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Romans

**Primary Texts:**

- Romans 5:6-11
- Matthew 2:33-43

Big Idea: We rejoice in God through Jesus, not our works

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Stories of Self-Sacrifice

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- 2.
- 3.

Yes, we have great hope knowing that Jesus will return and the triune God will make everything right. AND we have great joy and peace NOW because we already stand accepted before God.

How can Paul speak so boldly about these assurances?

To admit that we are helpless and ungodly is to admit and proclaim God's goodness

**Slide 1: He was the one who was wronged yet he was the one that initiated and completed the reconciliation process.**

**Slide 2: "God has done the 'greater thing' in bringing us into relationship with him through the terrible cost of his Son's blood...Surely, then, God will do what in the terms of his argument is the 'easier' thing: deliver us whom he has already accepted from the pouring out of his wrath on the day of judgement."**

Slide 3:

**Justification:** Means to be acquitted, to be cleared, to stand approved or accepted

**Reconciliation:** The removing of enmity or hostility between us and God

**Salvation:** To save, to rescue

Slide 4:

**Jesus died for us while we were:**

1. **Weak: Helpless**
2. **Ungodly: Wicked or sinful**
3. **Sinners or sin: Missing the mark, falling short of the goal, detestable**
4. **His Enemies: Not having God's favor, hated, opposing God**

Slide 5: **"What was presented as improper there is now presented as wholly proper and appropriate. The crucial difference is that Paul now describes it as boasting 'through our Lord Jesus Christ' - not a boasting in God which is coordinate with boasting in the law."**

Slide 6: **What is it in your life that is sapping you of your joy? How can you bring that to God and ask him to restore the joy of your salvation? Do it knowing that you are already accepted and forgiven because of what Jesus has done.**