

## **Demonstration of God's Love** **Romans 5:6-11**

You can see the value of something when you look at the price that someone paid for it. Have you ever thought about the price that God paid to purchase a relationship with you?

You can determine the value of people in the eyes of God by looking at what God was willing to pay to purchase a relationship with people. The price tag that is attached to you, does not have a number on it. Your price tag has a name. Jesus. That's what God paid to get you.

Based on Romans 5:6-11, think about what condition we were in when Jesus went to the cross. This is what you had going for you when became a Christian...

5:6 - powerless

5:6 - ungodly

5:8 - sinners

5:10- enemy

The person for whom Jesus died was powerless, ungodly, a sinner and an enemy of God.

This is the display of God's love.

God did not wait for us to initiate reconciliation.

God did not wait for us to gain moral perfection.

God did not wait for us to prove ourselves in any way.

We don't have to take God's Word for it that we are sinners in need of a Savior. Collectively, we've proved it and we have it in writing. But please know this: You don't have to guess about God's love for you. God has demonstrated His love for YOU in the cross of Christ, a fact of history.

Pastor Karl points out that all the verbs in Romans 5:9 & 10 – are *passive*. This means you did not do it. Justified, saved, reconciled, reconciled, saved. God did this FOR you!

If you are a Christian, the war with God is over.

If you are not a Christian, the war with God CAN be over.

As a Christian....

Instead of powerless, you are empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Instead of ungodly, you are righteous in Christ.

Instead of sinner, you are a saint.

Instead of enemy, you are a friend of God.

### **Home Group Discussion Questions:**

1) Read Romans 5:6-11 in your group.

What does this passage say about God? What does this passage say about people?

2) How has Christianity impacted your valuation of people? Your valuation of yourself?

3) Have you ever dared to try to explain the gospel to someone? What's that feel like for you?  
What are some hesitations you might have?

4) Of those four things listed in this section of Scripture that describe the person that Jesus died to save, which do you relate to the most? Powerless, ungodly, sinners, enemies.

5) How does knowing that Jesus died to remove that designation from your account help you to live for Jesus? Praise Jesus? Pray for yourself, others and the nations?