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# ***THE CHRISTIAN BENEFITS PACKAGE***

**Pt 3**

**Romans 5:6-11**

Our greatest needs...

## I. IRREVOCABLE PEACE WITH GOD

*1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ...*

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- *CONTINUOUS ACCESS IN THE PRESENT*
- *JOYFUL CONFIDENCE ABOUT THE FUTURE*

## II. CONTRACONDITIONAL LOVE FROM GOD

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### A. *IT IS UNLIMITED*

*5 and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.*

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Christ DIED for the ungodly...8 But God  
demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we  
were yet sinners, Christ DIED for us.*

= *AGAPE* love

*2 Cor 5:19*

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*helpless* – means ‘without strength’

*ungodly* – fierce opposition to God

DORIANI – *God's Love is spontaneous and unmotivated. God does not love us because of anything He sees in us; He loves us because He loves us (Deut 7:7).*

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HENDRICKSEN – *Christ died for those who were bad, bad, bad.*

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### *D. IT IS PREDETERMINED*

*6 For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly...*

*Acts 2:23 - this Man, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men*

*Gal 4:4 - ...when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son...*

*1 Tim 2:6 - who gave Himself as a ransom for all, the testimony given at the proper time.*

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*C. IT IS UNDESERVED*

*D. IT IS PREDETERMINED*

*E. IT IS UNENDING*

*9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we SHALL BE SAVED from the wrath of God through Him. 10 For if while 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.*

SCHREINER – *Believers are saved by both the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, for His death is their death and His resurrection is their life.*

*11 And not only this, but we also exult in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.*

*Phil 4:4 - Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice!*

PIPER – *Justification is not an end in itself. Neither is the forgiveness of sins or the imputation of righteousness. Neither is escape from hell or entrance into heaven or freedom from disease or liberation from bondage or eternal life or justice or mercy or the beauties of a pain-free world. None of these facets of the gospel-diamond is the chief good or highest goal of the gospel. Only one thing is: seeing and savoring God Himself, being changed into the image of His son so that more and more we delight in and display God's infinite beauty and worth.*

## #1 – God's Love Prompts Our Love

*2 Cor 5:14-15 - For the love of Christ controls us, having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died; 15 and He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf.*

*1 John 3:18 - Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth.*

**#1 – God's Love Prompts Our Love**

**#2 – God's Love Prompts Our Assurance**

***Matt 11:29** - Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me... ...and **YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS.***

***John 14:27** - ... My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you...*

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**#3 – God's Love Prompts Our Rejoicing**

*James 1:2 - Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials...*

*Psa 149:4 - For the Lord takes pleasure in His people...*