

Introduction:

1. What is it that mom needs most on Mother's Day? We can expand that and ask, "What do mom, dad and the kids need most?" And not just on a special day—but every day.
 - a. There is something all of us need all of the time. And it is available to all of us all of the time.
 - b. I asked Ben about this last week. His answer was only one word. His answer was not something related to a holiday or to a gift given by family.
2. But it does involve a gift. It is a gift from God, 2 Corinthians 9:15; Romans 6:23. It is "Jesus."
 - a. It is called an indescribable or unspeakable gift because words are inadequate to fully express what God has done for us through His love.
 - b. It is His Son that God has given, and the eternal life that He provides. Words have no power to fully express the height and depth and measure of His love, Ephesians 3:17-19.
3. To get some sense of what God has done for us through Jesus, read Romans 5:1-11.

The Lesson:

I. The Love of Christ.

- A. As our text speaks of the love of God through Christ, did you see "hope"? Romans 5:2-5.
 1. Hope is found in Christ alone. Outside of Him, there is nothing. That's why we say everyone needs Him. Mom, dad and the kids need Him.
 2. He is our source of light, our strength. He is the cornerstone upon whom we must build our lives. He is a sure foundation. Sure to satisfy; sure to stand; sure to take us to heaven.
- B. Moms, dads and kids will all face storms. Life seems to go from one struggle to the next. That is nothing new for Christians, Romans 8:35-36.
 1. But Christ stands as our light, our beacon. When He is there, we don't have to fear.
 2. He provides comfort and peace in the fiercest storm. He is our all in all. He will not abandon us, forget us or fail to love us.
- C. And so, we stand firm and sure in the love of Christ, Romans 8:37-39.

II. The Death of Christ.

- A. While Christ has loved us, see what His love motivated Him to do for us, Romans 5:6-9.
 1. What an amazing thing! This is not an ordinary man dying for us.
 2. The American soldier has died for us, to keep us free. Call the soldier a hero if you will; call him great; call his death a sacrifice; but he is only one man dying for other men.
- B. But the death of Jesus is totally unique in all of history.
 1. The gospels open with the birth of this tiny infant, a helpless baby—destined for the cross.
 2. This one was far more than mortal man; this was God coming into the world, John 1:1; 14. Yet, He was scorned by the very ones He came to save, John 1:10-11.

3. In dying for us, He paid a price for every sin you and I have ever committed, Romans 5:8.
 4. When Romans 3:25 uses the word “propitiation” that is a way of saying that the wrath of God against us because of our sins was satisfied. Our sins are remitted!
- C. What an amazing thing, that we now live because He died. In His death, we live!

III. The Blood of Christ

- A. His death cannot be separated from His blood. It is not just that Jesus died, but that He shed His blood for our sins. His blood is the cleansing agent that justifies us, Romans 5:8-10.
1. It seemed that when Jesus died on the cross that His disciples were confused. They thought the whole plan of God was coming to nothing.
 2. His body lay in the tomb. The light that He was to so many seemed to be extinguished.
- B. But God was not finished. It was only Friday; and Sunday was coming!
1. On the third day, up from the grave He arose, with a mighty victory over sin and death.
 2. The resurrection proved that the blood of Christ had satisfied God as atonement for our sins, Romans 3:25; 5:9-11. It is the blood of Christ that has reconciled us to God.
 3. As a result of His blood shed for our sins we do not have to go to the judgment carrying the burden of our transgressions against God. In fact, we no longer carry them in life.
- C. We are bought; we have been purchased with the precious and powerful blood of Christ.

IV. The Power of Christ

- A. We belong to Him; He belongs to us. His power is at work in us, Romans 1:4.
1. There is power in His resurrection, Philippians 3:10. He has power to raise us.
 2. There is power in His blood, Romans 5:9. His blood has power to forgive and to save.
 3. There is power in His word, Romans 1:16.
- B. Because of His power, we give our destiny into His hands.
1. From the moment we begin to follow Him—and take our first breath as Christians—we put our lives into His hands until the day we take that final breath and enter eternity.
 2. There is no power in the devil’s hell; no scheme or plot concocted in the mind of man that can overcome His power. In His hand we are safe, John 6:37; 10:27-28.
- C. And so, we stand in the power of Christ, knowing that He will take us home.

Conclusion:

1. This is what mom, dad, and the kids (who have reached an age of accountability) need most. Ben was right when I asked him the question—“Jesus”. Only in Christ is salvation found, Acts 4:12.
2. It is nice to have thoughts of mom on Mother’s Day, or pleasant thoughts of dad on Father’s Day. I don’t criticize any preacher who presents a special lesson about moms or dads.
3. But what every person needs most is what is found in Christ alone. When moms and dads have that, they have what will be the greatest blessing to themselves and to their sons and daughters.

IN CHRIST ALONE my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the **love** of Christ I stand. (**Romans**
5:8; 8:35)

In Christ alone! – who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied \”
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the **death** of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory
Sin’s curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine \”
Bought with the precious **blood** of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life’s first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the **power** of Christ I’ll stand!