



Man at War

ROMANS 5:1-11

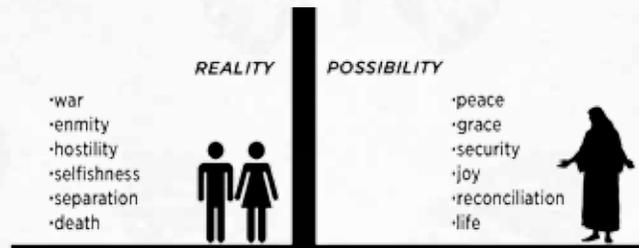
BAD NEWS / MANKIND IS AT WAR WITH GOD

PAUL'S 3 PROFOUND OBSERVATIONS:

SOMETHING IS DRASTICALLY WRONG WITH MAN AND HIS INNER SELF. (Rom 1:28-32)

MAN'S PROBLEM IS SPIRITUAL, NOT INTELLECTUAL OR ENVIRONMENTAL. (Rom 3:9b-18)

BECAUSE OF SIN, MAN IS UNDER THE PASSIVE AND ACTIVE JUDGMENT OF GOD. (Rom 1:18-20, 2:2)



GOOD NEWS / GOD HAS MADE PEACE POSSIBLE

Every human being needs to know that ...

1. No matter what your past was like, you can live in the sunshine of total _____ with God. (vv. 1b, 9)

TRUTH: WE CAN ONLY HAVE PEACE WITH GOD THROUGH FAITH IN THE JUSTIFYING BLOOD OF JESUS.

2. No matter what you've felt about your access to God's _____, you can stand under the waterfall of His grace. (vv. 2, 10-11)

TRUTH: IN CHRIST WE LIVE IN A NEW SPHERE OF GOD'S GOODNESS AND GRACE.

3. No matter what difficulty or suffering you've experienced, God's creative love will use it for His good _____. (vv. 3-8)

TRUTH: BECAUSE OF GOD'S LOVE, EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENS IS WOVEN FOR OUR ULTIMATE GOOD.

SURRENDER AND ...

SMILE because God in all three Persons really does love you. (v. 5)

BE OPTIMISTIC because even in your suffering the Lord never leaves your side. (v. 10)

REJOICE because by faith in Christ your personal war is over. (v. 11; 2 Cor 5:18)



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HOME GROUP LESSON

1. What do you believe has gone wrong with the world, and what can we do to fix it? If every person has a free will, how does the freedom to resist God only end up hurting us?

2. Rom 1:29-32 - In reading through the list of sins, how do you feel when you see some of your own faults listed alongside the 'really awful' sins others commit? How do you explain God's wrath to someone who believes all people are basically good?

3. The diagram on the sermon notes illustrates the stark truth: we are all separated from God and must choose either to stay that way or to take His offer of reconciliation—there's no neutrality. 1 John 5:11-12 states the choice before every person. When did you make that choice? If you can't remember a time when you made it, what is stopping you from making it today?

4. Read Romans 5:1-2. John Stott calls this passage "a beautiful summary of the Christian life." Finish the sentences next to each of the three main benefits of the justification we receive from Jesus (the first one is finished to help you see the progression). What about these benefits encourages you?

- **peace** (v. 1): We **look back** to the war which is now over
- **grace** (v. 2a): We **look up** to ...
- **glory** (v. 2b): We **look ahead** to ...

5. Based on what you heard in the sermon, write a brief explanation of how one comes to peace with God in no more than a sentence or two, then share it with your group.

6. Do you personally see God's goodness to you as a waterfall? In what ways? What can keep you from believing that He wants to shower you with abundant blessings? How difficult would it be for you to write a thank-you note to Jesus for what He has done for you? Will you do that this week?

justification:
a sovereign act of God whereby He declares one forgiven and transfers the righteousness of Christ to the believing sinner

MEMORY VERSE

Psalm 32:1-2

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

Here's a glimpse at what you need to know for this week. Like to plan ahead a little more? Pick up a copy of "The Source" at a stand around campus or near the exits, or visit www.ccbcfamily.org/events. They're your source for everything going on at Christ Chapel.

LAST CHANCE TO JOIN A HOME GROUP!

Before groups jump into our fall series, "Made New," visit the Connect Kiosk in the Great Room before or after any service today to find a group. Home groups are a great way to connect with other Christ Chapelites, study the Bible with a smaller group of people and make CCBC feel a little more like home. Questions? Email Sylvia at SylviaD@christchapelbc.org.

FALL SERVE OPPORTUNITIES ARE LIVE AT WWW.CCBCFAMILY.ORG/MADENEW.

Are you ready to get out there and be the heart and hands of Jesus? There are many opportunities for individuals and home groups to serve our community this fall. Whatever your schedule or skills, there is a way you can serve - even from home! Visit www.ccbcfamily.org/MadeNew to learn more and sign up.

WOMEN'S PRAYER RETREAT BEGINS THIS FRIDAY, SEPT. 30.

Ladies, with all that's going on this fall, plan a little time to get away and pour your heart out to God. Registration is still open for the retreat that's happening in Glen Rose this Friday and Saturday. The retreat, which includes short messages on prayer, fellowship with other CCBC ladies and plenty of time to pray in a peaceful, relaxing place, may be just the break you need. Learn more and register at www.ccbcfamily.org/events.

OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY MEETS TONIGHT AT 6:30 P.M.

Taught by Dr. Bill Egner, this class chronologically walks through the unfolding story of God, Israel and her Messiah. Along our journey you'll see God, and your relationship with Him, in a whole new way. All ages are welcome and you can jump in any time (the class is currently in 1 Samuel). Join us on Sundays at 6:30 p.m. in the Oak Room.

RENOVATE OPEN GROUP IS THIS THURSDAY, SEPT. 29.

If you are a young adult in your 20s and looking to join a home group, don't miss Renovate Open Group this week! New homes groups form throughout the year out of Open Group so join us in the Basement on Thursdays at 7 p.m. Questions? Reach out to Preston at PrestonN@christchapelbc.org or 785-764-6306.

NURSERY ORIENTATION IS NEXT SUNDAY, OCT. 2.

Are you a new or soon-to-be parent? Then you're invited on a guided tour of Christ Chapel's nursery! We'll answer all your questions about how we care for children and you'll get to meet other new parents along the way. Meet us next Sunday at 9:30 a.m. at the Children's Welcome Center. Questions? Email Melinda at MelindaR@christchapelbc.org.

PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH AT MONDAYS WITH THE MASTER.

This prayer ministry is open to all ages as we pray for the needs of our congregation and the world. Join us any Monday at 12:30 p.m. in the Garden Room. Questions? Email Jessica at JessicaK@christchapelbc.org.



Close in prayer by responding to God about what you learned in this sermon.

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