

## From the Pastor's Desk.....

But God demonstrates His love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him

Romans 5:8-9 NKJV

Hello family,

As Christians, how often do we stop and really think about the fact that the Lord Jesus Christ died for us, in our place, for our sins; and that He did that while we were still at our worst, still at odds with Him, still lost in our sins.

We weren't particularly lovable even by our own standards and yet the perfect, just, righteous, and holy God loves us so much that He sent His only begotten Son to pay full price for our sins with His own precious blood.

We take all of this a little for granted sometimes, whether we mean to or not.

We act like God owed us that great act of love; we act like we deserved it.

How do we do that?

Every time we ignore His instructions.

Every time we find something else to do instead of setting aside time for Him.

Every time we choose for ourselves instead of for Him.

The fact is that all of us are born sinners and as such deserve the wrath of God.

But because of God's great love, mercy, and grace, He paid our debt for us so that the moment we put our trust in Him we have full acquittal from guilt, having been made right by His blood, and thus saved from God's wrath by God's grace through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

It's time for those of us that have believed and received the Lord Jesus Christ as our personal Savior and Lord to remember the who, what and how of our salvation.

The who- Christ Jesus the Lord;

the what- His substitutionary death on the cross for sinners;

the how – by His grace we are saved through faith in Him.

What an awesome God!

He is so worthy of our attention, affection, appreciation, reverence, worship, praise, and obedience.

In Christ's love,

Pastor Dave Wolff.