

ROMANS: PART 24  
EFFECTS OF THE GOSPEL  
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The Eternal Security Of The Believer -- Freedom From God's Wrath  
*Evidence From the "Much More" Love of God (A Logical Argument)*  
Romans 5:5-11

**The Context:**

1. Three Theological Evidences For Eternal Security. Rom 1:5:1,2.
2. A Practical Evidence For Eternal Security. Rom 5:3-5.
3. A Logical Evidence For Eternal Security. Rom 5:5-11.

**The Promise of God's Eternal Love. Rom 5:5:**

1. Our certain hope that we shall be eternally saved will not be dashed to pieces.
  - ◆ God will not stop loving us.
  - ◆ No one who believes in Christ will be eternally disappointed (Cf. 9:33; 10:11).
2. The reason is the greatness of God's saving love for us.
  - ◆ His love for us is *poured out* on us. It is very great
  - ◆ His love for us is made known to us through the Spirit within us -- working thru His Word.
  - ◆ His love for us is the source of our security (not our love for Him).

**The Proof of God's Eternal Love. Rom 5:6-10.**

1. **1st Argument -- By Analogy:** God loved you & sacrificed His Son for you when you *could not merit* these things. Thus His love for you is *very great*. Rom 5:6-7.
  - ◆ His love for you is greater than the best of human loves which are based on merit
    - A *righteous* (pious) person might merit our sacrificial love.
    - A *good* (giving, gracious) person might merit our sacrificial love.
  - ◆ His love & sacrifice for you were not based upon you merit and despite your demerit.
    - You were *helpless* (Having no spiritual ability in mind, affections, or will).
    - You were *ungodly* (Against Him and His rule in your life)
2. **2nd Argument -- From Greater To Lesser:** God loved you & sacrificed His Son for you when you *were hostile* to Him. Thus His love for you *cannot fail to save you now that you are His*. Rom 5:8-10.
  - ◆ If His love prompted Him to justify you through Christ while you were sinners (the greater act) - how much more will He save you from His wrath now that you are His (the lesser)?
    - You were *sinners* (Completely given over to breaking His laws)
    - You have been *justified* (declared right in His eyes on the basis of Christ's death).
  - ◆ If His love prompted Him to reconcile with you through Christ while you were enemies (the greater act) -- how much more will He save you now that you are His (the lesser)?
    - You were *enemies* (Hostile to God & His wrath was upon you).
    - You have become *reconciled* (Friends with God).

**Application. Rom 5:11.**

1. We Boast in God Who saved us.
2. We Boast in Christ Who accomplished our reconciliation.