

KNOW
by HEART

Verse #2

Loved

"But God showed His great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners." Romans 5:8 NLT

Inside of every teen girl is a desire to be loved. But love can be a confusing word due to the variety of ways we use it in our culture today. I love french fries. I love music. I love my family. The constant use of this word dulls it's value. When girls hear or read, *"God loves you"* is that the same as loving pizza or going to the beach? No, not at all. It's not even close to the same kind of love.

The Bible says God loves you so much that He sent Jesus to die while you were still a sinner (Romans 5:8). Would you die for someone? Maybe...just maybe you'd be willing to die for a handful of people you love who love you back. But what about rude neighbor, the man who just stole your grandmas purse or the girl spreading terrible rumors about you?

Let this truth soak in - God sent His Son to die for everyone! He sent His Son to die for you. Not because you are good or deserving...simply because He loves you. His love is a sacrificial kind of love and it's the love your teen girl heart craves. As you study and memorize this week's *Know by Heart* memory verse think about the value of God's sacrifice of love. It's a vastly different type of love than your desire for a pepperoni pizza!

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Bible Verse Facts

BIBLE VERSE

Romans 5:8

BOOK OF THE BIBLE

Romans, New Testament

GENRE

Letter

WRITTEN BY

The Apostle Paul

WHO IS SPEAKING

Paul

INTENDED AUDIENCE

Christians in Rome & All Believers

BACKGROUND

Paul sent a letter ahead of his arrival in Rome to the Christian churches. His message reads more like a statement of faith rather than a typical letter. Paul reminds them, *all* are sinners in need of a Savior and one day God will judge sin. The law (though good) could not conquer sin...only Jesus's death on the cross and resurrection saves sinners.



PRAY. WRITE. READ.

Step One

Pray Ask the Holy Spirit to empower you to study, learn, understand and memorize this week's *Know By Heart* Scripture.

Write Write this week's *Know by Heart* memory verse on an index card (in the back of the book).

Read Read three versions: New Living Translation, English Standard Version and Amplified Version provided below.

"But God showed His great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners." Romans 5:8 NLT

"But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8 ESV

"But God shows and clearly proves His [own] love for us by the fact that while we were still sinners, Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One) died for us." Romans 5:8 AMP

1. As you read the different versions, what stands out?
2. What questions does this Bible verse present to you? Write them below.

EXAMINE THE VERSE

Step Two

Write this week's *Know by Heart* memory verse below.

Look at the questions below and follow the prompts to circle, box, underline and draw arrows on the *Know by Heart* verse below.

"But God showed His great love for us by sending Christ
to die for us while we were still sinners."

Romans 5:8 NLT

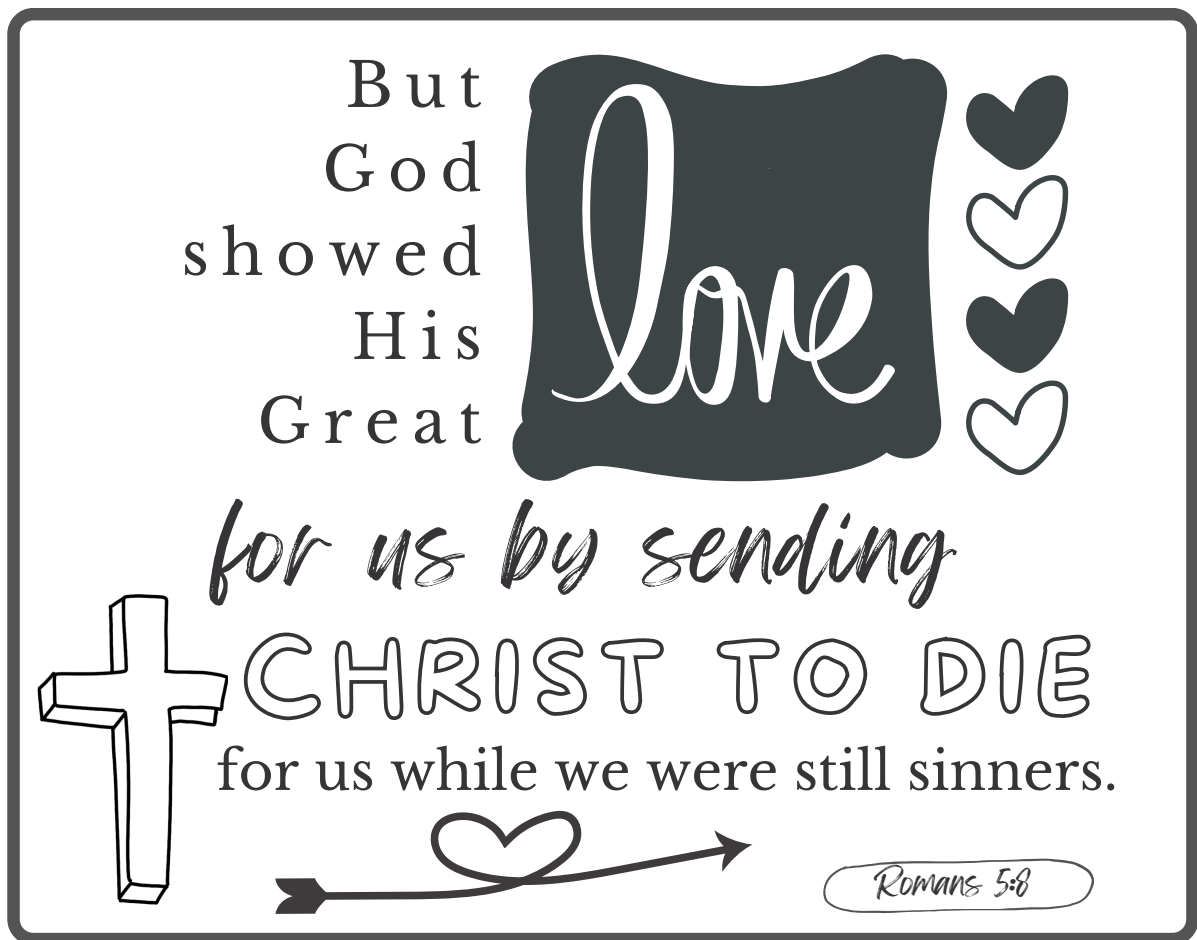
1. Underline any pronouns - I, me, you, he, she, we, they, them, etc...
2. What words or phrases stand out to you? Circle them in the verse above.
3. Are there any connective words? Put a box around words like: and, but, or, so, therefore.
4. Are there any verbs or action words to take note of? Draw an arrow from the verb to the "what" of the action.

4. Open up a dictionary and explore the definition of the word below. Be sure to read beyond the first meaning. Take note of everything that adds to your understanding of the word and try to write 3 things you learn about the meaning of this word.

Love -

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

5. Color this week's *Know by Heart* memory verse. Ponder the Scripture and ask the Holy Spirit to give you greater understanding. Use colored pencils or crayons only.



EXAMINE BEFORE & AFTER

Step Three

Write this week's *Know by Heart* memory verse below.

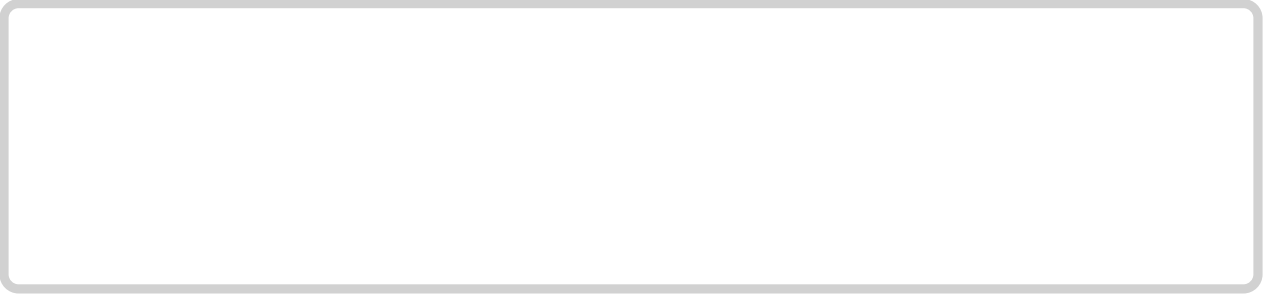
Open your Bible and read the verses below. Answer the following questions.

1. Read Romans 5:6-7. What appears or happens before the *Know by Heart* memory verse?
2. Read Romans 5:9-11. What appears or happens after the *Know by Heart* memory verse?
3. Considering the passage what elements are found in the verses? Write the answers below.
 1. Who is speaking? Who was being spoken to?
 2. Is there a conflict, tension or sin being highlighted?
 3. Is there a stated purpose, instruction, command or promise given?
 4. Is anything being emphasized, repeated or compared to?
 5. Is there a connection between the *Know by Heart* memory verse and the before & after?

EXAMINE CROSS REFERENCES

Step Four

Write this week's *Know by Heart* memory verse inserting word pictures or symbols in place of key words.



1. Read the following verses. What additional insight do they provide about God's love for you?

- John 3:16

- 1 John 4:9-10

2. How does Ephesians 3:18 help you understand the depth of God's love for you?

PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER

Step Five

Write this week's *Know by Heart* memory verse by heart.



Now it's time to apply and reflect. Look over steps 1-4. Consider all you have read and learned and answer the following questions.

1. Turn back to the second question on Step One. Based on everything you have studied, are you able to answer any questions you wrote down? Write your answers here.
2. How would you summarize the meaning of Romans 5:8?
3. What did you learn or discover about your identity according to God?

PERSONAL APPLICATION

Step Six

I am most tempted to feel unloved when...

Remembering this *Know by Heart* memory verse will help feel loved because...

Actions I can take when I am feeling unloved, disliked or unwanted...

This *Know by Heart* memory verse strengthens my faith because...

Who can I share this *Know by Heart* memory verse with?