



## LOVE

**A new commandment I give to you, that you love *one another*... (John 13:34)**

- *Internal*: How was your week...anything new? How was your walk with the Lord this week?
- *External*: Is there any individual or family who is struggling or needs encouragement from us?

## TRUTH

**Let the word of God dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing *one another*... (Col. 3:16)**

1. When you reflect on the message from Sunday, what most resonated with you?

[Dialogue]

2. Let's read our primary text, Romans 5:6-11. The opening verse here speaks of humans as weak (morally) and ungodly? How do these characteristics differ from how the culture today views themselves?

Paul describes the reality of our collective condition, regardless of what we believe about ourselves. Most people today do not view themselves as weak and ungodly. Rather, they believe they were born innately good and that they are morally upright. They believe in self-sufficiency, self-determination, and the manifestation of their own destiny. As one drifts further away from God, they ascribe to the devastating belief that they are god themselves, becoming lovers of self, ultimately violating God's first and greatest commandment - You shall have no other God's before me.

3. In verse 6, Paul says, "at the right time." What can we conclude about this seemingly insignificant phrase? How does this bring us reassurance?

God operates in His perfect timing. In the same way, in our own lives, God knows the right timing and delivers what we need, when it is needed.

4. What is revealed about Paul's writing style in this text? Can you identify the greater to lesser arguments presented? What can we learn from this?

Paul is a true logician. He very wisely articulates his points using sound logic and reason. He presents multiple greater to lesser arguments in this text (i.e. much more, much more, more than that).

5. This is a question that we visit often because Paul visits it often. In review, how are we justified by the blood of Christ? [Mature believers should aid in helping others understand]

Because Jesus' blood was able to save (He was a perfect sacrifice, able to take away the sins of the world). When he laid down his life at the cross, his blood was sufficient to cover all the sins of the world --- past, present, and future. This was a gift of grace, and anyone can receive this gift of grace by placing their faith in Jesus. At this intersection of faith/grace, God's declares us righteous in His sight (justification). Some call this the, "beautiful exchange."

6. When considering the gospel and God's original design, how do verses 10-11 fit into the grand narrative of redemptive history? What is the point of the entire Bible?

God fulfills his promises. He sent his son to save the world and bring about wholeness and reconciliation. The whole Bible is a revelatory book that directs one to everlasting life, salvation, and ultimate shalom.

7. How does this text bring you joy?

[Dialogue]

8. Any other thoughts you would like to share before we wrap up this text?

[Dialogue]

## GREAT COMMISSION

**Go therefore and make disciples of all nations... (Matt. 28:19-20)**

- Did you disciple your family well this week? Is it apparent to others that Jesus the reason for your hope in your daily activity? Would anyone like to share the gospel with the group?

## CONFESSION/PRAYER/REPENTANCE

**But exhort *one another* every day, as long as it is called "today,"... (Heb. 3:12-14)**

- Confession is agreeing with God about our sin according to the Scriptures. Is there anything you want to confess before the group? [*apathy, idolatry, selfishness, jealousy, anger, envy*]
- Let's pray, asking God to help us apply His word to our lives.

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Sources:

- ESV Study Bible Commentary
- John MacArthur Commentary - Romans