

MEMORIAL DAY

A Time to Remember

Memorial Day reminds us that freedom is costly. We honor those who have laid down their lives in service, while we also declare the greater Gospel truth:

Jesus Christ laid down His life to save sinners. The cross gives the deepest meaning to sacrificial love.

Romans 13:7

Render therefore to all their due:
taxes to whom taxes are
due, customs to whom customs,
fear to whom fear, and honor to
whom honor.

We Remember:

- 1) the cost of love and freedom
- 2) with faithful gratitude
- 3) that we have a Living Hope

We remember the cost of freedom

Romans 6:17 But God be thanked that you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered

Romans 5:8 But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

We remember the cost of freedom

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord

John 15:13 Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for his friends.

Psalm 82:3-4

Defend the weak and the fatherless;
uphold the cause of the poor and the
oppressed.

Rescue the weak and the needy;
deliver them from the hand of the
wicked.

Remember with faithful gratitude:

Deuteronomy 32:7 Remember the days of old; consider the generations long past.

Remember the sacrifice of Jesus:

Luke 22:19 This is my body broken for you; do this in remembrance of me.

God calls His people to remember.

Biblical remembrance is not passive nostalgia; it is active gratitude that shapes how we live.

On Memorial Day, remembering the fallen should move us to humility, honor, and a renewed sense of responsibility before God.

Psalm 2:6-7 “I have installed my king on Zion, my holy mountain.” ⁷ I will proclaim the LORD’s decree: He said to me, “You are my son; today I have become your father.

Matthew 17:5 He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.”

We remember that we have a living hope in Christ Jesus.

Christ has defeated death and the grave

John 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

We remember Our Living Hope

1 Thessalonians 4:13-14 Brothers, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. ¹⁴ For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him.

Memorial Day carries real sorrow.
Many families' remembrance is deeply
personal.

The Christian message does not deny
grief; it transforms it.

Because Jesus died and rose again,
those who trust Him have a living hope
beyond the grave.

As we honor the memory of the fallen,
let us give thanks to God, live worthy of
costly freedoms, and come to the One
who said:

“I am the resurrection and the life.”

Memorial Day calls us to remember;
the Gospel calls us to believe, to hope,
and to walk in faithful love.