

## Romans

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### Lesson 5: Romans 5

John MacArthur said, “It is doubtless true that most unbelievers do not consider themselves enemies of God.”<sup>1</sup> However, James tells us in James 4:4 that those who are friends of the world are enemies of God. While unbelievers may acknowledge that God exists and be okay with attending church, God’s Word tells us they are enemies of God. The question one will ask is, “How can an enemy of God be at peace with God?” Paul answers this question for us in Romans 5:1–11. In verses 12–21, Paul will explain how sin entered the world through one man’s act of sin. But he will show how a greater salvation is accomplished through One Man’s perfect sacrifice. Let’s dive in and see what Paul has to say about enemies of God being reconciled to God through the obedience of One Man.

➤ **Read Romans 5:1–11**

1. In verse 1, how is a person justified?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. According to verse 1, what is the result of a person being justified?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. In verse 2, how should believers respond to the justification they have received?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. In verse 3, what are believers to exalt in? Why?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. In verse 5, why does a Christian experience true hope in this world?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. In verse 6, what are the two ways Paul describes us before we were saved?

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<sup>1</sup> John MacArthur, *James* (Chicago, IL: Moody Press, 1998), 196.

7. According to verse 8, how did God demonstrate His love toward us?

8. In verse 8, how does Paul describe us before we were saved?

9. According to verse 9, what are believers saved from?

10. In verse 10, how does Paul describe us before we were saved?

11. According to verse 10, how can we be confident that our salvation is eternal?

**Application:** Have you ever doubted your salvation or thought your salvation wasn't secure? How did you overcome this?

**Application:** How does knowing that your salvation is eternally secure in Christ affect your daily living?

➤ **Read Romans 5:12–21**

12. In verse 12, how did sin enter the world?

13. In verse 12, what is the result of sin?

14. In verse 12, why can no one escape death?

15. In verses 13–14, even though the Law of Moses had not been written, was sin in the world? How do you know?

**Application:** Sinners like to justify sin and unbelief. How would you respond to someone who says, “What about the innocent people on an island who have never heard the Bible?”

16. In verse 14, how does Paul describe Adam?

17. In verses 15–16, what was the result of Adam’s one sin? What is the result of Christ’s act of obedience?

18. In verse 17, what does Paul say is the result of the one who has received the gift of righteousness?

19. In verse 18, what is the result of Christ’s righteous act?

20. In verse 19, what is the result of Christ’s obedience?

21. In verse 20, what was the result of the giving of the Law? What did it expose?

**Application:** What is man's natural tendency when he is told not to do something? Why do you think that is the response?

22. In verse 21, what will continue to reign after sin and death have been destroyed? How do you know?

**Application:** Take a moment to think back to when you were a helpless, ungodly sinner who was an enemy of God. How has God shown His grace in your life? How does this help you understand the doctrine of eternal security?

**Application:** What one verse impacted you the most in this study? Explain.