

Romans 5:6-11

Why Christ Died for the Ungodly

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You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die.

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

#### Romans 5:9

Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!

### Romans 5:10-11

For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

### How Much Do You Think You Are Worth?

**Graham Kendricks** 

# Is a rich man worth more than a poor man? Is a stranger worth less than a friend?

Is a baby worth more than an old man?

Is your beginning worth more than your end?

#### **How Much Do You Think You Are Worth?**

Is a chairman worth more than the cleaner?

Does your value depend on your pay?
When your salary drops at retirement,
Is significance lost in a day?

Well, how much do you think you are worth? Will anyone stand up and say? Would you say that your life is worth nothing Till someone is willing to pay?

**How Much Do You Think You Are Worth?** 

I suppose that you think that you matter Well, how much do you matter, and to whom?

It's much easier at night – when with friends and bright lights – Than much later alone in your room

Do you think they'll miss one in a million when you've finished your own human race?

Do you think you'll make much of a difference when your friends have forgotten your face?

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### **Searching for Significance**

Through Friendship and Love

### Love Hurts (by Nazareth, 1976)

- Some fools rave of happiness, blissfulness, togetherness
- Some fools fool themselves I guess
- They're not foolin' me.
- Love hurts, love scars, love wounds and mars any heart not tough or strong enough to take a lot of pain
- Love is like a cloud: holds a lot of rain
- I know love isn't true Love's a lie made to make you blue
- Love hurts ... ooh, ooh, love hurts.

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## "The worst part about success is trying to find someone who is really happy for you."

### The sadness of success?

"You can have everything in the world and still be the loneliest man ... Success has brought me world idolisation and millions of pounds, but it has not given me the one thing we all need - a loving, ongoing relationship."

Freddie Mercury

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The Bible affirms the importance of these 3 areas of life ...
...BUT it warns us against trying to **find** significance through them!

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For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Some things are loved because they are special.

Other things are special because they are loved.

You are special (significant) because

Jesus loves you,

loved you enough to die for you.

"I walk up to the board. I take a deep breath, and then I say to myself: Even if I make a complete mess of this dive, Mum will still love me!"

Greg Louganis
Olympic gold medalist
1984 and 1988

## A Christian is someone who is not too proud to say, "I want to receive the love of God shown through Jesus."

Well, how much do you think you are worth?
Will anyone stand up and say?
Would you say that your life is worth nothing
Till someone is willing to pay?

### If you heard that your life had been valued And the price had been paid on the nail

# Would you ask, "What was traded? How much and who paid it? Who was he and what was his name?"

And if you heard that His Name was called Jesus
Would you say that the price was too dear?

He was held to the Cross,
Not by nails, but by Love
It was you broke his heart, not the spear.

# Would you say you are worth what it cost him? You say, "No!" But the price stays the same.

If that don't make you cry –
Then laugh it off, pass it by
But remember the day when you throw it away –
Jesus paid what He thought you are worth.

### How much do you think He is worth, my friend? Will anyone stand up and say?

Tell me what are you willing to give Him In return for the price that He paid?