

SPRING QUARTER SUNDAY SCHOOL 2017
THEME – SURVEYING THE MAGNITUDE OF GOD’S LOVE
UNIT II – THE FELLOWSHIP OF GOD’S LOVE

**“EMANCIPATED BY FAITH THROUGH THE
LOVE OF THE SAVIOUR”**

“The Life You Long For”

Romans 5:1-11



Sunday School Lesson No. VIII - April 23, 2017
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Lesson Text: Romans 5:1-11; 8:31-39

Required Reading: Romans 5; 8

Motto Texts: Romans 5:1, *“Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”*

Romans 8:38-39, *“For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor*

things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reliable Resources: Standard Lesson Commentary; Word Search 10 Electronic Library; Union Gospel Press Expositor and Illuminator; Libronix Electronic Library; Precepts for Living (UMI)

INTRODUCTION

The theme for the unit we are studying declares God’s love for the Church! We have learned that this is made possible through God’s loving salvation. We were born “Enemies of the Saviour” (Rom. 3:23) and must one day be “Evaluated by the Sovereign.” But through the justifying work of the Lord Jesus’ sacrificial blood, we are “Emancipated by Faith in Him” or simply, *justified* and *reconciled* back to Christ. Now we must remember, all this is accomplished through His love!

What is *Justification*? According to Dr. Warren Wiersbe, “It is the gracious act of God in declaring righteous the sinner who believes in Jesus Christ.” Now remember: “Justification does not make a person righteous; he is declared righteous.” Also, we define *reconciliation* as bringing together that which was at war or separated (II Cor. 5:21).

Anticipated Power Points:

There are three things we should consider about being **EMANCIPATED** or **RECONCILED** by faith in the Saviour. The believer is:

- **Emancipated to a New Position. Romans 5:1-5**
- **Emancipated through Christ’s Payment. Romans 5:6-11**
- **Emancipated and Secure through God’s Eternal Promises. Romans 8:31-39**

OUTLINE

I. Emancipated to a New Position. Romans 5:1-5

From condemned enemies to accepted children of God. According to Paul, the reconciled life is marked by a new position.

A. A new posture before God. vs. 1-2

1. Because of our faith. vs. 1

We now have peace and are not enemies because we are justified! Hebrews 11:6 tells us: *“But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.”*

2. Because of God’s grace. vs. 2

Titus 2:11-12 says, *“For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world.”*

We now have access without denial because we are justified! Rejoicing with tiptoe anticipation in God’s rule over all!

B. A new perspective. vs. 3-4

1. We glory in tribulation knowing that because we are no longer enemies, God is using circumstances to make us stronger, and teach us patience.
2. Patience is our response to tribulation. Not passivity but brave endurance to press on and not quit!

3. The **experience** we gain from these develops our character. Literally, we learn to endure our faith even under fire!
4. And **hope** results in Divine expectations! We believe that God is in control and will give us a means to succeed.
I Corinthians 10:13, *“There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.”*

C. A new partner. vs. 5

Accordingly, God has not left us alone in our new position, but has sent us a Divine Partner who is the Holy Spirit! John 14:16-18 shares, *“And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.”* Now we learn from John 16:13, *“Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.”* Praise the Lord to be emancipated or reconciled, which secures our position in Christ. But how is this accomplished?

II. Emancipated through Christ’s Payment. Romans 5:6-11

A. Motivated because of man’s need! vs. 6-7

The act of reconciliation was of great necessity to mankind. Why? Because we note in Romans 3:10 and 23: *“As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one...For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.”* The condition of the human heart is bankrupt without a direct deposit from the sacrificial account of Christ! People may show compassion and assist the righteous and even the good, but who will deliver the filthy and foul? Isaiah 53:4-6, *“Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.”*

B. Consummated by Christ’s deed. vs. 8-11

Through the gracious sacrificial work of Jesus Christ, God has placed into our account so great a salvation! Jesus’ act of love in paying the penalty for sin is an act of satisfying the justice of God! Romans 6:23, *“For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”* Our God made a transfer, giving the sinner who receives Jesus Christ His righteousness, while Jesus took the sinner’s penalty and debt! This great act of God on the behalf of believing sinners is called **RECONCILIATION**, defined as “to bring together that which was separated or at war.” Beloved, Paul wrote how this is accomplished in II Corinthians 5:21, *“For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.”* Christ’s deed in securing the believer’s salvation and satisfying the Father’s justice is never-ending and should never be taken lightly!

III. Emancipated and Secure through God’s Eternal Promises. Romans 8:31-39

H. L. Willmington writes...

“1. There exists no possible accusation against believers (8:31-34, NLT).

- a. The Father will not allow this (8:31-33, NLT).
- b. The Son will not allow this (8:34, NLT).

2. There exists no possible separation from the Savior (8:35-39). This includes:

- a. Both life and death (8:35-38a)
- b. Both angels and demons (8:38b)
- c. Both present and future (8:38c)
- d. Both height and depth (8:39)”

CLOSING

Because we have been **“Emancipated by Faith through the Love of the Saviour”** we can join Jude in declaring: *“Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.”* Jude 24-25

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John 10:1-15

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