

Remember

Memorial Day is a federal holiday in the United States observed on the last Monday of May. It is dedicated to mourning and honoring all U.S. military personnel who died while serving in the Armed Forces.

On this Memorial Day weekend – and every day – may we remember One who gave His life for us so that we might live forever.

“Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one’s life for his friends,” said Jesus (John 15:13). Jesus demonstrated this great love for us when He gave His life on the cross for our sins (1 Corinthians 15:3-4). He died for our sins so that we might receive forgiveness and the gift of eternal life (2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Romans 6:23).

God will forgive and give eternal life to those who place their faith and trust in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turn from their sins in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confess Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and are baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). He will continue to cleanse from sin those who continue to walk in the light of His Word (1 John 1:7-9).

Jesus wants those who accept His offer of salvation and life to continue to remember the price paid for their souls.

Peter reminded Christians: “You were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.” – 1 Peter 1:18-19

Jesus instituted the Lord’s Supper as a way for Christians to remember every first day of the week (Acts 20:7) the sacrifice that saved their souls.

The Apostle Paul reminded the Christians in Corinth about the meaning of the Lord’s Supper: “For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, ‘Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me.’ In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.’ For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death till He comes” (1 Corinthians 11:23-26).

Jesus says, “Remember Me.” Let’s remember with great gratitude the One who gave His life for us so that we might live.

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