



# Sermon Growth Guide

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## Christ Died for Us | Romans 5:1-11

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**Key Verse:** “But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” Romans 5:8

**Big Idea:** Christ’s death for us places us in a living-out process of right relationships with God and with others.

### Foundations

These verses are packed with so many important Old Testament concepts and processes that it is hard to ingest let alone digest all that is being said. Here are the major terms/concepts:

1. Righteousness/Justice vv 1,9
2. Peace v 1
3. Grace v 2
4. Boasting vv 2, 3, 11
5. Glory of God v 3
6. Reconciliation v 10 (twice), v 11
7. Salvation vv 9, 10
8. Love v 8

Here are the processes mentioned:

1. Justification/Made right through sacrificial death (Rom 1:8) referenced in Leviticus 1-7 where the worshipper places hands on the sacrifice to signify identity.
2. Glorification (Exodus 40:34-38) through suffering, patience, character and hope.

The key concept for the entire passage is the opening participle, one word in the Greek text translated into five words in

### Understanding God’s Word

What Paul is saying in this passage is that we who are sinners, not in right relationship with God, have been set in a right relationship by the sacrificial death of Jesus. By opening the passage with the Greek participle from the word for righteousness, literally “made into a right relationship,” Paul tells us his main point. We have been set right with God through the death of Jesus.

### Applying God’s Word

We have been set right with God through the death of Jesus for us. How does this work out in our lives? Paul tells the Philippian Christians, “Work out your salvation with fear and trembling for God is at work among you to will and to work his good purposes,” Phil 2:12-13

We are given a right relationship with God through the death of Jesus, and we have to work this out in our lives. The process in vv 3-5 is how this happens: suffer, persevere, character development, and hope guided by the Holy Spirit. Our status now with God is a process that involves what God has done in Jesus and what we do in working this out

### Witnessing God’s Word

Our witness is accepting the right relationship with God through faith and working with the Holy Spirit who works right relationships into our lives.