

## **Romans 5:1, 5-11**

### **A Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans**

**Brothers and Sisters:**

**Since we have been justified by faith,**

**we have peace with God**

**through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Hope does not disappoint,**

**because the love of God has been poured out**

**into our hearts through the holy Spirit**

**that has been given to us.**

**For Christ, while we were still helpless,**

**yet died at the appointed time for the ungodly. Indeed, only with  
difficulty**

**does one die for a just person,**

**though perhaps for a good person**

**one might even find courage to die.**

**But God proves his love for us**

**in that while we were still sinners**

**Christ died for us.**

**How much more then,**

**since we are now justified by his blood,**

**will we be saved through him from the wrath.**

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**Indeed, if, while we were enemies,  
we were reconciled to God  
through the death of his Son,  
how much more, once reconciled,  
will we be saved by his life.**

**Not only that, but we also boast of God  
through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
through whom we have now received reconciliation.**

**The Word of the Lord**