**The Beloved -- Easter Sunday 2021**

Text: Romans 5:8

Idea: God can turn everything that was meant for evil to good if we will surrender to Him.

1. Introduction: (“Beloved” video)

Others may give up on us, but God never gives up on us. We are His beloved.

1. God knows that we are **broken**, and we need help.
2. Every single person here is broken because we were born with a sinful nature that is against God. (Romans 3:10-12) No one is righteous, and no one understands God or seeks after Him. We have turned away from God and gone our own way.
3. All of us have made bad choices, have failed, and have experienced rejection and hopelessness. We need to change lanes.
4. God **loves** us and **accepts** us as we are.
5. He does not stop loving us, even when we are messing up.
6. He gave His life for us so we could find a way out. (Romans 5:8)

1. God desires that we become part of His **family** … the Beloved (dear to the heart).
2. God chose you before you chose Him. (2 Thessalonians 2:13) So why are you still

resisting Him?

1. God says, “You are accepted in the beloved,” (Ephesians 1:6). The need to be accepted is a cry of the human heart. “He was despised and rejected by men,” (Isaiah 53:3).
2. **Surrender** your life and will to God.
3. God will wipe the slate clean, forgive you of all yours sins, remove the wrath to

come, reconcile you to Himself, and give you eternal life.

1. Your responsibility is to repent, confess, and believe in Him. (Romans 10:8-9)