

I. We were helpless Rom 5:6a;  
Col 2:13-14;  
Rom 5:17;  
Rom 3:23;  
James 1:14-15

II. We were ungodly Rom 5:6b;  
Isa 64:6

III. We were neither righteous nor good Rom 5:7

IV. We were sinners Rom 5:8

V. We were children of wrath Rom 5:9;  
Rom 6:23a

VI. We were enemies of God Rom 5:10

<sup>6</sup> For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die. <sup>8</sup> But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup> Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. <sup>10</sup> For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

The Cross was not a declaration of our worthiness, but a scandalous demonstration of God's greatness.

#### Implications:

1. Everyone has a great testimony.
2. THERE IS nothing you can do to MAKE YOURSELF worse than you were.
3. You don't have to prove yourself to God.
4. Nobody is beyond hope.

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