

Assured by Love Rom. 5:6-8 “..while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (vs 8)

To help us understand the depth of God’s love for us, Paul paints a picture in this passage of the natural human condition: “without strength” (or powerless, v. 6), “ungodly” (v. 6), and “sinners” (v. 8). This is entirely consistent with all that Paul has said to this point— all people are naturally unable to please God and, worse, are in open rebellion against Him. But God did not reject the human race because of this enmity, though He would have been just to do so. Instead, He gave the race an awesome display of His love. As Paul puts it, “Christ died for the ungodly” and “While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” So great was God’s love for His sinful, rebellious, unworthy people that He took on humanness and died to claim them for Himself.

This is a picture of unparalleled love, far exceeding human norms. As Paul notes, it is a rare thing for someone to willingly lay down his life for “a righteous man,” a kind of person who, because he does all that is required of him, inspires respect but little true affection. On the other hand, it is within the realm of possibility that someone would die for “a good man,” someone who does well by others and thus receives high esteem. But who would think of giving his life for an ungodly sinner? The amazing answer Paul gives is that Jesus would—and did. He died for those who were neither righteous nor good. And in doing so, He gave a matchless demonstration of God’s love.

If God loved and cherished us when we were at war with Him, what will He do now that we are reconciled to Him? We can be assured of salvation because the same God who loved us then loves us now, and will love us for eternity. (excerpt)

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