



## Romans 5:6-8

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- *Rom 5:6 – Amplified “While we were yet in weakness [powerless to help ourselves], at the fitting time Christ died for (in behalf of) the ungodly.” ILG “For Christ, were we weak still, in due time on behalf of ungodly ones died.”*
  - Remember, this is a work of the Holy Spirit in our heart – v 5
  - **How do you usually interpret *weakness*?**
    - Weakness, asthenes – infirm, feeble, without strength, powerless to help ourselves. **Wouldn't you like to help out just a little?**
  - *in due (kata – proper) time*
    - down from, through out
    - according to, toward, along



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- *Gal 4:4 “But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law, ...”*
- **And who are the ungodly?**
  - Strong's - destitute of reverential awe towards God, condemning God, impious
  - Paul had it right - *1 Tim 1:15 “This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptation: that **Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.**”*
  - *1 Tim 1:9 “knowing this:that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the **ungodly and for sinners**, for the unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, ...”*



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- *Rom 5:7 – NKJV “For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die.”*
  - **Distinguish ‘righteous’ from ‘good’**
    - *Righteous* – dikaios, can be interpreted several ways
      - Truly righteous, i.e in Christ, e.g. *Rom 10:10*
      - Here, observing divine and human laws
        - » Thayer – **‘one who is such as he ought to be’**
    - *Good* – agathos, multiple interpretations also
      - 1) of good constitution or nature
      - 2) useful, salutary
      - 3) good, pleasant, agreeable, joyful, happy



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- 4) excellent, distinguished
- 5) upright, honorable, beneficent
- Which do you think fits best here?
  - *I Pet 2:18 – “ Servants, be subject to your masters with all fear; not only to the good and gentle but also to the perverse.”*
  - *perhaps ... would even dare to die*
    - *Perhaps* – peradventure, only 2 NT usages?
    - Present active indicative
- *Rom 5:8 – RSV “But God commended His own love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”*



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- *commend* – present active indicative
  - 1) to place together, to set in the same place, to bring or band together
  - 2) to set one with another
  - 3) to put together, unite parts into one whole
  - 4) to put together by way of composition or combination, to teach by combining and comparing
    - **to show, prove, establish, exhibit**
- RWP – ‘Not because we were Jews or Greeks, rich or poor, righteous or good, but plain sinners.’
  - *Luke 18:13 “And the publican, standing afar off, would not so much as lift up his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me a sinner!’”*
  - *Rom 3:20 “Therefore, by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in His sight; for by the law is the knowledge of sin ....*



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- *Rom 3:23 “ For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God”*
- *and who is a sinner? – **one with sin***
- *‘in that when we were yet sinners ...’*
  - *1 John 4:9,10 “In this was manifested the love of God toward us: that God sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. Herein is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.”*
    - **Let's ponder the profound nature of this truth for a moment.**
- *died* – aorist active indicative
  - And this was the prophecy of old times and nigh



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- *Gen 3:15 - “And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.”*
- *Isaiah 53:5,6 – “ But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.”*
- *Matt 12:40,41 – “For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. The men of Nineveh shall rise in judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: because they repented at the preaching of Jonas; and, behold, a greater than Jonas is here.”*



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- How do we communicate this incredibly important truth of *Rom 5:6-8* to an unsaved, doubting and unbelieving world?
- **What keeps the world from believing?**
  - God hasn't chosen them?
  - Ignorance?
  - Lovers of sinful ways?
  - Pride?
- *Matt 20:19* – NKJV “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.”