

“Blessed Certainty”

Romans 5:6-11

- 1) This section, 5:1-11, is a section of assurance and hope. Summarize the blessings recounted in verses 1-8 and describe how they contribute to our assurance.
- 2) How can we say that the greatest work of love and the greatest accomplishment of God and Christ is the Cross (the death of Christ)?
- 3) What “heart-assuring logic” does Paul present in verse 9?
- 4) What is “the wrath” Paul refers to in verse 9? (see Rom. 2:5; 1 Thess. 1:10; 2 Thess. 1:8-9; Rev. 6:16-17; 14:10-11; 20:10, 14)
- 5) What does justification “certify” for us with respect to God’s future wrath in the judgment day?
- 6) What “heart-assuring logic” does Paul follow up with in verse 10?
- 7) What does Paul mean when he writes that “**we were enemies**”? Who was an “enemy” of whom? (Rom. 1:18; 2:9; Eph. 2:3; Rom. 1:28-31; 8:7; Col. 1:21). Support your answer from the specific context.
- 8) What does it mean to “**be reconciled to God**”? Whose “enmity” was removed?
- 9) What had to be dealt with in order for this reconciliation to take place? (see Isa. 59:2).
- 10) Describe how (the means by which) this reconciliation took place? (see also Col. 1:22; 2 Cor. 5:17-21).
- 11) What does reconciliation result in terms of our relationship to God?
- 12) What does this reconciliation “certify” for us with respect to our future salvation?
- 13) What does Paul declare is to be the “heart-assured response” to all this in verse 11?
- 14) Who/what is the special object of this response?
- 15) Through whom is this response offered? Through whom is the ground of this response received? What does this teach us concerning Christ and the Cross?
- 16) What does this verse (v. 11) along with verses 2 and 3 instruct us about the character or disposition of the Christian?

17) What may cause us to lose this disposition?

18) What can help us to maintain it?