

Behold the Man

“The Sacrificial Purpose of Christ”

Text: Romans 5:6-11 (NLT)

Christ Became Our Substitute:

Jesus took our place and brought us back to God so we could live free and in fellowship with Him.

- Jesus sacrificed His life for sinners (Rom. 5:6 NLT).
 - We were alienated from God, in bondage to sin, enslaved by addictions, helpless, broken, destitute, and on our way to hell (Titus 3:3).
 - God did for us what we could not do for ourselves. He redeemed us and made it possible for us to have fellowship with Him again (Is. 53:4-6; Ps. 136:23; Gal. 4:5-6; Eph. 2:1-5; Col. 2:13-14; Titus 3:4-5).

Human love is limited and conditional (Rom. 5:7 NLT).

- Many are willing to sacrifice for loved ones like spouses, children, family, or friends, but less so for strangers or ordinary people (John 15:13).
- Human love at its best cannot compare to the love of God.

The love of God has no limits (Rom. 5:8 NLT).

- Jesus died for us not because we were good or deserved it, but because He loved us (John 3:16).
- God recognizes your potential and will never abandon you. His love changes you and won't leave you unchanged (John 15:16; Phil. 1:6).
- Love, in its purest form, is discipline (Prov. 3:11-12).
- God's love for us is abundant, and He celebrates over us with joy and singing (Zeph. 3:17).

Justification through the Blood of Christ:

The blood of Jesus has made us righteous and freed us from the wrath of sin (Rom. 5:9 NLT).

- After Jesus died, He took His blood into Heaven's Most Holy Place, applied it to the Mercy Seat, purchased our redemption, and tore the temple veil from top to bottom (Heb. 9:12).

- Christ's blood has liberated us from impending wrath and judgment (Rom. 1:18).
- Through Christ's blood, we are declared innocent and given a fresh beginning in life (Eph. 1:7; 2 Cor. 5:17, 21; 1 Pet. 1:18-19).

The death of Christ has reconciled us to God (Rom. 5:10 NLT).

- The Greek term for 'reconciled' describes uniting two hostile parties into amicable relations.
- Through Christ's death, God condemned Him in our place, forgave us, and reestablished our relationship with Him, so we are no longer His enemies (Is. 53:10-12; Rom. 8:3).
- Since God reached out to us when we were His enemies (2 Cor. 5:18-19), we can be confident that He is reaching out to us now.

We can rejoice in God for what Christ has done for us (Rom. 5:11 NLT).

- God in Christ has given us the greatest gift known to mankind, which is salvation.
- We have much to rejoice and celebrate about (Ps. 68:19, 100:4; 2 Cor. 9:10; Eph. 1:3).

Call to Action:

1. Be confident in God's love; don't try to earn it.
2. Live in the freedom Christ gives, don't return to bondage.
3. Celebrate your new life in Christ by making gratitude your daily response to God's work in you.