

**Brothers and sister:**

**Hope does not disappoint,**

**because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts  
through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.**

**For Christ, while we were still helpless,**

**died at the appointed time for the ungodly.**

**Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person,**

**though perhaps for a good person  
one might even find courage to die.**

**But God proves his love for us**

**in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.**

**How much more then, since we are now justified by his blood,**

**will we be saved through him from the wrath.**

**Indeed, if, while we were enemies,**

**we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son,  
how much more, once reconciled,  
will we be saved by his life.**

**Not only that,**

**but we also boast of God through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
through whom we have now received reconciliation.**

**The Word of the Lord.**