DOUBT (4)
Does God love me?

Romans 5:1-11

1 Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. **2** Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

3 More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, **4** and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, **5** and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

6 For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. **7** For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— **8** but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

9 Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. **10** 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. **11** More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Intro

- Does God exist?
- Am I a real Christian?
- Will I make it to heaven?
- Does God love me?

SINFUL – but assured of God's love (v1-2, 5-11)

- Three tenses of God's rescue (v1-2)

  o Past: have been justified

  o Present: have peace with God

  o Future: will be saved

- Two proofs of God's love (v5-11)

  o Shown on the cross in the death of the Son (v8)

  o Poured into our hearts by the gift of the Spirit (v5)

SUFFERING – but assured of God's love (v3-4)

- Suffering produces endurance

- Endurance produces character

- Character produces hope

☕ **Discussion questions**

When do you most doubt God's love for you as a Christian? How does this passage help you? What will be your main take-home?