



Memorial Day

On the last Monday of May, our country sets aside a day to remember those who have given their lives that we might be free. We inaugurated this day in 1868, after many died in the Civil War in order that, we might remain a free nation. After the many deaths of WW I, we honored all those who died in service to protect our country. We added more to remember after WW II, Korea, Viet Nam, the Middle East and other places around the world. This day memorializes all who died for us.

It's amazing as we think about it, that they were not only fighting for their own lives, but they were fighting for the freedoms of our lives. We would not enjoy the freedoms we have today except that these people gave their lives on our behalf. They did this for their fellow Americans.

More amazing is that another died for others but not for Himself. He died that even His enemies might live and be free. I am speaking about the Lord Jesus Christ. He did not need to die on the cross for His own sins, for He alone had no sin, but lived a life that always pleased the Father. Jesus died in your place. The Bible describes people like you and I as ungodly, enemy sinners. He died that we might be free from the bondage of sin, and free from the penalty of sin. He became sin for us that we might be free.

Only a few are willing to lay down their life for another. It is pathetic how little we remember those who did die for us! It is a sorer state to realize that even fewer accept the great and loving work that the Lord Jesus performed on our behalf! Many today are ignorant of, or ignore the fact that Jesus died on our behalf. If man thinks about it, he might feel guilty and think that he has a responsibility to respond properly. The Bible says, "How will we escape if we neglect so great a salvation?" ^{Heb. 2:3}

Many ignore the meaning of Memorial Day, so that they will not feel that they might have some responsibility regarding our country. How about you today? Are you thankful that God has allowed you to live in this country and that others have given their lives that you might live? Do you realize that it was your sin that sent

Jesus to the cross? Are you willing to turn from your sin and trust Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord? Make this Memorial Day a memorable day, by allowing God to change your life. Put your trust in the Lord Jesus Christ today.

