

The Order of Worship

Opening Song	Holy, Holy, Holy
A Prayer of Praise	
Scripture Reading	Romans 5:1-11
A Prayer for the Nations*	
Affirmation of Faith	
A Prayer for the Lost	
Congregational Songs	The Power of the Cross The Love of God
Sermon:	Romans 5:6-8

*In the first 6 months of 2021 more Christians have been martyred in Nigeria than in all of 2020.

The Taliban is searching for a Christian "hit list" throughout Afghanistan. Reports indicate the Taliban is searching smart phones for Bible apps as well. While the news is reporting the Taliban is attempting to be more tolerant of Christians, in all likelihood the "hit list" will assist the new government to eliminate Christians.

Prayer Requests

Mary Ann Cooper	Barry Wilson
Josh Howard	Teachers/Schools

Announcements

Fundraisers (See Margie Thompson for Details)

Sept 5 th	Casserole/Bake Sale
Oct 9 th	Rummage Sale
Nov 21 st	Farmer's Market
Dec 18 th	Christmas Cookie Walk
Jan 16 th	Chili Lunch
Feb 13 th	Valentine Cookie Cake

Explorer's Bible Study

Tuesday Mornings and Wednesday Evenings

The Brethren of Emory (See Joel Barrett)

Choir will begin in September.

"We must be Global Christians with a Global vision because our God is a Global God." John R.W. Stott

- **Sermon Notes:**

- I. A Description of God's _____**

We were _____. Human beings typically believe, especially those in the USA, we are capable of working anything out. We also were _____. Paul hearkens us back to Rom 1:18 with this thought, also in Romans 4:5. It means unrestrained _____, an idolator, one who will not honor and glorify God. We didn't want anyone ruling over us. Anyone who shows _____ to God will invariably show disrespect to his _____. Thirdly, Paul states "We were _____." This word is similar to the idea in Romans 3:23. We continually fall short of God's Glory. This sinner is one who is immersed in acts that offend God. Lastly, Paul describes unredeemed people as _____. Maybe you remember last week when we talked about having peace with God. Experiencing peace assumes, at some point, there was war.

This teaching of Paul is commonly called _____.

- II. A Demonstration of God's _____**

Paul gives us a statement about God's love in verse 6. He tells us that Jesus Christ died at precisely the right time. He died on behalf of those who would have

_____ Him. Jesus Christ knows you perfectly, so perfectly He knew your worst sin and still died for you.

Paul then moves to an illustration about God's love in verse 7. There are certainly times when believers do things for other believers. There are times when believers do things for unbelievers. It's reasonable for us to want to help those who are generally law abiding and even more reasonable for those whom we consider to be just a good person. It just makes sense we'd do that.

That's not what Jesus did.

The conclusion of Paul about God's love is that Jesus Christ, knowing our depravity, knowing we would dethrone Him if able, knowing us at our very worst moment, still chose the cross.

Questions:

- Have I ever confessed that I am helpless, godless, sinful, and enemy of God?
- Have I repented of my sin and trusted in the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ as my only hope?

You, too, can have peace with God, stand in His grace, experience eternal hope and know the everlasting love of God. (All fully devoted followers enjoy these very things.)