

*Just at the right Time*  
*Romans 5:6-11*

V6 **RO 5:6** *You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly –*

Just at the right time The demonstration of God's love in Christ came "at just the right time" (cf. Gal 4:4). The law had operated for centuries and had served to expose the weakness and inability of people to measure up to the divine standard of righteousness (cf. Ro 3:20; 4:15). No further testing was needed. It was the right time for the Messiah (Jesus) to come into the world. God's timing is impeccable.

Look at some of this stuff.

- a. **Jesus came when the Romans were in charge.** There was a basic safety in travelling throughout the then known world. For the first time in history you could travel from Palestine to England in relative safety, perfect for the spreading of the message of Jesus.
- b. **There was one language** used as a commercial language for the first time – Greek. Perfect for telling the message of Jesus. God worked history to his advantage.

Paul goes on to say we were powerless, Powerless for what. **We are powerless to deal with our sin issue.** With the stuff we do wrong in God's eyes. There is nothing we can do. Sure we can try to be good. But that doesn't make the grade. God requirements for belonging to Him are accepting the next bit.

- Christ died. **Jesus died to deal with the sin issue.**
- Just at the right time so we can be made right with God.
- Jesus died for us.
- He also died for the Romans that this letter was written to, actually He died for all. He knew what pain He would go through, He knew in advance, He understood pain – He created it. Yet He chose to do it.

V7 – Who would we die for? **7 Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die**

Who would you die for? I'd never really thought about it much until Jackson came along. I'd probably die for my wife and Jackson or Flynn.

But Jesus died for the people who killed Him, people who hate Him, people who lie about Him. I'm not sure I have that much love. I'd like to think I do but in reality I am not so sure.

The amazing thing is that this shows us is God's unbelievable love.

V8- God's love in action . **8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.**

Yeh, that shows us love. That Jesus died even though we still sinned. WE are in the category that I am not sure I would die for. I am in that category. We have learnt over the past 8 weeks, that we all sin, no one is exempt. That even as Christian's we still do. Christ died to deal with it. Not just our sin, but everyone's. I ask the question again – Is Jesus death on the cross adequate for the sins of the world? Yes.

Here it says we are saved by Jesus death.

V9 – What are we saved from – God's wrath.

**RO 5:9 Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!**

God's wrath in this case is giving us what we deserve. Punishment for sin. Punishment for the things we do wrong. We deserve it but if we acknowledge Jesus death for what it is – our sin payment. We get saved from the consequences. Cool.

It's like this:

We look at someone and we see who they are. And God looks at us and see's our sin. But Jesus death stands between that. So what God see's is Jesus instead of us.

Let's try it. (Pick some people to do it.)

The next verse states the results.

V10 – **10 For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!**

Reconciled means make friendly after an estrangement. Or make compatible. Or even to harmonize. That means that Jesus death allows us to be right with God. The wrath bit doesn't count any more, because of what

Jesus did, Jesus stands in the way God's not angry at us anymore. Now that is cool. God is our friend now.

V11- How does this happen. Through Jesus –

***11 Not only is this so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.***

This only happens through Jesus. This is most important to get a handle on. Many people these days will tell you that all religions are the same. Nuh!

It is only through Jesus that we can receive this reconciliation. That we can receive this being made friends with God.

How does this work? We acknowledge Jesus for who He is. We place Him in the right place in our lives as the top person. We say in the bible **Lord and Saviour**. Yeh, a Lord is someone in charge of your life and Jesus certainly is saving us.

That is for you to do. Each of us is responsible to do that with Jesus.

**Tell Him He is in charge of our life now.**

**Tell Him He is your savior.**