# COMMUNITY BIBIT CHURCH



### The Greatest Letter Ever Written!

Eph 3:16-19 "May God grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God."

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Explanation:

V6 "For while <u>we were</u> still <u>weak</u> (completely helpless), at the right time Christ died <u>for</u> the <u>ungodly</u>".

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Explanation:

V7 "For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die"

V8-9 "but God shows <u>his love for us</u> in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, <u>much</u> <u>more</u> shall we be saved <u>by him</u> from the wrath of God."

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Explanation

V10 "For if while we were <u>enemies</u> 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." Rev 20:15 "And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire."

Rev 14:10 They will "be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever."

#### Notice 5 passive verbs in our text.

V9 "justified" [1] & "saved" [2] from wrath V10 "reconciled" [3] while enemies through the death of his Son, much more having been "reconciled" [4], we shall be "saved" [5] by his life." Ps 11:5 "The Lord hates the wicked and the one who loves violence"

Ps 5:5 "You hate all evil doers"

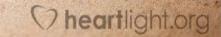
Pr 6:16 "The Lord hates a false witness and one who sows discord among the brothers."

Ps 7:11 "God is angry at sinners every day."

Jer 12:8 The Lord referring to Israel "I have forsaken my house,.... abandoned my heritage and because of her actions I hate her."

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

- Romans 5:8 -



Dt 7:7 Moses said of Israel "the Lord set his love on you and chose you."

1 Thess 1:4 "We know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you."

Eph 1:4–5 "<u>he chose us</u> in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. <u>In love he</u> predestined us for adoption to himself as sons."

Ro 8:29 "Those he foreknew he predestined." Remember that "foreknowledge here is foreloved"! V11 "More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation." John 15:9-10 - As the Father has loved me, so have loved you. Now remain in my love. If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love.