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Prayer: Heavenly Father, You have prepared joys beyond my understanding in the life to come. Pour into my heart such great love for You that, loving You above all things I may not disqualify myself from things above. Help me to ever be faithful to Your Word as I look forward to spending eternity with You in heaven. This I pray through Your Son, Jesus Christ my Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. AMEN



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Greeting by the Pastor

- Invocation (Liturgy pg. 15)

Opening Hymn **C.W. 389** vss. 1-3 / **TLH 376** sung by the Congregation

- Confession of Sins

- Absolution

- Prayer and Praise (pg. 16)

- Prayer of The Day (pg. 17)

First Lesson – Jeremiah 28:1-9

PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 89 (C.W. pg. 98 – Sung In Unison)

Second Lesson – Romans 5:6-11

Gospel Lesson – Matthew 10:32-42

Nicene Creed by the Congregation: (Liturgy pg. 18)

Sermon Hymn: **C.W. 376** / **TLH 371** sung by the Congregation

Sermon Text: Romans 5:6-11

Sermon Theme: Reconciled To God.

"Create in Me" – (pg. 20)

Offering (The plates will not be passed but are at the entrance doors)

Offering Prayer

Prayer of The Church

Lord’s Prayer

Communion Liturgy (Liturgy - pg. 21)

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Words of Institution (Liturgy pg. 23)

Agnus Dei (O Christ Lamb of God – Lit. pg. 23)

RECEPTION of Christ's Body & Blood which are Really Present, In / With and Under the Bread and the Wine for the forgiveness of sins.

Communion Hymn **C.W. 377 vs. 1-4 / TLH 387** sung by the Congregation after everyone has communed including the Pastor

Nunc Dimittis (Song of Simeon - Liturgy pg. 24)

Collect / Prayer (pg. 24)

Benediction

Closing Hymn **C.W. 389 vs. 4 / TLH 376** sung by the Congregation.

SERMON TEXT: Romans 5:6-11

Vs. 6 – You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless Christ died for the ungodly.

Vs. 7 – Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die.

Vs. 8 – But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Vs. 9 – Since we have now been justified by His blood, how much more shall we be **saved from God's wrath** through Him!

Vs. 10 – For if, when we were **God's enemies**, we were reconciled to Him through the death of His Son, how much more, **having been reconciled**, shall we be saved through His life!

Vs. 11- Not only is this so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through Whom we have now received reconciliation! (We received reconciliation, we did not earn it, or take it, or help with it.)

– Καταλλαγνῶ – Reestablish friendly relationship, Restoration, make things Right, restore Peace between hostile individuals.

GREETING: I pray that out of His glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.

One of the most heartbreaking things in life is when two people who were best of friends are no longer friends.

Now instead of being friends they are enemies.

Maybe they were fighting over money or land or a girlfriend or boyfriend, or maybe some words were spoken carelessly.

And all of a sudden they do not even speak nor do they want to see one another.

Do you know anyone who is angry with you, and no matter how hard you try, you just cannot correct the situation?

Do you know two people who are angry with each other, and they cannot stand one another?

Are you angry with anyone, and you refuse to be friendly to them?

When two people cannot get along it may be that someone is needed to help reconcile the situation.

Someone is needed to help mend the fences.

Husband and wife have a disagreement, and one of them takes off.

A child becomes angry with a parent and they leave home.

Parents become angry with children and kick them out of the house.

Members of a congregation become angry with other members or with the Pastor or with the “Church” and they want nothing to do with it anymore or anyone in that congregation!

What if **God** were angry with me? What if **God** were angry with you?

How would you reconcile the situation? Who could reconcile the situation?

The fact is, at one time God was angry with us.

At first, when God created Adam and Eve, all was well between God and mankind.

Adam and Eve were in the image of God, that is they were perfect and without sin.

They walked with God, they talked with God, they thought only Good things and only did what was perfect.

But something happened with the relationship between Adam and Eve and God

Adam and Eve became friends with Satan, the angel who rebelled against God.

When Adam and Eve disobeyed God, and listened to Satan, they really became friends with Satan and enemies with God.

We know that because in Genesis 3, when God walked through the Garden of Eden, Adam and Eve hid from God. Then they blamed each other and finally they blamed God for their rebellious action.

As Paul says in the letter to the Romans.

Vs. 10a – **For if, when we were God’s enemies,**

Now mankind is deserving of God’s Wrath, and the wages of sin is death. (Rom. 6:23)
Physical and Spiritual Death.

We cannot solve the problem because we are by nature we are Hostile to God. Romans 8:7-8.

We are by nature Dead in our sin – Ephesians 2:1-10.

And this Spiritual deadness is ours from the moment we were conceived. Ps. 51:5.

Even our righteous acts are as filthy rags in the eyes of God. (Isa. 64:6-7)

SO HOW CAN THE PROBLEM BE SOLVED?

Can we say enough prayers?

Can we give enough time and money to the local charity?

Can we give bigger offerings to the church?

Can we get our act together, stop smoking, stop drinking, stop cursing?

Those are fine outward actions, but they do not correct the problem?

They do not and cannot keep God's Wrath from coming down upon us on Judgment Day.

We cannot solve the problem that we got ourselves into.

But God can - and God does - and God has solved the problem.

Vs. 10 b. we were reconciled to Him through the death of His Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through His life!

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Vs. 9 – Since we have now been **justified** by His blood, how much more shall we be **saved from God's wrath through Him!**

Vs. 11- Not only is this so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through Whom we have now received **reconciliation!**

(– Καταλλαγῶ – Reestablish friendly relationship, Restoration, make things Right, restore Peace between hostile individuals.)

Because of Christ, we are reconciled to God.

We no longer need to fear the wrath of God, but now have been made children of God and heirs of eternal life in heaven. (Romans 8:17)

And we know that heaven is only good, because God tells us in His Word.

Rev. 21:4 – “He (God) will wipe every tear from their (our) eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

We will see God with our own eyes as God tells us through Job: “I know that my Redeemer lives and that in the end He will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God; I myself will see Him with my own eyes – I and not another.” (Job 19:25-27)

And we will see God with our glorified bodies as God tells us through the Apostle Paul:

Philippians 3:20-21 - “But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, Who by the power that enables HIM to bring everything under His control will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like His glorious body.”

II Corinthians 5:17-19 – “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us

the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling **THE WORLD** to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation."

Colossians 1:19-22 – "For GOD was pleased to have all HIS fullness dwell in HIM, and through Him to RECONCILE to Himself ALL THINGS, Whether things on earth or things in heaven by making PEACE through HIS blood, shed on the cross. Once you were ALIENATED from God and were ENEMIES in your minds because of YOUR evil behavior, BUT NOW He has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you Holy in HIS sight without blemish and free from accusation."

AMEN

THEME: Reconciled to God.

1. Saved FROM His Wrath.
2. Saved TO His Heaven.