THE LOVE OF GOD Romans 5:6-11 3/30/25

I. THE LOVE OF GOD

Romans 5:6-8 – "For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—⁸ but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

A. Our pitiful situation

- 1. We are weak
- 2. We are ungodly
- 3. We are enemies

B. God's overwhelming love

- 1. An overwhelming plan
- 2. An overwhelming sacrifice

II. THE POWER OF LOVE

Romans 5:9-11 – "Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰ For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹ More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation."

A. God's love led to our justification

- Saved from His wrath
- B. God's love led to our reconciliation
 - Saved by His life
- C. God's love leads to our rejoicing
 - Saved to rejoice in God

COMMUNITY GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. What did you think about the message this week? What stood out to you or challenged your thinking?
- 2. Why do you think it is so hard for people to admit that they are weak? What helped you realize that you were spiritually weak without Christ?
- 3. Sacrificing anything for others can be hard. Why? Why does Paul discuss this idea before talking about God's love shown in Christ's sacrifice?
- 4. God's love and wrath are mentioned closely together in this passage. What are some ways that you have seen people struggle to understand God's wrath? Why is understanding God's wrath crucial for understanding the Gospel?
- 5. Have you ever reconciled a relationship between you and another person? Was there a cost to this reconciliation? How does our reconciliation with God differ from our reconciliation with others?
- 6. As Christians, we were once enemies with God, but our relationship has been reconciled through Christ. How can we live in a way that reflects the truth of this reconciliation?
- 7. Read verse 11. What should our rejoicing be rooted in? How can you express this rejoicing in your life?