

## **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.**

**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**