The Day The World Saw God’s Love

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Text: Rom. 5:6-10

### Intro

1. Memorial Day is a time for citizens of the U.S. to remember our fallen soldiers, those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms. *Saints recognize freedom isn’t free (Eph. 1:7; Rev. 1:5)!* 
   1. Saying: “All gave some. Some gave all.”
2. The Lord’s Supper is a memorial we partake of every first day of the week to remember Christ’s death and sacrifice till He comes again, as He directed (I Cor. 11:23-26).
   1. Jesus said, “Do this in remembrance of Me” (Lk. 22:15; I Cor. 11:23-25).
   2. Can be said, “One Gave all for all” (Heb. 10:10).
   3. Knowledge of and personal application to His death makes us obedient to His word.
   4. Strengthens our resolve to live faithfully to Him and His will for our lives.
3. John 3:16:
   1. The word “gave” encompasses so much:
      1. Betrayed by one of His own and delivered to the people seeking His life.
      2. Appeared before: Annas, Caiphas, Sanhedrin, Herod, & Pilate.
      3. He was scourged – often called, “The intermediate death.”
      4. Then to Calvary *(Latin for Heb. “Golgotha”)* and crucifixion!
4. Why did Jesus die on the cross? *(Heb. 2:9: To “taste death for everyone”)*
5. On that day, the world saw God’s love pour out on the cross at Calvary, whether it recognized it or not!
6. Rom. 5:6-10: Paul reveals 6 things about the day the world saw God’s love…

#### The Plan Of God For Human Redemption (Rom. 5:6)

* 1. “At the right time…”
     1. His death was planned by God.
     2. Acts 2:23-24; I Pet. 1:18-21: God’s plan was from the beginning.
     3. Is. 53:4-5: Isaiah speaks of the future event as if it had already taken place!
  2. God determined that His Son should die for mankind as the perfect sacrifice, the just for the unjust! *(Heb. 10:14; I Pet. 3:18)*

#### The Sinfulness Of Man (Rom. 5:6, 8)

* 1. The spiritual illness is called:
     1. Ungodly: “Unlike God.” If “unlike God,” then like Satan. (Jude 4)
     2. Sin: “Missing the mark.” *(Rom. 3:23: All have sinned…)*
     3. Transgression: “Stepping across God’s fixed boundary.” (Eph. 2:4-5)
     4. Lawlessness (Iniquity): “One contrary to God’s standard/laws.” (I Jn. 3:4)
     5. Sin is lawlessness – missing the law of God!
  2. Death of Christ declares the tragedy of sin:
     1. II Cor. 5:21: Sinless Son of God suffered untold agony because of man’s sin.
  3. Sin put Christ on the cross!
     1. Men rejected Christ, falsely accused Him, and wrongfully executed Him.
     2. Because of the sin of man, Christ had to die as the perfect sacrifice.
     3. Man committed sin in putting Him to death, the very thing He died to cleanse!
  4. Sin is not just a mere social slight: sin is rebellion against God Almighty…with all its consequences! *(II Thess. 1:6-10)*

#### The Inability Of Man To Save Himself (Rom. 5:6)

* 1. “While we were still helpless.”
     1. Man was “without strength” (KJV) and still is.
     2. Man could not be saved by works of the Law of Moses. *(Rom. 3:20, 28)*
     3. Men could not be saved by their own good works. (Tit. 3:5)
        1. Rom. 1:16-17: Not enough to be a good neighbor, honest, good father, or mother, and a good citizen…one must be righteous!
        2. Some believe they can be saved on their own merit!
  2. “While we were still helpless” aptly describes the state of any man apart from God!

#### The Condemnation Of Man (Rom. 5:9)

* 1. Justify: “To pronounce pardon or forgiveness of sin.”
     1. Prior to justification there is condemnation!
     2. God sent His Son to save a condemned world. (Jn. 3:17)
  2. This condemnation means that one is in danger of being subjected to the eternal wrath of God. (Rom. 1:18; 2:5-10)
  3. Men condemned Jesus to death; His death is for condemned men!
  4. The death of Christ accomplished the justification for man to be saved!

#### Man Is Separated From God (Rom. 5:10)

* 1. Men were alienated from God because of sin. (Is. 59:1-2)
  2. “Reconciled” means, “Brought near.” Implies previous separation. (II Cor. 5:18-20)
  3. What is the condition of one who is separated from God? (Eph. 2:11-16)
     1. Without Christ
     2. Without peace
     3. Without hope
     4. Separated from God by sin is spiritual death. *(Eph. 2:4-5)*
     5. Separated by God eternally is the second death. *(II Thess. 1:9; Rev. 21:8)*
  4. Christ’s death reconciled those separated from God and destroyed the enmity between God and man!

#### God’s Love For Man (Rom. 5:8-9)

* 1. The word “love” has been abused by many, but in Scriptures, it is selfless, seeks the best interest of another, and the concept is really a meaningful term. (I Jn. 4:10)
  2. God loves the world, His creation, and provided the means for salvation despite the cost to His Son. *(Jn. 3:16: He “gave” His Son, and all that “giving” contains)*
  3. On that day, God declared to the world, “I love you this much!”
     1. *I Tim. 2:4:* God would have all men to be saved.
     2. *II Pet. 3:9:* He does not wish any to perish!
     3. Rom. 8:32: The proof – “He who did not spare His own Son.”
  4. On that day, darkness fell for three hours, the temple veil was torn in two from top to bottom, there were earthquakes, rocks split, and the dead rose *(Mt. 27:45-54).*
     1. Even the centurions standing guard realized this was no ordinary day of execution, and exclaimed, “Truly this was the Son of God!” *(Mt. 27:54)*
  5. Christ’s death demonstrated the endless love of God for mankind!

## Conclusion

1. *Psalms, Hymns, And Spiritual Songs* #230: When I Survey The Wondrous Cross
   1. “Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.”
2. Do you appreciate the sacrifice of Christ?
3. Have you shown your appreciation with obedience to His word?
4. God’s concern & interest in our souls should urge us to be faithful to ever be with Him!
5. Let us remember Jesus and His sacrifice daily, never taking it for granted!
6. If not a Christian, still separated from God! Repent and be baptized into Christ!
7. If a Christian in error, don’t wait till it’s eternally too late. Repent and be renewed!
8. Whatever your requests, let them be made known ***NOW*** while we stand & sing!