

III. CALL UPON THE LORD TO BE SAVED

God's love is available.

A. Turn from your sin and put your trust in Jesus to save you.

"⁹ that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved." Romans 10:9

B. Do it today.

"² ... " Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation." II Corinthians 6:2b

C. Celebrate being a child of God.

"Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him." I John 3:1

EXPERIENCE THE GIFTS OF CHRISTMAS

Experience The Gift Of Love

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Introduction:

A. Welcome to the Christmas season! For some it is the most wonderful time of the year. For others it is the most difficult time of the year. But for everyone it can be a time of celebration if we all experience the gift of Jesus.

"¹⁵ Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!"

II Corinthians 9:15

The indescribable gift of Christmas is Jesus and He is the gift that keeps on giving!

B. Attend and Experience The Gifts Of Christmas Teaching Series and experience Jesus and His gifts of peace, hope, love, salvation and joy. Discover how to unwrap these gifts through this verse-by-verse study of Romans 5:1-11.

Dec 8	Experience The Gift Of Peace
Dec 15	Experience The Gift Of Hope
TODAY	Experience The Gift Of Love
Dec 23 & 24	Experience The Gift Of Salvation
Dec 29	Experience The Gift Of Joy

C. **TEXT:** Romans 5:6-8

Jesus Christ on the cross is the greatest demonstration of love.

"¹³ Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends." John 15:13

EXPERIENCE THE GIFT OF LOVE

HOW TO EXPERIENCE THE GIFT OF LOVE

I. ADMIT THE BAD NEWS

“⁶ For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

⁸ ... in that while we were still sinners...”

Romans 5:6, 8b

God’s love is unconditional.

A. The bad news includes who we are.

- We are weak- “without strength.”

This means powerless to save ourselves.

“⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not of works, lest anyone should boast.”

Ephesians 2:8-9

- We are wicked- “ungodly.”

This means without reverence for God.

“³ among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

Ephesians 2:3

- We are wayward- “sinners.”

This means to miss the mark.

“²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,”

Romans 3:23

B. The bad news includes what we deserve. And because we are weak, wicked and wayward we are deserving of hell.

“²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Romans 6:23

II. BELIEVE THE GOOD NEWS

“⁷ For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die.

⁸ But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

Romans 5:7-8

God’s love is incomparable.

A. God loves us.

He wants a forever relationship with us in heaven.

“⁹ In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him.” I John 4:9

B. Christ died for us.

His death was a sacrifice for our sin.

“²¹ For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”

II Corinthians 5:21

C. Put your trust in Christ to be saved.

He is the only way to heaven.

“¹⁶ For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”

John 3:16