

# READINGS FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

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### Reading

Romans 5:5–11

*Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger?*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Hope is not deceptive,  
because the love of God has been poured into our hearts  
by the Holy Spirit which has been given us.  
We were still helpless when at his appointed moment  
Christ died for sinful men.  
It is not easy to die even for a good man  
— though of course for someone really worthy,  
a man might be prepared to die —  
but what proves that God loves us  
is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.  
Having died to make us righteous,  
is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger?  
When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son,  
we were still enemies;  
now that we have been reconciled,  
surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son?  
Not merely because we have been reconciled  
but because we are filled with joyful trust in God,  
through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.  
The word of the Lord.