

⁵ And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us. ⁶ For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. ⁸ But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:5-8)

I. Introduction

- A. Paul wrote letter to all Christians at city of Philippi in Greece
- B. Context: Philippians 5:1-4
 - 1. Being justified by faith
 - 2. Results in peace with God
 - 3. Christian stands in the grace of God
 - 4. Christian grows through difficulties in daily living
- C. God demonstrates His love to all people
 - 1. God sent His Son into the world to save the people of the world

For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. (John 3:17)

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. (Rom 10:13)

- 2. God has a father's love for all Christians
- 3. Holy spirit seals Christian to God for all eternity – eternal security

And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. (Eph 4:30)

D. Three things about God's Love

II. God's Lavish Love (verse 5)

- A. God's love spread out in Christian's heart
 - 1. Assurance that God loves Christian
 - Holy Spirit pours out God's love into their heart
 - 2. Securing love
 - a. Eternal security: Christian does not lose God's love
 - b. Those led by the Spirit of God are God's children (Rom 8:14)

B. Holy Spirit is how God gives His love

1. God the Father, God the Son, & God the Holy Spirit are called the tri-unity of God (three in one) – Trinity
2. God the Father Himself will give another Comforter

And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever; (John 14:16)

3. Jesus sends the Comforter to the Christian

Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. (John 16:7)

4. The Promise of the Father

And, being assembled together with [them], commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, [saith he], ye have heard of me. (Acts 1:4)

³⁸ Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. ³⁹ For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, *even* as many as the Lord our God shall call. (Acts 2:38-39)

5. The Spirit of God also called the Spirit of Christ

But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. (Rom 8:9)

III. God's Sacrificial Love (verses 6-7)

A. God shows human condition

1. Person has no strength to reach God

But we are all as an unclean *thing*, and all our righteousnesses *are* as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away. (Isa 64:6)

2. No human lives a perfect life without sin

¹⁰ As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: ¹¹ There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. (Rom 3:10-11)

B. God's uncommon act

1. Christ died for the ungodly
2. God is reasonable – your sins can be forgiven

Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. (Isa 1:18)

3. God initiated (started) with His love
 - a. One person might be willing to die for a good or righteous man
 - b. But Jesus died for the unlovely sinners of this world

Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins. (1John 4:10)

4. God gave His unconditional love to the world – redeemed by the precious blood of Christ

¹⁸ Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation *received* by tradition from your fathers; ¹⁹ But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: (1 Pet 1:18-19)

IV. God's Provisional Love (verse 8)

A. But God demonstrates His love

1. God directed His love toward us who live the world
2. God saw human sin
3. But God loved the world

B. Human condition is sinful

1. We were sinners
2. We were hateful
3. We were hostile
4. We were undeserving

- C. Christ died for all people
 - 1. Emmanuel – God with us
 - a. God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son (Jn 3:16)
 - b. Consider Jesus who endured such contradiction of sinners against Himself (Heb 12:3)
 - 2. Blood atonement
 - a. Death of Jesus satisfied God's standard of justice
 - b. Jesus was the blood atonement sacrifice

V. Conclusion

- A. God showed His lavish love to everyone in the world
- B. God sent His Son Jesus
- C. Jesus died on the cross
- D. Jesus was God's provision to pay price for sin
- E. And God promised forgiveness of sins and salvation to all who believe Him