

“Hope Expounded”

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Romans 5:6-11

Introduction: In Romans 5:1-5 we have learned of the **peace** that we now have with God, the **standing** that we have before Him, a standing that is founded on grace. We have learned of a future **hope** that causes us to rejoice but Paul recognizes that what we are experiencing may be difficult, maybe even cause us to doubt. But even those difficulties God uses for our benefit. In the midst of **tribulations** by grace we are able to **persevere** and from that, our **character** is proven and refined. All of these things provide us with **hope** because clearly God is working in us, showing his love for us. Next Paul is going to make a connection between our future hope and the love of God shown to us. His basic argument is that based upon what Christ has already done for us, we should not doubt what He will do for us in the future.

1. ⁶ For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. -

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2. ⁷ For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. -

3. ⁸ But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. -

4. ⁹ Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. -

5. ¹⁰ For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

6. ¹¹ And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.