Romans 5:6-21
The Much More of God

Welcome back and here we go! Today we are closing out Chapter 5 of Romans --- *the much more care of God*. It is funny to me because while we experience the *much more of God*, we may not be inclined to understand the implications of *justification* through the *blood of Jesus Christ*.

Romans 5:6-21

1) What stands out to you?

Verses 6-8

The idea here is that Jesus died for you before you accepted the Lord as your Savior. In effect, you were His enemy.

Ephesians 2:1-7

Yet, in spite of this, Jesus died for you. Which of us would sacrifice anything for someone we consider an enemy? Obviously, God knew we would choose Jesus, but not everyone does. Some refuse the gift.

2) How much are you willing to sacrifice for those who hate or use you?

This might seem like a silly question, but the truth is this really delineates the difference between Human Viewpoint - HVP and Divine Viewpoint - DVP.

Ultimately, we are all called to this.

Matthew 5:43-46

Jesus said: *"…I say to you, love your enemies…"*

Our Romans verses challenge us, yet more importantly, they give us this incredible promise and assurance. If God did the MOST for you before you knew Him, how MUCH MORE will He do now since you are HIS CHILD?

Romans 5:9-11

3) What is the much more love of God in your life?

Simple put, the *"much more"* is ALL SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS. Paul is teaching that yes, through Adam, we all were cursed with a *sin nature*. Through Jesus we are blessed with *Salvation* and *Justification*.

Romans 5:18

4) What does it mean you have been justified?

Again, and again this topic will come up --- JUSTIFICATION. Simply put, we receive the righteousness of Jesus. We are MADE JUST – RIGHT WITH GOD. He erased the sins and all sins to come. You are a holy people. All your sins are covered.

Oh good, let's go sin! Right? No, of course not!

5) Are you satisfied with your life? Why or Why not?

You know that question seems out of place. Possibly. But in reality it is NOT! You are either living an *abundant life* or a life on a *teeter-totter*, or a life that is lacking. If it is lacking, it is a *mental attitude* problem. You are subjects of the *much more love and care of God*….. which is my point!

6) How can living in the *much more care of God* improve your life today?

Romans 5:15-17

Today, again, it is all about being *justified*. Remind yourself after every mistake: Jesus died for that. I am still righteous. I am clean in God's eyes. Enjoy living in the freedom of forgiveness!

Next week, Chapter 6, Baptized into Life.