

WORD OF THE DAY



WORD OF THE DAY (Romans 5:8)

"For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. **But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.**"

A HEART THAT BREAKS FOR SINNERS



News Flash: You are not good enough. One of the most common misconceptions about the Christian faith is that the body of Christ is composed of individuals who have it all together. The thought for some is that being a Christian means being good enough to deserve or earn God's favor. Some believe that if they read their Bible enough, pray long enough, or keep most of the 10 commandments, then God will smile upon them with favor and pour out His love upon them. However brothers and sisters in Christ, here is the news flash; you can never be good enough to earn God's love.

Breaking News: Jesus still loves you. Even though you cannot earn God's love, God still loves you. For many individuals the thought is: "I will wait until I get good enough; then, I'll go to church. Then I'll start reading my Bible." However, in our verse of the day, Paul proclaims to the Romans that God demonstrates His love for us that even while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Please, please, don't miss it. Let's read the verse again. Notice it didn't say that Jesus died for the righteous. Also, notice that it didn't say that Jesus died for those who He knew would one day change and act right. And it doesn't say that Jesus waits for us to get our acts together and afterwards He then dies for us. No, no, and no! We are told that God's love for sinners like you and me does not require for us to do anything. God loves us even in our sins.

The PSA: Come as you are. Since God loves sinners, yet hates our sins, His heart breaks for us and His spirit is grieved when we sin. Yet in His pain of our sin and in His burning anger towards our sin, God's love for us is not quenched. For this reason God sent Jesus to proclaim the PSA, or Public Service Announcement. The announcement is this: "Come as you are". Don't wait for anything, anyone, or any particular time. Don't believe the lies of the devil that God no longer loves you. Come as you are and receive God's love because God loves you just as you are.

-Your brother in Christ, WNL

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

God's love was poured out to the maximum when you were at your worst; so when you start to do better, His love for you won't increase, but your love for Him will.

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Dear God, before I can drive I need a license. Before I can go to college I need to get a diploma, and before I can vote I require certain identification. Yet, to receive your love, there is no prerequisite, no red tape, no hurdle. Therefore Lord, I come as I am, receiving your love that you have poured out to me. In the mighty and matchless name of your Son Jesus I pray, Amen.



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