**It is finished! – Rom. 5:8**

**Rom. 5:6 – 10**

**Focal Truth: Christ Jesus died on the cross to reconcile sinners to a Holy God**

Why did Jesus Christ have to die on the cross?

Are you living in the helplessness of sinfulness? the love of sinfulness?

Did you know that sinning against God is an act of rebellion?

Are you living in a reconciled relationship with God?

**Observations**

**1. Christ died for helpless sinners at the right time – 5:6**

 5:6 – for while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly

 a. Helpless = weak, feeble, without strength

 b. Christ died on the cross for the sinful, helpless sinners

 c. Sinners are helpless to change their sinful ways

 d. Sinners are helpless to save themselves from their sinful ways

 e. Sinners are helpless to please God in their sinfulness

 f. Blind men cannot make themselves see

 g. Sick men cannot heal themselves

 h. Jesus Christ died at the appointed time for sinners

 2 Cor. 6:2 – at the acceptable time, I listened to you, & on the day of salvation I

 helped you. Behold now is the acceptable time, behold now is the day of

 salvation

*Everyone is born into the helplessness of sinfulness*

**2. Christ died loving sinful sinners – 5:8**

 5:8 – God demonstrated His own love toward us, in that while we were yet

 sinners, Christ died for us

 a. God loved sinners who love their sinfulness – John 3:19 – men love the

 darkness more than the Light for their deeds are evil

 b. God expressed His love for those who love evil more than good –

 Ps. 52:3 – you love evil more than good, falsehood more than speaking what is

 right

 c. Christ died for the mockers, haters who crucified him

 d. Christ died for those who live in their pride & self – righteousness

 e. Christ died for those who live in sexual immorality & godless passions

 f. Christ died for those who live in greediness & covetousness

 g. 1 John 4:10 – in this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us & sent

 His Son to be the propitiation for our sins

*The death of Christ demonstrates God’s unconditional love for sinners who love their sinfulness*

**3. Christ died reconciling sinful enemies to God – 5:10**

 5:10 – if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of

 His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life

 a. Sinners are enemies of God

 b. Enemies = hateful, hostile

 c. Sinning against God is hatred to God

 d. Sinning against God is rebellion to God – Rom. 1:18 – suppress the truth in

 their sinfulness

 e. Sinning against God is refusing to obey God – Zech. 7:11 – they refused to pay

 attention & turned a stubborn shoulder & stopped their ears from hearing

 f. Sinning against God is fighting & resisting God’s ways & purposes

 g. Lk. 19:14 – we will not have this man reign over us!

 h. Sinful enemies are reconciled to God by the death of Christ on the cross

 i. Reconciled = to restore to favor

*The way of reconciliation or restored favor with God for enemy sinners comes from the death of Christ on the cross.*

**Things to Remember**

1**.** My sinfulness makes me helpless to save myself or change myself

2. Jesus Christ died in helplessness to save the helpless

3. Sinners who love to sin are loved by a God who loves sinners

4. Enemies of God can be reconciled to God when they believe in Jesus Christ

**Daily Use**

1. Praise the Lord Jesus for His death for while you lived in helpless, sinful &

 rebellious sinfulness

2. Repent of your sinfulness and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ

3. Rejoice in your salvation! You are reconciled to God!

**Rom. 5:8 – for God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us**