

Crossroads Baptist Church
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Romans 5:8-11
Romans #29

“Our Salvation Is Secure”

This passage revolves around the repeated phrase, “much more.” It is found in the beginning of verse 9 and in the middle of verse 10. When something is repeated, it is there for emphasis sake.

So let’s look at these “much mores” to determine what we have.

When he uses this phrase, Paul is using an argument from the greater to the lesser. If God did the greater, then certainly we can trust Him to the lesser thing.

This is a common phrase with Paul in Romans, in fact he uses that phrase six times with four of the six right here in chapter 5 in verses 9, 10, 15 and 17.

As we look at these two accounts of “much more” in our text, we are going to see that the salvation we have from God is very secure. Our security does not and never has rested on what we do. Our security rests in what God does through His Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ. We see this no clearer than here in our text.

The first “much more” refers to the cross and the second “much more” refers to the resurrection.

I. Our Salvation is Secure because of what God did for us on the cross of Jesus Christ.

A. We have been justified

The word “justified” is a judicial term meaning we have secured a favorable verdict. To acquit. To vindicate.

This justification is an act not a process.

Let me share these brief points about justification:

1. It is an act of God within the mind of God, not man.
2. It is a once and for all act, not a life long process.
3. It can not change.
4. It results in the person being viewed by God as if he had lived as perfect of a life as Jesus Christ.

B. We shall be saved from the wrath of God.

The thought of “saved” here is the basic meaning of rescuing one from great peril.

The word “wrath” means to swell, inner, deep, resentment that seethes and smolders until it eventually bursts. This is not uncontrollable anger but it is a smoldering anger against sin and unrighteousness that will reach its fever pitch when God’s mercy and grace are fully exhausted.

1. People without God are already under the wrath of God. John 3:18; Romans 1:18
2. The wrath of God was revealed against His Son, Jesus Christ.
3. The wrath of God is present but not always visible.
4. There is coming a “day of wrath” that will be terrible. II Peter 3:10
5. The eight references to the “wrath of God” in Revelation occurs during the second half of the Tribulation period or later (Revelation 6:16, 17; 11:18; 14:10; 15:1; 16:1,19; 19:15).

Hebrews 10:31 “It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.”

C. We were reconciled to God.

The word “reconciliation” is used three times in our text (twice in verse 10 and once in verse 11). It means “to come to an agreement, an ending of hostility, to change from enemies to friends.

Notice in this passage says that man is reconciled to God, not God to

man for it was man who moved away from God. It was man who became the enemy of God, God did not become the enemy of man.

This reconciliation took place at the cross when it was made possible for man to come back to God.

Now we are called “friends of God.”

II. Our Salvation is Secure because of what God is doing for us through the resurrection of Jesus Christ

Verse 10 says “much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.”

Again, the argument is from the greater to the lesser. What he is saying is this. The greater work was the cross of Jesus Christ reconciling man to God. Then after the cross, Jesus was raised from the dead assuring us of eternal life and that He will save us.

Since God did the harder thing, He can surely do the easier thing. Since we have been cleared of every charge by the blood of Jesus, we are forever beyond the reach of the divine vengeance against sin.

If Christ died for us when we were sinners and enemies, how much more will He save us since we are now friends, even family, even His children.

John MacArthur said, “If God has already made sure our rescue from sin, death, and future judgment, how could our present spiritual life possibly be in jeopardy? How can a Christian, whose past and future salvation are secured by God, be insecure during the time between? If sin was no barrier to the beginning of our redemption, how can it become a barrier to its completion? If sin in the greatest degree could not prevent our becoming reconciled, how can sin in lesser degree prevent our staying reconciled? If God’s grace covers the sins even of His enemies, how much more does it cover the sins of His children? Paul here reasons from the greater to the lesser. It is a greater work of God to bring sinners to grace than to bring saints to glory, because sin is further from grace than grace is from glory.”

Philippians 1:6 “being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ.”