

Remnant Life Church
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Amazing Love, How Can It Be?
Pt 3
Romans 5:5-11

What makes God's love so amazing?

- 2 weeks ago – God loves you, even though you are a sinner (not were but are)
 - He died for us even though we were still in sin
 - What does our sinful nature do?
 - Makes us powerless to change our sin nature without Him
 - Makes us ungodly – completely contrary to the perfect nature of God
 - Makes us enemies – not that God hates us but that our relationship with Him was severed by sin
- Last week – Jesus, as a sinless substitute, satisfied the demand and wrath of God in your place
 - What is that demand?
 - A blood sacrifice for the forgiveness of sins
 - **Lev 17:11** tells us that the life of a creature is in the blood
 - The life of blood had to be given for the death of sin to be covered
 - He became a substitute for you to absorb the righteous wrath of God
 - Being separated from His Father by taking the sin of world on Himself
 - Experiencing and defeating the agony of hell, for you and for me

This morning, the third thing that makes God's love so amazing is...

- **He lives in you, so you can display His character**

READ - Romans 5:6-11

Let's look at verse 10 again - *For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!*

Did you hear that?

- We are saved by His life!
 - Wait! I thought our reconciliation was completed by His death!
- What do you think of when hear 'the life of Jesus?'
- Probably the 33 years He spent in human form
 - Born around 4 BC and died about 29 AD
 - We know this by the information provided in the Gospels of the events surrounding that time
 - It was the later part of Herod the Great's reign which ended in 4 BC
 - So that was the latest Jesus could have been born

By the way...

- It was a 6th century Roman monk by the name of Dionysius Exiguus was the first to set the calendar at year one creating the concept of Anno Domini (Latin for the year of our Lord)
 - This is around the time of the introduction of the Gregorian calendar in 1582 (still in use today)
 - While the date is off by a few years that does not minimize the significance of Jesus' birth

But that is not the life that Paul is writing of in **Romans 5:10**

- Paul is speaking of the life that Jesus lives in you and in me right now!
- Jesus is alive today!
- He is alive in you today – February 28, 2021

One of the most important keys to understanding and recognizing the amazing love of God is knowing that Christ is living in and through you

- You see, the spirit is what separates us from all of God's other creations
- Plants and animals have life, but they do not have a spirit
- Animals have a type of soul meaning they can interact with you and with each other, but they do not have a spirit
- Spirit is what brings us here to worship God
 - A dog may wander into a church building but he did not come in to commune, fellowship with, and worship God
 - That is what it means when God said in Genesis that man was to have dominion and rule over the animals and plants of creation
 - And it is why after creating man on the sixth day we read in **Gen 1:31** that God said it was very good (the other five were good)
 - Jesus did not die to bring salvation to the animals, but to you and to me

The giving of His life on the cross is what saved us and gave us life

- His living in you this morning is what sustains that life
- It allows you to live among those who are spiritually dead
- Paul writes in **Gal 2:20** - *I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.*

Jesus, living in you, brings life to an otherwise dead and empty vessel

- ILLUSTRATION
 - Glove and hand
 - Laying on the pulpit
 - Hand me that mug
 - Close the Bible
 - Get down off of there!
 - It does not matter how I speak to that glove or whether I talk to it in a mean or nice way - it cannot function properly without something inside of it

- When it is placed over my hand, it now can do all those things I asked before
 - But we know that it is not the glove that is doing it
- When a surgeon operates, he puts on rubber gloves
 - Now there is not one person here that believes it is the glove doing the operation
 - It is the learned and skilled surgeon's hands within that glove

Here is what that illustrates for you and for me

- We speak of being loving, kind, forgiving, grateful
- Yet life is filled with the frustration of our so often failing in those things
- There is so much of the Christian life that you cannot do alone, but with Christ living in you, you can!
- Jesus Christ, alive in you, is the hand of life in your empty glove

The Bible shows this to be true throughout:

- Moses
 - He gave God 5 excuses as to why he was not the one to lead the people out of Egypt
 - But God's presence in him, had him standing before Pharaoh demanding the release of the people
- King Saul
 - The first king of Israel was hiding among the baggage
 - Filled with the Spirit of God he prophesied and became a different man
- David
 - Was little more than a young boy when he was anointed
 - He tended sheep
 - God in him caused him to kill Goliath and make the nation of Israel great
- James, John, Peter, and Andrew
 - Fishermen, uneducated, rough
 - Jesus called them to follow Him and they helped to change the world
- Paul
 - Not just a man who Jesus called to serve Him
 - A man intent on stopping the spread of the message of salvation
 - He became the first and greatest missionary
- Place your name here
 - A sinful vessel made clean by Jesus' blood
 - Unable to accomplish anything of good without Christ living in you
 - A changed man and a changed woman of value to the kingdom

What is it that makes God's love so amazing?

1. He loved you even though you were (and are) a sinner
2. He sent Jesus Christ, as a substitute for you, to pay the demand and wrath of your sin so that you would not have to
3. Because of those, Christ lives in you today, right now, so that you can display His character

It begins by humbling yourself and realizing that, like that glove, you have nothing to offer without Jesus Christ in your life.

Let that same thinking permeate your actions everyday
Let it be what controls your tongue, the words you speak

Romans 5:1-2 - Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God.