*

Thought 1. There is a belief among us as Christians that “all things” means that even Satan’s things WORK for our good. Actually, there’re NO scriptures that support that belief. Once, we understand that only “God’s things” are fellow-workers and cooperating to work for our good, then our faith in him will increase, and we’ll have more grace and peace.

2 Peter 1:2-3, **GRACE** and **PEACE** be **multiplied** unto you through the **knowledge** of God, and of Jesus our Lord, According as his divine power hath GIVEN unto US **ALL THINGS** that pertain unto **LIFE and GODLINESS...**

However, it is TRUE that God can DELIVER or SAVE us from whatever “evil THING” comes against us! An example is poisons will KILL a person unless they get the antidote. The antidote worked for good, NOT the poison! So, just because we can DEFEAT whatever with God’s help does NOT mean the thing we defeated was “working for our good.”

2 Corinthians 7:9-10, Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance: for ye were made sorry after a godly manner, that ye might receive **DAMAGE** by us in nothing. For **GODLY sorrow** **worketh repentance** to **salvation**

NOT to be repented of: BUT the **SORROW** of the world **WORKETH DEATH.**

Thought 2. Now, that's ONE clear contradiction to "all things" working for good!

Romans 8:29-31, For whom he did **foreknow**, he also did **predestinate** to be **conformed** to the image of his Son, that he might be the **FIRSTBORN** among many **brethren**. Moreover whom he did **predestinate**, them he also **called**: and whom he **called**, them he also **justified**: and whom he justified, them he also **glorified**. What shall we then say to THESE THINGS? **If (forasmuch [SINCE]) God BE FOR US, WHO can be against us?**

NOTE: To foreknow, here signifies to design before, or at the first forming of the scheme; to bestow the **favor** and **privilege** of being God's people upon any set of men, Romans 11:2. This is the foundation or first step of our salvation; namely, the **purpose** and **GRACE** of God, which was given us **IN** Christ Jesus, **before the world began**, 2 Timothy 1:9. Then, he knew or favored us; for in this sense the word to know is taken in a great variety of places, both in the Old and New Testaments. And as he knew the Gentiles then, when the scheme was laid, and before any part of it was executed, consequently, in reference to the execution of this scheme, he foreknew us. This is the first step of our salvation, and the end or finishing of it is our conformity to the Son of God in eternal glory, Romans 8:17, which includes and supposes our MORAL conformity to him. When God knew us, at the forming of the Gospel scheme; or, when he intended to bestow on us the privilege of being his people; he then destined or designed us to be conformed to the image of his Son; and, as he destined or determined us then to this very high honor and happiness, he pre-destinated, fore-ordained, or pre-determined us to it.

Whom he did predestinate, etc. - The Gentiles, whom He determined to call into his Church with the Jewish people, He called - **He invited** by the **preaching of the Gospel**, to **believe on his Son Jesus Christ**.

He also glorified - He has HONORED and DIGNIFIED the Gentiles with the highest privileges, and he has already taken many of them to the kingdom of glory, and many more are on their way thither; and all who love him, and **continue faithful** unto **death**, shall inherit that **GLORY** eternally.

Thought 1. This is yet another set of verses showing "All GLORY" does NOT go to God. When people FIRST glorify HIM, by believing on his Son, he WILL then glorify THEM.

What shall we then say to these things? - What **conclusion** should we draw from the above premises? From all that was already laid down in the preceding chapters, but especially in the preceding verses, from Romans 8:28-30; inclusive. As if he had said: What comfort may we derive from these doctrines? God has called us all to holiness, and to love to him, which is the principle of holiness. ... - Why this: If (SINCE) God be FOR US, who can be against us? He who is infinitely wise has undertaken to direct us: He who is infinitely powerful has undertaken to **protect us**: He who is infinitely **good** has undertaken to **SAVE US**. What cunning, strength, or malice, CAN PREVAIL against **HIS WISDOM, POWER, and GOODNESS?** NONE.

(Source: <https://www.studyight.org/commentaries/acc/romans-8.html>)

Romans 8:32, He that **spared NOT** his own Son, but **delivered him up FOR us ALL**, how shall he NOT with him also **FREELY GIVE us ALL things?**

Thought 1. Right here, I'd like to remind you of the point made about Romans 8:28, that beginning with verse 23, us having "the firstfruits of the Spirit", Paul gave us a LIST of "God's THINGS." And here, he's speaking of God's things, beginning with his own SON being delivered up for us, and then, freely giving us "ALL things." If we're thinking right, we KNOW God only gives what pertains (belongs) unto LIFE and godliness. 2 Pet. 1:2 And James said every GOOD and perfect GIFT comes down from the Father. James 1:17

Romans 8:33-35, Who shall LAY ANY THING to the **charge** of God's **elect**? It is God that **justifieth**. Who is he that **condemneth**? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is **risen again**, who is even at the right hand of God, who **also** maketh **intercession** for us. Who shall separate us from the **LOVE** of **Christ**?

NOTE: Locke paraphrased these verses thus: Who shall be the **persecutor** of those whom God hath chosen? Shall God who **justifieth them**? Who, as JUDGE, shall CONDEMN them? Christ that died for us, yea rather that is risen again for **our justification**, and is at the right hand of God making intercession for us?

In this and following verses, Paul mentioned the things conceived of as hostile, and hindering to the Christian's life; and most of the things here mentioned should be understood as lying within the ordinary **daily experience** of the Christians of that age.

The love of Christ ... refers NOT to OUR LOVE for him, **but** to **HIS LOVE** for us.

(Source: <https://www.studylight.org/commentaries/bcc/romans-8.html>)

Romans 8:35-39 ...shall **tribulation**, or **distress**, or persecution, or **famine**, or **nakedness**, or **peril**, or **sword**? As it is written, For **THY SAKE** we are killed all the day long; we are **accounted** as sheep for the **slaughter**.

Nay, IN ALL these things **WE are more than conquerors** through him that **LOVED US**. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall **be ABLE** to **separate us from the LOVE of God**, which is **IN Christ Jesus** our Lord.

NOTE: No matter what our **circumstances**, none of the sufferings of this present time can separate us from the love of God. This makes us **conquerors** and **MORE**.

i. Earle on **nakedness**: "This term **today** suggests indecency on parade. **Then it meant** a LACK of clothes simply because one had no ways or means of getting any."

ii. **Sword**: This word implies **execution**. It is the only item on the list that Paul had not yet personally experienced (1 Corinthians 4:11, 15:30).

d. **More than conquerors**: How is the Christian MORE THAN a conqueror?

He OVERCOMES with a **greater power**, the **power of Jesus**

He overcomes with a greater *motive*, the glory of Jesus

e. **Nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the LOVE of God**

which is IN Christ (Source: <https://www.studylight.org/commentaries/guz/romans-8.html>)

Ephesians 1:15-20, Wherefore I also, after I heard of **your faith** IN the Lord Jesus, and LOVE unto all the saints, Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers; That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may **give** unto you the **spirit of WISDOM** and REVELATION in the **knowledge of him**: The **EYES** of your **understanding** being **enlightened**; that ye may KNOW what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, And what is the exceeding greatness of **his power to US-ward who believe**, according to the **working** of his **mighty power**, Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places...

Ephesians 3:16-21 ...I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Of whom the WHOLE FAMILY in heaven and earth is named, That he would grant you, according to the **riches** of **his glory**, to be **strengthened** with **MIGHT** by **HIS Spirit** in the **inner man**; That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in LOVE, May be able to comprehend with ALL saints what is the **breadth**, and **length**, and **depth**, and **height**; And to **KNOW the LOVE** of **Christ**, which passeth knowledge, that ye might BE FILLED with all the fulness of God. Now unto him that is **able** to **DO** exceeding abundantly above all that we ASK or THINK, according to **the POWER** that **WORKETH IN us**, Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.