



Christ Died for Us

Romans 5:1-11

Something to Start Us Off

- Think of a time when you experienced true reconciliation with someone after a long conflict. What did it feel like to move from hostility or distance to peace?

Something to Notice

Let's read Romans 5:1-11 slowly and mark a few phrases that tell us something important. Here are some that might stand out to us.

- 5:1 Peace with God
- 5:3 We rejoice in our sufferings
- 5:6 Christ died for the ungodly
- 5:8 Christ died for us
- 5:11 We have now received reconciliation

Something to Learn

Key Insights:

* Romans 5:1 begins with "therefore." That can remind us to think back on Romans 1 – 4. What Paul says here is dependent on what came before Chapter 5.

* The passage ends with rejoicing. Why does Paul expect us to rejoice?

Discussion Questions:

- Find some words in this passage that describe our natural human condition. What is the picture that they paint for us without Christ?
- Now choose some words or phrases that describe what Christ has done. What difference does Jesus make?
- Importantly, what does "peace with God" mean to you personally. In what ways is this foundational to the Christian faith?
- Verses 5:9-10 use "much more" logic – a type of argumentation that Paul likes. Try to explain what he is saying in these verses in your own words.

Something to Take Home

- Memorize and/or meditate on Romans 5:1 and 5:8 this week. These verses remind us of our standing with God because of Jesus.
- When you face suffering, doubt, or feelings of unworthiness, remind yourself: Christ died for me at my worst. If God did that, *how much more* will He carry me through now?