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**Romans 5:8 But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners,
Christ died for us.**

As we look at the Word Of God and especially this verse, we see God did everything He could do to bring man back to Himself. If you look at what God has done, it makes no sense to the human mind. It is contrary to how you and I respond when we have been wronged. Our court's are filled with offenders and the offended. The offended is always seeking for justice to be done, and the offenders to pay for their offenses. God doesn't work that way. He always makes the first move to recover that which was lost. When you and I came to the Lord, the Bible tells me it was the goodness of God that led me to repentance. While we were yet sinners, Christ **DIED** for us. The offended made it right not the offender. The offender seeing his or her sins was moved to repentance and faith toward God through Christ Jesus. In brokenness and contrition, the offender *walks* in true repentance and faith. The closer we get to the Lord the more we see our dependence on Him and His strength. The farther we move from Christ, the less and less we see our need for Him.

We as Christians are to move toward the offender to bridge the gap between us and them. Family, friends, Church members, co-workers, the lost. When we do as Christ did for us, then many times the broken relationships will be healed and men and women can be set back on the high road of eternity. All because we made the first move to restore that which was lost. It does not matter who or what or when or how you were offended, if you and I don't make the first move back to restore, many that offended us could be lost forever.

Let's look at **Romans 5:8** again: **But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners,
Christ **DIED** for us.**

I ask you today, as your brother in Christ, will you do whatever it takes to heal the offenders in your life.
God did.

In Christ,
Pastor Ken Geisendorfer



Civilizations

“The average age of the world’s great civilizations has been around 200 years. These nations have progressed through this sequence:

- from bondage to spiritual faith;**
- from spiritual faith to courage;**
- from great courage to liberty;**
- from liberty to abundance;**
- from abundance to selfishness;**
- from selfishness to complacency;**
- from complacency to apathy;**
- from apathy to dependency;**
- from dependency back again to bondage.”**

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Think On These Things.....

Never ignore or deny the divine place and order of the local church. The Lighthouse has a designated place and purpose. With the mega ministries and prominent religious personalities, it can distract from that which was and should be at the hub or base of it all... the local church. Who will be there when you arrive at some valley of need?...

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