

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus" is a song that we sing at communion time. It starts out by saying "Beneath the cross of Jesus I gladly take my stand". Do we really understand what this means to us? When we look at the cross, what do we see there? And looking at the communion table, what thoughts go through our minds? This morning I would like to point out four truths to be seen by looking to the cross of Jesus.

The first is seen in Romans 5:6-8. You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die.

"But God demonstrates His own love for us in this; while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

In this passage we see God demonstrating His love for us.

The next truth can be seen in Ephesians 1: 3-7. "Praise be to God and Father of our Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the Heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For He chose us in Him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in His sight. In love, He predestined us to be adopted as His sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with His pleasure and will - to the praise of His glorious grace, which He has freely given us in the one He loves.

In Him, we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of Gods grace. In this passage we can see forgiveness, and to be seen as blameless in His sight.

Our next truth can be seen as we read Titus 2:13,14. We wait for the blessed hope---the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for Himself a people that are His very own, eager to do what is good.

I love this passage, it speaks to me of the hope we see looking at the cross.

Our next truth can be found in Hebrews 10:19-23. Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, His body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.

Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful.

Our fourth truth can be seen as we look at the cross would be assurance.

Love, forgiveness, hope and assurance, Wonderful truths to hold on to during this time of remembrance.