

ROMANS: PART 24
EFFECTS OF THE GOSPEL
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The Eternal Security Of The Believer -- Freedom From God's Wrath
Evidence From the "Much More" Love of God (A Logical Argument)
Romans 5:5-11

The Context:

1. Three Theological Evidences For Eternal Security. Rom 1:5:1,2.
2. A Practical Evidence For Eternal Security. Rom 5:3-5.
3. A Logical Evidence For Eternal Security. Rom 5:5-11.

The Promise of God's Eternal Love. Rom 5:5:

1. Our certain hope that we shall be eternally saved will not be dashed to pieces.
 - ◆ God will not stop loving us.
 - ◆ No one who believes in Christ will be eternally disappointed (Cf. 9:33; 10:11).
2. The reason is the greatness of God's saving love for us.
 - ◆ His love for us is *poured out* on us. It is very great
 - ◆ His love for us is made known to us through the Spirit within us -- working thru His Word.
 - ◆ His love for us is the source of our security (not our love for Him).

The Proof of God's Eternal Love. Rom 5:6-10.

1. **1st Argument -- By Analogy:** God loved you & sacrificed His Son for you when you *could not merit* these things. Thus His love for you is very great. Rom 5:6-7.
 - ◆ His love for you is greater than the best of human loves which are based on merit
 - A *righteous* (pious) person might merit our sacrificial love.
 - A *good* (giving, gracious) person might merit our sacrificial love.
 - ◆ His love & sacrifice for you were not based upon you merit and despite your demerit.
 - You were *helpless* (Having no spiritual ability in mind, affections, or will).
 - You were *ungodly* (Against Him and His rule in your life)
2. **2nd Argument -- From Greater To Lesser:** . God loved you & sacrificed His Son for you when you *were hostile* to Him. Thus His love for you cannot fail to save you now that you are His. Rom 5:8-10.
 - ◆ If His love prompted Him to justify you through Christ while you were sinners (the greater act) - how much more will He save you from His wrath now that you are His (the lesser)?
 - You were *sinners* (Completely given over to breaking His laws)
 - You have been *justified* (declared right in His eyes on the basis of Christ's death).
 - ◆ If His love prompted Him to reconcile with you through Christ while you were enemies (the greater act) -- how much more will He save you now that you are His (the lesser)?
 - You were *enemies* (Hostile to God & His wrath was upon you).
 - You have become *reconciled* (Friends with God).

Application. Rom 5:11.

1. We Boast in God Who saved us.
2. We Boast in Christ Who accomplished our reconciliation.