

# God DEMONSTRATES His Love in Jesus Christ

New LIFE Fellowship, Johns Island, SC 29455

<http://www.NewLifeFellowship.us>

04/19/2015

## The Text of Today's Message: Romans 5:6-11

<sup>6</sup> For while we were **STILL** helpless, at the right time **Christ died for the ungodly.**

<sup>7</sup> For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die. <sup>8</sup> But God **DEMONSTRATES** His own love toward us, in that while we were **YET** sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup> **MUCH MORE** then, **HAVING NOW BEEN JUSTIFIED BY HIS BLOOD**, we shall be **SAVED** from the **WRATH OF GOD** through Him. <sup>10</sup> For 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. <sup>11</sup> And not only this, but we also **REJOICE** in God through our **LORD** Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the **RECONCILIATION**.

So let's start with the **BAD** News First ...

## The Coming Judgment and the Holy **WRATH** of **GOD**

### 1 Thessalonians 1:9-10

For they themselves report about us what kind of a reception we had with you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God, <sup>10</sup> and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, that is Jesus, who rescues us from the **WRATH** to come.

### John 3:36

He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the **WRATH** of God **abides** (remains / lives / stays) on him (or her)."

Contrast of God's Holy and Just Judgment and Holy Wrath ...

with God's Holy **LOVE** toward us ... the Basis of His Love is Demonstrated and is **still** a Demonstration ... Christ Crucified for Sinners

Some may ask or even judge God ... why does God judge us, we are innocent.

Adam and Eve may have sinned, but why does this relate to me?

Why am I being sent to the Lake of Fire because of what Adam and Eve did?

Why am I being judge as a sinner, because of the inheritance of the sinful nature I received from Adam and Eve? Why is God judging me for something that I had no power over, no control over ... it is like an infection that I received from my mom when I was born? Why is God so unjust toward me?

Paul spent the first 4 chapters, yes 4 chapters explaining this. God could've just wiped us all out and started over, but they would be at the same place we are ... because of

freedom of choice. Adam and Eve freely chose to follow Satan's advice and Rebel against God, which affected their whole being and the whole universe. Sin's affect reverberated throughout the entire physical universe in an instant (see Genesis 3).

Yes, God is omniscient and knew it was going to happen, but to Him, it is the best of all universes, compared to us just being Robots or like instinctual animals. Freedom of Choice allows Love to Exist. God freely chose to Send His Son to Die on the Cross for us ... it was His freedom of choice. He was not obligated, nor forced to do so. He had compassion upon us. LOVE does not exist without Freedom. SIN also does not Exist without Freedom of Choice. Again, I am not talking about Free Will, only God has Free Will. I am talking about humans having freedom of choice in the context of their existence and circumstances.

Remember how we talked about Hope ... False Hope and Hopelessness. Hopelessness ... or Being without Hope leads to Death, suicide, etc. So it is with being without LOVE ... no one loving you, will lead to Hopelessness which leads to death. So, folks invent false Hopes and Dreams ... or seek "Love" in all the wrong places ... but those types of Love always disappoint. But in our passage we read a few weeks ago ... in Romans 5:5 it says that God's "Hope doesn't disappoint because God's Love has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us."

Do you see how important God's Hope and God's Love are in our lives. We cannot live without HOPE and LOVE in our lives. Most folks live with false Hope and temporary Love (worldly Hope and Love) ... and never truly experience God's Hope and Love. And the fallen sinner cannot experience that while they are His enemies. Romans 5:6-11 speaks to us sinners as being "ungodly" sinners and sinners who are His enemies. God took compassion upon us and LOVED Us ... and He Demonstrates His Love toward us in that while we were STILL Sinners, Christ DIED for us (Romans 5:8).

Remember, just as there are Death, Suffering, Murder, Strife, Merciless Torture, and other horrible acts of abuse and evil in this world ... because of Freedom of Choice (yes, people have the capacity of being the epitome of evil incarnate ... because of freedom of choice ... sinful to the nth degree ...)

Yet ... also there exists the following concepts of reality among humans: HOPE, LOVE, COMPASSION, LOVING-KINDNESS, MERCY, FORGIVENESS, JUSTICE, MORALITY ... these are immaterial concepts ... they cannot be measured under a microscope or seen through a telescope ... but they "things" do exist. Why do they exist? How do they exist? Why do they exist? They do exist, regardless of our answers.

Why do Humans also have the Capacity to Have these things?  
Why do we have Morality, or some "sense of Morality"?

Why do we have Mercy and Compassion?

Why do folks rush into burning houses to rescue other folks at the risk of their own lives?

These are Truths, these are REAL Reality, undeniable.

Again, just as we see the horrible side of humans throughout history, on the headlines, daily ... we also see, what we would call heroic acts of Love, Kindness, and Mercy.

From the Biblical Viewpoint, it is perfect to see, Humans have a fallen, sinful nature we inherited from Adam and Eve, BUT we were also Created, originally in the Image of God. That is the answer. Also, when a sinful person is Born Again in Christ, the sinful nature can be Overpowered by the Nature of Christ by God's Holy Spirit in that person's life, after he or she is Born Again. Although that Christian is not perfectly reflecting Jesus Christ every moment of every day ... he or she has much more of the capacity of being more like Christ than a non-Christian can or even hope to be, etc.

The fruit of God's Holy Spirit in a Christians life is (9-fold fruit, but one fruit):

The Fruit of the Holy Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith, gentleness, self-control (Galatians 5:22-23)

There is no religion or belief system which causes this kind of transformation in a selfish, self-centered, sinful person's life as the Powerful Transformation of Jesus Christ in a person's life. Christ died for the ungodly, Christ died while were still sinners ... He Loved us and His Love is what Transforms us, as we EXPERIENCE Jesus Christ in a Personal Relationship. He is the one transforming us.

Now let me contrast this 180 degrees ... and compare this amazing Love, Grace, Forgiveness, Mercy, and HOPE that the God of the Bible gives to those who surrender to and follow Jesus Christ as their LORD, God, King, Master, and Savior ... with the belief system of Atheism (or the various flavors of atheism and/or agnosticism)

The purist Atheist has a set of beliefs. In fact all humans have a set of beliefs that allow them to live in the real world without going crazy or being fully dysfunctional.

1. What is our Authority (Authorities) for what and why we believe what we believe
2. Origins ... how did we and the universe get here?
3. Why are we here? Life Purpose(s)?
4. Sets of "Rules" of how we are to live on this planet (**this can be optional**)
  - a. How we are live with anyone on the planet
  - b. How we are to deal with "enemies" of us and/or belief system
  - c. How we are live with and partner with those who believe like we do
5. Destiny ... beliefs about our ultimate destiny

So let's look at the typical Atheistic Belief Systems, that most would agree to, etc.

## 1. **What is our Authority / Authorities?**

**Answer:** (typically) Personally, themselves, but really: Atheistic / Evolutionary Scientists and Philosophers, etc.

Personally, each Atheist typically will say they each is their own authority, but when pressed for truth, they each typically will defer to what they believe “Science” has said or found, etc. that would back up their belief in NO God, no gods, no goddess, no spirits, no demons, no Biblical truth, etc.

This is a Materialistic World-View. Material, matter, energy, atoms, molecules, and that’s it. **No** spiritual realities, **no** Immaterial Realities, **no** Metaphysical anything. They believe that Everything can be explained on a material, molecular, chemical, physical level of reality. Chemical reactions ... what we call love is just some sort of “chemical reaction” or something like that.

## 2. **Origins?**

**Answer:** The only “game in town” is Evolution. The Universe from Nothing, typically some sort of “Big Bang” ... nothing to atoms ... atoms to stars and galaxies ... stars and galaxies to planets ... planets to goo ... goo to you. Nothing to Molecules, Molecules to Man Evolution ...

With No Rhyme or Reason, No Purpose, No Intelligence behind it.

Simply an accident, without any purpose. We are just here ... but there was some sort of process. There is no god, nor was there a god that caused this.

Even if Design and Purpose seems to be seen in observable science, that is just an illusion ... there is nothing there, it is just all a bunch of atoms, molecules.

We are just a bunch of molecules, atoms, etc. that exists ... came about by chance and/or accident ...

## 3. **Why are We Here?**

**Answer:** “I have no idea” ... we are just chemicals, chemical reactions, atoms, molecules ... genetic chemical with “urges” to “survive” ... the “survival of the fittest” ... the survival of the smartest, the survival of the brutalist ... etc.

## 4. **Rules?**

**Answer:** In order so that we don’t kill each other off, and don’t wipe out our own species, practically, we had to come up with rules.

## 5. **Destiny?**

**Answer:** Dust to dust, ashes to ashes, molecules, atoms ... when we die we cease to exist. The destiny of the Universe is either Heat Death or the Universe will Collapse upon itself in a ball of intense heat and bounce back and start again all over again ... forever ... just molecules, atoms, chemical... etc.

So, let's ask our fake Atheistic Person who is fully honest with himself or herself regarding his / her Atheistic-Evolutionary World-View some hard questions.

How can any of the following questions be answered from a purely Materialistic, Non-Metaphysical, Non-Spiritual, World-View (that is consistent with the Atheistic-Evolutionary World-View)? Let's ask the questions:

Why do folks, even atheists have a sense of morality ... a sense of justice, when a perceived "injustice" has occurred? How is that even the most vocal atheist will voice their opinions regarding some perceived "injustice".

Again, why is there an almost universal sense of "justice" or "morality" of some sort and of some level among all people groups among all humans in all of recorded history? Why would that even be predicted or expected if we are just assemblages of atoms, molecules and chemicals with no underlying purpose.

Where does Intelligence in Humans come from?

Where does Compassion, Love, Kindness come from?

Why does it exist?

Would a purely chemical, materialist universe have compassion in it?

When looking at a volcano, a pile of rocks, bowl of salt ... on when you look at your spice rack or medicine cabinet ... looking at all those compounds and chemicals ... does LOVE leap out at you? Does Compassion overwhelm you.

Do you sense intense Emotion?

If you get a large bowl and mix all of those herbs, spices, and medicines and mix them up into a mixture, blended thoroughly ... then place it out in the sun ... let's say it doesn't rain and you do this many days in a row ... would you expect LOVE to form? Would you predict that Compassion would rise out of that mixture?

The Atheistic-Evolutionary World-View is a Predictive Model.

If it were true we would Expect to See and Find certain things to be true, all the time all over the place.

**But**, it fails to Explain these Immaterial, Metaphysical Realities.

Again, Why is there HOPE, LOVE, COMPASSION, GRACE, KINDNESS, PURPOSE, JUSTICE, MORALITY ... why do these Realities Exist?

These cannot be explained unless WE and the UNIVERSE were CREATED by a CREATOR. We cannot explain these things unless we were Created with Purpose, in His Image and Likeness ... with the Ability to Think, to Ponder, To Question, to Seek, to Search, To Discover ... to have Freedom of Choice.

The Atheistic-Evolutionary World View CANNOT explain these reality ...

The Judeo-Christian world-view based upon the Bible Does, clearly and precisely.

Islam does not ... just look at ISIS/ISIL today ... it is doing what the Qur'an clearly teaches and what their Hadiths clearly teach, etc.

Does Buddhism teach this? No

Does Hinduism teach this? No

No "Religion" in the world teaches this kind of LOVE, HOPE, PEACE, JOY, COMPASSION, MERCY, KINDNESS ... and has a History and Future as it does ... a DESTINY in Heaven with God forever.

God DEMONSTRATES HIS LOVE TOWARD US IN THAT WHILE WE WERE YET SINNERS CHRIST DIED FOR US. Romans 5:8

No other Belief System on the Planet can compete with this Reality, this Truth ...

The Aim of today's teaching was to Expose How Great God is and How Great His LOVE is ... and that anything else falls short of EXPERIENCING GOD and HIS GREAT LOVE ...

Why would anyone turn away from God's Offer of Love ... unless they don't believe God really does love them ... and that He really can Love them. Thus, they have to wish God away as if He is some fairy tale.

What fairy tale has this historic record of God's Faithfulness and God's Love toward fallen sinners ... to Rescue them from their Horrible Destiny? **NONE**

If you don't know the Savior's Love today, come to Him, today, humbly, with a repentant heart, sorrowful of your sin, and Trust Him today ... ' Trust Him today, that His Crucifixion, Death, Burial and Resurrection is enough to secure your Eternal Life, your Forever Forgiveness, you Forever Love from God.