

Within this time of remembrance, we have different types of feelings that pertain to Christ's life, death and Resurrection.

First would be: AMAZEMENT—I Stand amazed in the presence of Jesus the Nazarene and wonder how He could love me, a sinner, condemned, unclean. These words resonate within us as we consider Christ's sacrifice for us.

Ephesians 2:4-5 reads—Because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ, even when we were dead in transgressions it is by grace you have been saved. Romans 5:8 reads But God demonstrates his own love for us in this; while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Next would be SORROW—Romans 3:23&24 reads—For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by His grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. It saddens us to know and realize that our sins sent our Savior to the cross.

Knowing we are set free from our sins because of our Savior's love, we also have great JOY. There can be no greater joy than to know that we have such a loving Savior. 1 PETER 3:8 reads—Though you have not seen Him, you love Him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in Him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy.

We are also THANKFUL. We are thankful for the wonderful gift of forgiveness of our sins, and the hope we have through our Lord Jesus Christ. Titus 3:5-8 reads— He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and the renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are.