

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.

John 15:9-17

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants* any longer, because the servant* does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Message

This week due to Anzac Day Celebrations we take a break from our journey through 1 John to remember our nations fallen and their sacrifice.

Our message today focusses on Romans chapter 5. It acknowledges that it is rare for someone to give their life for another, even for a good person.

The second point to acknowledge is that true peace always comes at a cost.

Our comfort and security depend on the willingness of others to be discomfited and put their lives at risk.

In conclusion we examine the pattern of Jesus. We look at the greatest gift to all human kind, and we acknowledge a pattern of sacrifice in his life.

A gift may tell us something about the person receiving it, but more often than not tells us a lot about the generosity of the one who gave it.

God however proves His great love for us in this that while we were still enemies of God, Christ died for us.

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Sentence:

"No one has love greater than this, than to lay down ones life for ones friends. You are my friends,' says the Lord, "If you do what I command you".

Collect:

Oh God, Our ruler and guide,

In whose hands are the destinies of this and every nation, we give you thanks for the freedom we enjoy in this land, and for those who laid down their lives to defend them:

We pray that we and all the people of Australia gratefully remembering their courage and their sacrifice, may have grace to live in a spirit of justice, of generosity and of peace;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. AMEN

Bible readings

Micah 4:1-4

Peace and Security through Obedience

In days to come

the mountain of the Lord's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised up above the hills.

Peoples shall stream to it,

and many nations shall come and say:

'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob;

that he may teach us his ways

and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between many peoples,

and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away;

they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,

and their spears into pruning-hooks;

nation shall not lift up sword against nation,

neither shall they learn war any more;

but they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees,

and no one shall make them afraid;

for the mouth of the Lord of hosts has spoken.

Psalms 46

God's Defence of His City and People

To the leader. Of the Korahites. According to Alamo. A Song.

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.**

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.

**God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.**

The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.

**The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

Come, behold the works of the Lord;

see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

**He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.**

'Be still, and know that I am God!

I am exalted among the nations,

I am exalted in the earth.'

**The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

Romans 5:1-8

Results of Justification

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces

hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.