

The Cross and A Memorable Sacrifice

After our study of the 'old rugged cross,' let the Spirit of God show you just how blessed we are when we **remember** and meditate upon **the cross** and **Jesus**. We will come to realize that they are inseparable to our **salvation**. Not only must we **remember the cross** and what it stood for, but we must **remember Jesus** and what he died on that **cross** for! He offered himself **a memorable sacrifice** for the sins of the world. One cannot be *accepted* without the other.

Tomorrow is **Memorial Day**. A **Memorial** is *'something that keeps remembrance alive, serving to preserve remembrance.'* **Memorial Day** is *'a legal holiday in the most states in the United States, observed in remembrance of the war dead.'* 1000's of young men and women gave their lives in defense of **freedom**, we're told. **WWI, WWII, Korean War, Vietnam, Gulf War** and the present wars being fought all over the world, and **for what?** What was their cause? *"There is a time when one man rules over another to his own hurt."* **Eccl.8:9** All we can do is **remember the war dead**, even if none were of our families! What do they, **the war dead** have to look forward to? What do those who've died by other means or causes have to look forward to. What awaits them for their ultimate **sacrifice? Only God knows.**

Most folk take this holiday whether they have association with **the war dead** or not. But what do many of them do on this day? **BBQ, go to the park, take a trip, stay home and rest, etc. Self-gratification.** Some actually go to a grave site of **the war dead** and others who've died to lay flowers or clean off the grave site. There is an **effort** made to do something, even if it's not in line with *the purpose* of this particular day. Some form of satisfaction is gained. The world has nothing to offer **those who died** defending worldly freedoms, national resources & ideals, but *Jesus offers everlasting life to those who learn of, remember and obey Him!*

Knowing that *"the secret things belong to the Lord our God, but those things which are revealed belongs to us and to our children forever that we might do all the words of the law."* **Dt.29:29** Moses writing this to Israel but the principle and truth of these words are relevant to us today. We must do a better job of making sure that **our children** are aware of the God we serve and His love for them that they too may learn to love and **remember** Jesus and his sacrifice. We know how God feels about sin, so why continue therein? Does Satan have a greater influence over you than God? *"Know ye not that to whom you yield yourself servants to obey, that whose servant you are; whether in sin unto death or in obedience unto righteousness?"* **Rom.6:16**
 Who died on the cross for you? _____ Who are you indebted too? _____
 Who went to prepare a place for you? _____ Who is interceding for you? _____

We usually seek and enjoy self-gratifying foods and events on man's **memorial day** schedule, but what are we seeking and grateful for on the Lord's **memorial day** schedule? *"This is the day which the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it."* **Psa.118:24** Bless the Lord today and always and He will bless you too. Enjoy **Memorial Day Christian soldiers!**

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