

LIVING HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH

SERMON SERIES: RENEW OUR MISSION

Sermon Message: Missions Is Normal Because Hope Is Real

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Public Reading: Acts 1:8, Matthew 28:19-20, John 20:21

Next Week's Text: Isaiah 9:1-7

**NO MATTER WHAT, GOD _____ –
EVERY PERSON WHO EVER HAS AND EVER WILL LIVE
ON THIS PLANET.**

John 3:16-17; Romans 3:10-18; Romans 5:8-11

**PEOPLE _____ AND _____ NEED TO KNOW
OF GOD'S LOVE.**

Acts 1:8 (Pew Bible page 909)

**THEY NEED TO KNOW HE _____ THEM – AS HE DOES US.
Deuteronomy 7:7 (Pew Bible page 152)**

**THEY NEED TO KNOW HE _____ THEM – AS HE HAS
US.**

Galatians 4:4-7 (Pew Bible page 974)

**THEY NEED TO KNOW HE _____ THEM – AS HE
WON'T US.**

Isaiah 49:15-16 (Pew Bible page 610)

Matthew 28:20 (Pew Bible page 835)

**THEY NEED TO KNOW HE _____ THEM – AS HE WILL
US.**

Hebrews 9:27-28 (Pew Bible page 1006)

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A C L O S E R L O O K

R o m a n s 5 : 8 - 1 1

Romans 5:8-11 reminds us that people matter to God. In this passage, Paul reflects on how God has demonstrated His great love through sending His Son to die on the cross. The amazing thing that the Apostle Paul points out in this passage is that God loved us when we had done nothing to deserve His love. This expression of divine love ought to compel us toward loving others in the same way.

Can you think of a time when someone did something loving for you that you did not deserve? Perhaps it was a surprise or an unexpected demonstration of grace that you didn't deserve. Share the story with your group.

How did you feel when you realized that the other person cared about you?

Why is it easier for us to love people who show us love in return?

L I F E A P P L I C A T I O N

For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Romans 5:10-11 ESV

- 1. According to verse 8, what did we do to deserve the love of God?**
- 2. What is Paul's point in verses 10-11?**
- 3. If people matter to God in this way, how should we think about the people that we interact with on a daily basis?**
- 4. When you live on mission with God, we will often encounter people who do not welcome our efforts to help them. How does this passage instruct us in how we should respond?**
- 5. What has this series taught you about the reality that "Missions is Normal"? How will you respond to what you have learned?**