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Text: Romans 5:6-8
Topic: God's Love
Study: Romans
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part 3

Salvation is a Big Deal

Celebrating God's New Disposition Toward Us



1. Rest _____ (vv.6-8)

2. Rejoice _____ (vv.6-8)

3. Reflect _____ (vv.6-8)

Romans 5:6-8

⁶ You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.

⁷ Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸ But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (NIV)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. What are some of the consequences of living with chronic doubt and uncertainty regarding God's love?

What are some of the theological misunderstandings regarding the nature of God and salvation reflected by chronic doubt and uncertainty?

2. Read **Romans 8:35-39**. What are some of the practical benefits in the life of a Christian who lives with this kind of confidence and assurance?

Read **1 John 4:19**. How does this verse and the surrounding context guard us from the error that God's love gives us license to live any way we please?

3. What comfort do you derive from our passage in Romans, knowing that God's love is not based on our "lovability"?

4. Read **Ephesians 5:1-2**. What specific steps can you take to imitate God's unmerited love in your closest relationships?

Read **Ephesians 4:32**. How does this standard of forgiveness change the way you forgive those who wrong you?

Here is a list of other recorded sermons by Pastor Mike which may assist you in your further study of today's message.

CD # 0920 – **Celebrating Unearned Forgiveness**
CD # 0711 – **Real Love: Its Eternal Provision**
CD # 0923 – **Experiencing the Hope of Faith**
CD # 0537 – **A Question of Perseverance, Salvation & Eternal Security**

Read Through the Bible in a Year

Here's this week's schedule:

September 20th

Is. 45-46 & 2Cor. 6

September 21st

Is. 47-48 & 2Cor. 7

September 22nd

Is. 49-50 & 2Cor. 8

September 23rd

Is. 51-52 & 2Cor. 9

September 24th

Is. 53-54 & 2Cor. 10

September 25th

Is. 55-56 & 2Cor. 11

September 26th

Is. 57-58 & 2Cor. 12

September 27th

Is. 59-60 & 2Cor. 13

Here are some resources which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in this week's sermon.

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