

Romans 5:3-4 (NLT)

We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. ⁴ And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation.

Romans 5:5-6 (NLT)

And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love. ⁶
When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners.

Romans 5:7-8 (NLT)

Now, most people would not be willing to die for an upright person, though someone might perhaps be willing to die for a person who is especially good. ⁸ But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.

**God's INCONCEIVABLE
Love**

Romans 5:6-8

Romans 3:10-11 (NLT)

As the Scriptures say,

NO ONE is righteous - not even one.

¹¹ No one is truly wise;

NO ONE is seeking God.

John 6:44 (NIV)

NO ONE can come to ME

unless the **Father** who sent **Me**

DRAWS him...

If God loved us **BECAUSE** we loved him,
He would love us based on our love for
Him, and then our salvation would depend
on the reliability of our **treacherous hearts**.

But since God loves us as SINNERS,
and Christ died for us **as UNGODLY,**
our salvation depends, NOT on how much
we love God, but **on the FAITHFULNESS**
of the LOVE of God. MacArthur

Romans 5:5 (NIV)

And hope does not disappoint us,
because **God has POUURED OUT His**
LOVE into our hearts **by the Holy Spirit,**
whom He has given us.

Galatians 4:4-5 (ESV)

But when the **FULLNESS of TIME** had
come, **God sent forth his Son**, born of
woman, born under the law,
⁵ **to REDEEM** those who were under the
law, **SO THAT** we might receive **adoption**
as sons.

God controls ALL history,
and He controlled the **TIMING,**
the **METHOD,** and **ALL** the **EVENTS**
surrounding the **DEATH of Jesus.**

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John 15:13 (NIV)

Greater love has no one than this,
that he lay down his life
for his friends.

It was for **SINNERS** Christ died,
for men who were neither
"righteous" nor "good."

Expositors

**→ When we were totally
HELPLESS Christ DIED FOR us**

⁶...it was **WHILE** we were **POWERLESS**
to help ourselves that **Christ DIED** for
SINFUL men. (JBP)

1 Timothy 1:15 (NIV)

Here is a trustworthy saying that
deserves full acceptance:

Christ Jesus CAME into the world
to SAVE sinners
of whom I am the worst.

At the time when we were still
ENEMIES of God, still **POWERLESS**
to help ourselves - strapped to the
executioner's block, **guilty as charged**,
about to DIE - **Jesus Christ stepped**
forward and took OUR place. HNT

→ BUT GOD...

**⁸ BUT GOD demonstrates
His own love for us in this:
While we were still sinners,
Christ died for us.**

1 Corinthians 1:26-27 (NIV)

Brothers, think of what **you WERE** when you were called. **Not many** of you were **wise** by human standards; **not many** were **influential**; **not many** were of **noble birth**.

²⁷ **BUT GOD** chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise;

God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong.

1 Corinthians 1:28-29 (NIV)

²⁸ **He chose the lowly** things of this world and the **despised things** - and the things that **are not** - **to NULLIFY** the things that are, ²⁹ **SO THAT** no one **may BOAST** before Him.

2 Corinthians 7:5-6 (NLT)

When we arrived in Macedonia, there was **NO REST** for us. We faced **conflict** from every direction, with **battles** on the **outside** and **fear** on the **inside**.

⁶ **BUT GOD**, who **encourages** those who are discouraged, **encouraged us** **BY** the arrival of Titus.

→ We are **SAVED** by God's **LOVE** - **NOT**
by any **EFFORT** of our Own

⁸ Yet the **PROOF** of God's amazing **LOVE**
is this: that it was
WHILE we were **sinner**s that
Christ DIED for us. (JBP)

The God who **hates** every **sinful** thought
and every **sinful** deed nevertheless
LOVES the sinners who think and do
those things, even **while** they are still
hopelessly enmeshed in their sin.

1 John 3:16 (NLT)

We **KNOW** what real love is
because **Jesus GAVE UP**
His life for us...

Romans 3:23 (NIV)

...**ALL** have **sinned** and fall **SHORT**
of the **GLORY** of **God**,

God is our Judge and we stand UNDER His just Condemnation because of how we have tarnished His glory.

But the wonder of God's love is that **WHILE He is the Judge, and WHILE His righteous condemnation** rests on us, **He is also THE Savior** who has designed **THE Way of salvation** from His wrath. JP

Romans 3:23-24 (NIV)

...**ALL** have **sinned** and fall **SHORT**
of the **GLORY** of **God**,

²⁴ and are **JUSTIFIED** freely

by His GRACE THROUGH the
redemption that came **BY Christ Jesus**.

1 Peter 3:18 (NIV)

For **Christ DIED** for sins

ONCE for **ALL**,

the righteous for the unrighteous,

to **BRING** you **TO** God...

1 John 4:9-10 (NLT)

God **showed** how much **He loved us** by **sending His ONE and ONLY Son** into the world so that we might have **ETERNAL LIFE** through Him. ¹⁰ This is **real LOVE** - not that we loved God, but that **He loved us and sent His Son as a sacrifice** to take away our sins.

1 Timothy 1:15 (NIV)

...Christ Jesus CAME

into the world **to SAVE** sinners

Even **when men openly HATE God** and do not have the least desire to give up their sin, they are still the objects of **God's redeeming love** as long as they live. Only at **death** does an **unbeliever** cease to be **loved** by God. After that, **He is eternally beyond the reach of God's love** and is **destined** irrevocably for His **wrath**.

Galatians 4:4-5 (NLT)

But when the **right time** came, **God sent His Son**, born of a woman, subject to the law.

⁵ **God sent Him to BUY freedom** for us who were slaves to the law,

SO THAT He could **ADOPT** us as **His VERY OWN** children.

Galatians 4:6-7 (NLT)

⁶ And because **we ARE His children**,
God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our
hearts, **prompting us to call out, Abba, Father.**

⁷ Now you are no longer a slave
but God's OWN child.

And since you are **His child**,
God has made you **His heir.**

Romans 5:5 (NIV)

And **HOPE** does not disappoint us,
because **God has poured out His love**
into our hearts by the **Holy Spirit,**
whom He has given us.