



REASON TO CELEBRATE AT EASTER

GETTING STARTED

This Easter weekend we looked at Romans 5:6-11 (5:6-8 on Good Friday & 5:9-11 on Easter Sunday).

You will be hard-pressed to find verses in the Bible that more wonderfully describe Jesus' sacrifice for our salvation and our assurance of salvation.

READ THE TEXT: Romans 5:6-11

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—
⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

UNDERSTAND THE TEXT

1. Romans 1-3 is making a critical point that culminates in 3:10-12 and 3:23. What is the point Paul is making?
2. From the latter part of Romans 3 through to the end of the letter, Paul shows how God addresses our fallen human condition. How does Romans 5:6-11, specifically, show that?
3. Ask the group to define the key theological terms in the text: *Justification*, *Reconciliation*, and *Salvation*.



APPLY THE TEXT

1. What amazes you most about these verses?
2. Would you characterize your life as one of rejoicing in God? Why or why not?
3. Romans 5:3 and 5:11 show us that rejoicing is a choice we make from what we know to be true about the gospel. What gospel truths from these verses can you apply to your life for your joy?

SHARE & PRAY

1. How can we support each other right now?
2. Who do we know that we can support beyond ourselves right now? And how?
 - We have some ideas for you at central365.org/help
3. Pray for each other and pray that the Holy Spirit would make you fruitful, effective gospel witnesses.

