

# Much More, Then

## Part 1

Romans 5:9-10



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**FOCAL Read Responsively** **Romans 5:9-10** Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. **(10) For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.**<sup>KJV</sup>

There is no greater Theme in Scripture than the Atonement of Christ. What you think of the Cross – and of the Blood of Jesus shed on it – determines for all time whether you are a son of God or a son of Adam. When the Cross and the Blood are minimized, when a person begins to believe the preaching of the Cross to be foolish, then it is certain that this person has never met God at the foot of Calvary.

**1 Corinthians 1:23-24** **But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness; (24) But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.**

The unbeliever hears the Cross and says “foolish!” The believer hears the Cross and says “power and wisdom”! In the Old Testament God's priests the Levites carried The Ark of the Covenant before them and before all the armies of Israel. The priests went before the army, before the populace, before all – but the Ark was carried at the

front of this vast movable but chosen Nation. When the priests carried the Ark the nation had to follow it (Joshua 3:3). When Israel crossed into the promised land of Canaan the Ark went before them – they crossed the Jordan on dry land (Joshua 3:8 ff). This box made of Acacia wood contained the stones of the Ten Commandments (the Law), some of the manna that God had given Israel in the wilderness (the Bread), and Aaron's rod that budded (life from death). As long as Israel in faith followed this Ark in one accord she could not be defeated. Once her eyes turned from the banner that God placed before them she fell under the weight of her own passion and lusts.

The New Testament Church is not Israel, but God has given us an Ark to follow. We follow and preach the Crucified and Risen Christ. We do not follow after and worship a Virgin and a Child. Our Christ is not in a perpetual state of childhood. As Eternal God He came to this earth, was born of a virgin, grew up, and died on the Cross of Calvary. We do not follow after nor worship a Christ yet nailed to a Cross. Within our faith the Cross is empty. Jesus died on that Cross, surrendering Himself to the wrath of God for us. His death was but a few hours. When He died, for three days the Father considered the sacrifice made and found it to be perfect in every way. Jesus Christ stood as our Ransom, paying the penalty that should have been poured out on us. The Church that Jesus died for is a Body of Blood bought believers – each believer a priest before God. When we move we move in unison – like ancient Israel – but we follow no Ark. The colors we follow is an empty Blood stained Cross and a Living and Abiding Savior – blessed be the Name of the Lord. While we follow these colors in one

accord we *cannot be defeated*. There is no river that will overtake us, no foe who can destroy us. The Cross we follow, like Aaron's rod that budded, is a dead thing from which Eternal Life springs. The Cross we follow represents the Law that we broke, and the Christ Who fulfilled it. The Cross we follow, unlike the Ark, does not contain the manna or the Bread of Heaven. Our Savior stands apart from that Ebenezer, that old Rugged Cross, and He Himself is the **“True and Living Bread that came down from Heaven. If any man eat of this bread, he shall live forever.” (John 6:51)**. My prayer is that you know this Bread, that you have believed on Him Who gave Himself for you.

Now to our focal text.

There are **five “Much More<sup>1</sup>”** statements in this last half of Romans chapter five.

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1 G4183, πολὺς, πολλός, *polus polos, pol-oos'*, Including the forms from the alternate “*pollos*”; (singular) *much* (in any respect) or (plural) *many*; neuter (singular) as adverb *largely*; neuter (plural) as adverb or noun *often, mostly, largely*: - abundant, + altogether, common, + far (passed, spent), (+ be of a) great (age, deal, -ly, while), long, many, much, oft (-en [-times]), plenteous, sore, straitly. Compare G4118, G4119. + G3123, μάλλον, *mallon, mal'-lon*, Neuter of the comparative of the same as G3122; (adverb) *more (in a greater degree)* or *rather*: - + better, X far, (the) more (and more), (so) much (the more), rather.

**much more**, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

**Focal** <sup>part 2</sup> Romans 5:15 But not as the offense, so also is the free gift. For if through the offense of one many be dead, **much more** the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many.

**Focal** <sup>part 2</sup> Romans 5:17 For if by one man's offense death reigned by one; **much more** they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.)

**Focal** <sup>part 2</sup> Romans 5:20 Moreover the law entered, that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did **much more** abound:

In each use the Greek *polos* (pronounced *pol-oos'*) *mallon* (pronounced *mal'-lon*) means that God did a great thing, but then followed that great thing with an even greater thing. It was a high spot, a thing to be greatly celebrated that Jesus Christ gave His life for us on the Cross. This was a great thing, but a greater thing was done through Jesus. Let's look at each of these statements.

### **1. The Believer, Now Justified, Is Surely Saved From God's Wrath**

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through him.

It is a GREAT thing that the Christian is **justified by the Blood of Christ** – but a far GREATER thing that we **shall be saved from wrath through Him**. One of the great doctrine of Scripture is *The Doctrine of Justification*. The text states

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If you have believed on Jesus Christ unto salvation you are **now justified** or **declared righteous in the court of God**. You are declared righteous not on the basis of what you may or may not have done for God, but on the basis of *what Jesus Christ did on that Cross*. The Bible says that **two malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left – hung on either side of the suffering Savior (Luke 23:33)**. Both looked upon the Savior. Both watched the Blood of Christ run down that Old Rugged Cross. One malefactor mocked Christ and mocked His Blood, whereas the other said **(Luke 23:42) “Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom”**. Because that malefactor believed on Jesus the Lord promised that he would enter Paradise that very day. Why? Because at the moment of salvation that thief was **being now justified or declared innocent by Christ's Blood**.

Hear this, dear ones. From the moment of salvation (if you are saved) you were **declared innocent before God because of Christ's Blood**. What a great thing this is! Almighty and Holy God looked upon you on the day you

cried out to the Lord for salvation. The God Who is:

**Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty;  
God in Three Persons,  
Blessed Trinity!**<sup>2</sup>

looks upon your life *right now* and says, “Because of Christ’s Blood I declare you righteous, a son of God, a child of the King of Kings and a perpetual Priest after the order of **Melchizedek**”. Jesus did a great thing on that Cross, greater than most of us realize. **“Being now declared righteous by His Blood”** you, dear believer, could enter Heaven right this moment if God so called. Is it any wonder that God expects you to *live for Him while on this earth*? Is it any wonder that God *expects you to serve Him, if you belong to His Kingdom*? You are equipped for Heaven, but still upon the earth so that you can serve the Lord. Yet there is a greater thing. There is **much more**.

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God’s wrath – that terrible, boiling anger of God – will one day be poured out on all who reject Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. The Bible tells us:

**John 3:36 He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not**

**the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.**

The Scripture says **the wrath of God abides on him who rejects Christ as Savior and Lord**. The world does not like to hear this. The worldling believes that all will ultimately be saved. The unbeliever thinks that God will bat the eye at those who reject Christ as Savior. Some even believe that people from all religions will *by default* end up in Heaven. Listen Beloved – the Scripture does not teach this heretical doctrine. There is no *universal brotherhood of man*, and Heaven was not designed for all people. I have heard it said before, and it is a true saying, that **“Heaven is a prepared place for a prepared people”**. Jesus told – not the world at large – but *His Disciples by faith*:

**John 14:2-3 In my Father’s house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. (3) And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.**

The believer is a person who has been **saved from wrath through Jesus**. Without Jesus you stand before God condemned *already*, condemned *right now*, but *with Jesus* you are **now declared innocent by His Blood**. God looks at your life and says, “I see the Blood of Christ, the righteousness of God on this Child. My wrath is stayed – this is now my son by faith in The Son!”

<sup>2</sup> Holy, Holy, Holy by Reginald Heber, 1826, Tune Nicaea, John B. Dykes 1861

**We shall be saved from wrath through Him.** Having received the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior you are now saved to the uttermost. The Scripture says:

Hebrews 7:25 Wherefore **he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.**

Jesus intercedes for you, dear Christian, therefore you are **saved to the uttermost.** Jesus interceded for the dying thief:

**The dying thief rejoiced to see,  
That Ransom in his day;  
And there may I though vile as he,  
Wash all my sins away!**

and the wrath of God was abated. The repentant thief left this life and entered Paradise because he called upon the Name of the Lord. Shall God do any less for the believer who follows that thief in faith?

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One final point on the protection from God's wrath. There is coming a day of wrath for those who do not have a saving relationship with Jesus Christ. The

Scripture says:

Romans 2:5-6 **But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God; (6) Who will render to every man according to his deeds:**

Those who stand before God whose names are not written in the *Lamb's Book of Life* (**Revelation 20:15**) will be judged according to their works. There is no person who will stand before this Great White Throne that will not receive eternal damnation. The wrath of God will be poured out on all who do not submit to and receive the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior. Praise be unto God that the believer shall **be saved from wrath through Jesus!**

## **2. The Believer, Reconciled While An Enemy, Will Surely Be Saved**

**Focal** Romans 5:10 For if, **when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more,** being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

The **second much more** statement emphasizes the *depth and certainty of God's Grace*. Look at the statement. **When we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son.** We like to think that we're all

good people, all people worthy of our salvation. We like to think that God looked at us and saw something in us *worth saving*. Yet that is not the teaching of Scripture. **We were enemies of God while He was effecting our salvation.** When Adam made the choice to obey Satan rather than God, Adam plunged humanity into a state of enemyship. All of Adam's children were born spiritually dead but physically alive.

When Christ went to the Cross to die for our sins we were all the enemies of God. There were **none righteous, no, not one. There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one (Romans 3:10-12).** When God saved you, when God went to Calvary for you and for me there was no good in us that He do this. He saw no light, no redeeming point, no value in us. We were His enemies, and each and every one of us proved our enemyship by the lives that we lived.

Yet He went to the Cross anyway. As our context tells us:

**Context** Romans 5:6-8 For **when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. (7) For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. (8) But God**

**commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.**

You and I were **ungodly** when Chris died for us. If He died for us when we *had absolutely no worth*, the how can anyone believe that their salvation once given will not carry them through unto Heaven? **You were reconciled to God while yet an enemy.** If God took your case on, if He decided to reach out to you while you were yet in a state of death, if He saved you when you were at your worst .... then don't you think that this salvation will stand into eternity? Look at the last part of the statement:

**Focal** Romans 5:10 For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, **much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.**

You were **reconciled while yet an enemy.** God did a great thing at the point of salvation. There was no *deserve* in any of us – we deserved Hell and eternal torment. We deserved this not because of what Adam did, but because of the *very lives we lived*. Yet God reconciles us while we are enemies, then *perseveres in us* living through us until the day we see Him in Heaven.

The Saints of God – those saved by faith in Christ – persevere in their salvation *because the life of Almighty God has been placed in them.* **Dr. Louis Berkoff** in his

book<sup>3</sup> states:

“The expression 'perseverance of the saints' naturally suggests a continuous activity of believers whereby they persevere in the way of salvation. As a matter of fact, however, the **perseverance referred to is less an activity of believers than a work of God, in which believers must participate. Strictly speaking, the assurance of man's salvation lies in the fact that God perseveres.** Perseverance may be defined as **THAT CONTINUOUS OPERATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE BELIEVER, BY WHICH THE WORK OF DIVINE GRACE THAT IS BEGUN IN THE HEART, IS CONTINUED AND BROUGHT TO COMPLETION.**”

That is the thrust of this **much more** statement. **If** you were an enemy of God (and you were) and **if** God effected your reconciliation while you were an enemy (and He did), **then** you shall surely stand with God forever since He now lives in and through you.

**John 10:28-29; "and I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, and no one shall snatch them out of my hand. {29} My Father, who hath given [them] unto me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch [them] out of the Father's hand."**

**Philippians 1:6; "being confident of this very thing,**

**that he who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Jesus Christ"**

**2 Timothy 1:12; "For which cause I suffer also these things: yet I am not ashamed; for I know him whom I have believed, and I am persuaded that he is able to guard that which I have committed unto him against that day."**

Once you give your soul over to Jesus Christ by faith, God begins His work in you. You entrust your soul to Him, He works in that soul until the day of your final redemption. Every believer in Jesus Christ is a work in progress – God works in us and with us. We who have believed were saved while yet enemies – this is a great thing. But we we who believe will see the end of our salvation, we will see the Lord in Heaven, for it is Almighty God Who works in our lives.

Every Christian has the assurance that he or she will be with God in Heaven. Every Christian has the certain knowledge because:

**Colossians 3:3 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.**

If you have been saved then God is at work in you, dear believer. You are **much more, being reconciled, saved by His life.** If you are saved you *know* that you are saved, just as surely as you *know* that you are here now. God is at work in you!

<sup>3</sup> *Summary of Christian Doctrine*, online Public Domain at [http://www.bibleteacher.org/berksum\\_8.htm](http://www.bibleteacher.org/berksum_8.htm)