

Bible Study Questions

Above All, Love: The 'How' of Christian Love: God's Love for Us: "God's Love for Us Is Undeserved"

Focus

No matter the suffering we experience in the present, our hope for the future is secure because of God's undeserved love for us in the death and resurrection of Jesus. This passage, therefore, should give us assurance that God really will save us completely and bring us to glory.

Read

[Romans 5:1-11](#)

Listen

CCNYC teaching on the sermon series, "*Above All, Love*", which can be found on our [website](#)

As you study this passage on your own or with a small group of others, here are some questions for study, reflection, and application.

Questions for Review

(The purpose of these opening questions is to review the passage that was recently preached on in order to make sure that everyone understands the basic structure, events, people, and point of the passage.)

1. Work through some basic review questions for this passage – for example:
 - What's the context? (Where are we in this book of the Bible; the New Testament; and the Bible as a whole?)
 - Who are the people and/or situations that this passage is addressing?
 - What clues are there about the author and his circumstances?
 - Is there a conflict or high point in this passage? (What is the structure of this passage that builds to that point?)
 - What was the main point or theme of this passage that was identified in Sunday's sermon?
 - What surprises are there in this passage?
2. What questions do you still have about this passage that you'd like to discuss?

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Questions for Reflection and Application

(The purpose of these reflection questions is to help each other not just understand what the passage is saying, but to think more deeply about what it means so that we can then accurately apply it to our lives today.)

1. Of the three results or 'fruits' of justification by faith listed in verses 1-2, which do you find especially encouraging right now? Why?
2. Does it seem difficult for you right now to do what verse 3 calls you to do? Why or why not?
3. In what ways have you experienced the Holy Spirit pouring out His love for you in your heart?
4. In what ways do verses 6-11 prove God's love to you?
5. How does knowing that God's love for you is undeserved give you assurance and hope for the future?
6. Do you tend to be the kind of person who thinks God is perpetually disappointed with you? If so, what truth from this passage might you need to regularly remind yourself of? (Or, if this isn't something you struggle with, how might you help a Christian friend who does tend to think this way?)
7. How might the security that God's undeserved love provides for you free you to live, love, and serve others?
8. As you read about these things like being 'justified by Christ's blood/by faith' and being 'reconciled to God,' does the Holy Spirit at work within you honestly allow you to say that these things are true of you? In other words, have you put your hope in Christ alone for salvation on the day of God's wrath?

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Ongoing questions to ask of any passage:

1. How does the gospel inform your understanding and application of this passage?
2. Has studying this passage in any way challenged your understanding about who God is and what He's like? If so, how so?
3. In light of studying this passage, is there any behavior or attitude that you need to personally address in your life? If so, how specifically will you address it?
4. How does this passage help you to love, trust, and worship Jesus more fully?