

The Romans Road

Part 3: Romans 5:8

From Sunday: Why was Jesus' death so horrible?

Context

- Recall that this is within a larger discussion about justification (chapters 4 & 5)
- Immediate context: Romans 5:6-8
 - “without strength” – helpless → Matthew 5:3
 - “due time” – Galatians 4:4-5
 - Three parallel terms: “without strength”, “ungodly”, “sinners”

How would you feel about helping someone out who has constantly hurt you?

For whom would you readily lay down your own life?

But God demonstrates His own love toward us

- “demonstrates” = to bring or to come together
 - This also has the idea of presenting or introducing
 - It can also mean to “consist” (Colossians 1:17)
 - At times it has the sense of “prove” or “establish”
- This is a superlative action on God’s part toward the human race

If you want to impress a prospective client, what do you present or demonstrate?

in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us

Why is this the crowning achievement of God’s love?

- Humans would generally not give their lives for someone else unless forced to
 - They definitely would not freely sacrifice their children
- Remember the mocking and jeering of the crowd at Calvary...they are US!
- Parallel passages:
 - John 3:16 (“so loved” = “in this manner”)
 - Ephesians 2:4-9
 - 1 John 4:9 (note 4:19; also John 15:16)
 - Titus 3:3-7

How does this verse fit in with the previous two verses of the Romans Road?