

Reconciled enemies.

Romans 5:6-11

*For while we were still **weak**, at the right time **Christ died** for the **ungodly**.<sup>7</sup> For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—<sup>8</sup> but God shows his love for us in that while we were still **sinners**, **Christ died** for us.<sup>9</sup> Since, therefore, we have **now been justified** by his blood, much more **shall we be saved** by him from the wrath of God.<sup>10</sup> For if **while we were enemies we were reconciled** to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that **we are reconciled**, **shall we be saved** by his life.<sup>11</sup> More than that, **we also rejoice** in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom **we have now received reconciliation**.*

*Us without Jesus Christ*

- Weak – 5:6a *For while we were still **weak**,*
- Ungodly – 5:6b-7 *at the right time **Christ died** for the **ungodly**.<sup>7</sup> For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—*
- Sinner – 5:8b *...while we were still sinners*
- Enemy – 5:10a *For if **while we were enemies***

Therefore, despair...

### Us with Jesus Christ

- Loved – 5:8 but **God shows his love** for us in that while we were still **sinner**, **Christ died** for us.
- Justified – 5:9 Since, therefore, we have **now been justified** by his blood, much more **shall we be saved** by him from the wrath of God.
- Saved – 5:9 Since, therefore, we have **now been justified** by his blood, much more **shall we be saved** by him from the wrath of God.
- Reconciled – 5:10 For if **while we were enemies we were reconciled** to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that **we are reconciled, shall we be saved** by his life.

Therefore, rejoice – 5:11 More than that, **we also rejoice** in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom **we have now received reconciliation**.

### Action points

- Remember the importance of timing and progression: Don't try to learn or do everything at once. The right thing at the wrong time can be counterproductive, even if you're going in the right direction.
- Let's ramp up our reaching out.