

ROMANS 19 – 5:5-8

The Love of God

1. 5:5-6

- a. *“the love of God”* – as preached in the gospel of Christ – Rom 8:37-39
- b. *“Holy Ghost... given to us”* – who has a function – Eph 1:13-14, 1 Cor 2:11-12
- c. Hope is a shame if it is uncertain, our future hope is not based on uncertainty
- d. Our hope does not depend on our strength to make it happen
- e. *“without strength”* – that is to do good, to deal with sin, to be godly, to live
- f. *“in due time”* – Christ died at the time appointed – Gal 4:4, 1 Tim 2:4-6, Titus 1:3
- g. He waited until all [even Israel] were proven guilty – Rom 3:10
- h. He died for the ungodly; salvation only applies to the ungodly

2. 5:7

- a. *“scarcely”* which shows the love of man to be impotent – John 15:12-14
- b. None keeps the “law of love”, love thy neighbour - Mat 19:19-22, Gal 5:14
- c. 5:7 testifies to the sinful apathy and selfishness of humanity; who really cares?
- d. *“for a righteous man”* – innocent, without wrong, does good, deserves not to die
- e. *“a good man”* – leaders, noble, wise, important men; there is good reason to die
- f. *“peradventure... some would even dare”* – only some would even risk their lives
- g. How many can you count on to die for you? Who would you die for?

3. 5:8

- a. A greater verse than John 3:16, where God only sent a Son... here, the Son dies
- b. *“commendeth”* – not merely ‘demonstrates’, but bring attention to, in high regard
- c. *“his love toward us”* – the world, his creation; ...you cannot insert your name here
- d. Making it personal makes it about how wonderful you are, and not God’s love
- e. God hates sin and sinners - Rom 1:18, Psa 5:5, 10:3, 11:5; Amos 5:15, Mal 1:3
- f. *“toward us”* in that he loved Christ, not the sinful – Eph 4:32, Mat 3:17, John 5:20
- g. *“while we were yet sinners”* – not the good men of 5:7; neither did we repent
- h. Paul is the pattern here; in the midst of sinning Christ appeared – Titus 3:3-4
- i. *“Turn from sins”* before you can be saved makes the cross of none effect
- j. *“Christ died for us”* – only Christ could die for us; no other man could 1 Tim 4:5