

“Christ Died for the Ungodly”

Romans 5:6-11

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Paul begins this section by considering the _____ of His atoning work:

1. Jesus gave His life for the elect... when they were still _____

*Paul speaks here specifically of a *spiritual* weakness; an inability to turn from sin to God.

Does this conflict with the way that Paul speaks of man in other places as being not only weak, but DEAD in his trespasses and sins? (see Colossians 2:13-14, Ephesians 2:1-5, also 1 Peter 4:6)

‘Weak’ is a compound term meaning ‘without strength’. Paul’s goal is to show that Jesus came when man was still incapable of doing anything to save himself. This is consistent with the idea of spiritual deadness.

2. Jesus gave His life for the elect... when they were still _____

Why is it important that Paul doesn’t just leave it at ‘they were still weak’?

*There is a reminder here that the saint, though still capable of sinning, is not fundamentally a sinner any longer.

3. Jesus gave His life for the elect... at the _____ time

The perfect timing of Christ’s arrival was not something that sovereign God had to WAIT for, it was something that He ORDAINED by His mighty decree.

Paul uses this issue of timing to show us the magnitude of God’s _____ for the elect.

Verses 7 and 8 give us time to pause and consider the likelihood of one man giving his life for another...

Would someone die for a righteous man?

Would someone die for a good man?

One thing we can be certain of: Christ did not die for _____ people. He died to make people _____.

In God’s timing, the Messiah came to give His life for unworthy sinners.

Paul continues to stack evidence supporting our hope and joy in verses 9 and 10. Here he speaks of our PRESENT hope, and also our FUTURE hope.

Because Paul is turning our attention to that final judgment, the question he is really answering is the question of _____; whether we should logically have confidence that this saving grace will be enough to KEEP us near to God going forward.