



Sermon
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“Do This In Remembrance of Me”

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Grace, mercy, and peace to you from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

1 Corinthians 11:24 “and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.” (Cross reference – Exodus 28:12, 1 Corinthians 11:23, 25)

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus....

Illustration “Remembering” (Show 3 old ladies)



I’ve always liked the story of the 3 old widows who lived together. One sister got up to go to bed, half way up the stairs she stopped and asked "was I going up or was I coming down" One sister replied with hint of aggravation, "you were going up to bed." A second sister headed into the kitchen to make herself a sandwich. Once in the kitchen she hollered back to her sister who was still down stairs; "what did I come in here for?"

The sister responded again with a trace of irritation, "you went in to make yourself a sandwich" after which she said; "I’m so glad I am not as forgetful as the both of you are" as she knock on the end table. And then she got up and walked over to the door and said "Who is it?" Yes, we are a forgetful people. I have concluded that forgetfulness is not a respecter of age. And therefore we come up with all kinds of ways to help us remember; (string around finger; post it notes, day planners, memory courses, and put it in our phone so it will remind us to remember). And most of us do need a little help to remember.

I. On Memorial Day, we do not want to forget the sacrifices made by our men and women in the military. We honor the men and women in uniform who have given their lives in service to our Nation. (Show branches of military)



When the stakes were highest, our Soldiers, the Navy, Air Force, Marines, Army, and Coast Guard answered the call of duty and made the ultimate sacrifice for the security of our country and the peace of the world. Today we remember all US men and women who died in military

service for our country. How many of us still gets confuse between Arm Forces Day, Memorial Day and Veteran Day? I want to make sure that we understand the differences between the military day so we don't get confuse.

(Show Arm Forces Day)



Arm Forces Day is celebrated annually on the third Saturday of May. On August 31, 1949, Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson announced the creation of an Armed Forces Day to replace separate Army, Navy and Air Force Days. The single-day celebration stemmed from the unification of the Armed Forces under one department – the Department of Defense. This holiday is reserve for the active duty military men and women. (Show Memorial Day)



Memorial Day is always on the last week in May and fall on Monday. It was once known as Decoration Day and the Memorial Day is a federal holiday. Many of us remember that it was observed on May 30. Schools, stores and places of business were closed; every town held a parade and civic exercises. On this day the graves and tombs of Union Soldiers killed in battle were decorated, and we recalled the bravery of those who gave their lives to preserve the Union.

The alternative name "Memorial Day" was first used in 1882, but did not become common until after World War II, and was not declared official by Federal law until 1967. (Show Veterans Day)



Veterans Day usually in November and it is an official United States holiday that honors people who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces, also known as veterans. It is a federal holiday that is observed on November 11. It coincides with other holidays such as Armistice Day and Remembrance Day, which are celebrated in other parts of the world and also mark the

anniversary of the end of World War I. (Major hostilities of World War I were formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, when the Armistice with Germany went into effect.) Veterans Day is not to be confused with Memorial Day; Veterans Day celebrates the service of all U.S. military veterans, while Memorial Day is a day of remembering the men and women who *died* while serving. (From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia)

II. Today we celebrate Memorial Day. (Show remember those who served)

REMEMBER THOSE WHO SERVED

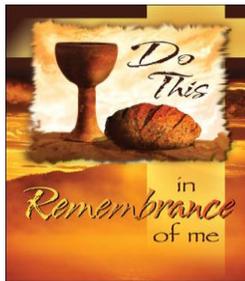


ALL GAVE SOME, SOME GAVE ALL

It is to honor those who spill their blood to make America what is free today, strong and a nation worth fighting for. Remember those who served - "All Gave Some, Some Gave All." Because of men and women died for this country, we have the right to preach God's word freely. We have the right to live at peace in our own homes. We have the right to pursue peace, prosperity and happiness. Thank

God for those who died to make us free. As we remember those who died for liberty, justice, and freedom, it is fitting to remember the one who died to set us free from spiritual tyranny. Jesus fought the armies of Hell that we might have freedom in his holy name. I'm going to give a short parallel of our nations Memorial Day with the memorial day of Christ.

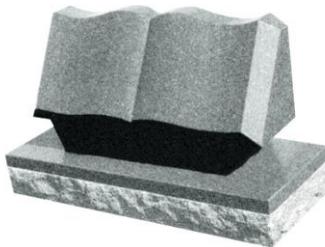
(Show do this in remembrance of me)



The Apostle Paul first letter to the Corinthians said, "and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, *"This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me."* (1 Corinthians 11:24) What did Christ want us to remember? How many of you think that we only remember Christ body and blood when we take the Lord Supper? In truth, we don't just remember His true body and true blood on Sunday during communion only, but we are to

remembrance everyday of our lives as we are his disciples. We celebrate Memorial day once a year to remember those who died for freedom, but every day is a celebration of the Memorial of Jesus Christ.

The nations remembrance on Memorial Day we – **mourn the loss, remember their lives, and thankful for their sacrifice.** We remember the love one who died, we wish they were here and not gone and wish that they are here to share with us, to hold, to talk to and to see. But because of death, we cannot have those thing. We remember their lives and trying to hold dear as a grief and emotional healing in remember the lives of the love one who's passed. (Show Headstone)



People put on their graves headstones as a testimony to remembrance the people that we love. Let me share with you some epitaphs as I see on the head stone of many: "Gone So Soon, Beloved Sons, Beloved Mother, Safe in the Arms of Jesus, Faithful Unto Death, Gone But Not Forgotten, Life's Work Well Done She Rest in Peace, and Age 64, 7

months, 9 days At Rest." All of these messages tell us a little about the one who is buried under that headstone so we can remember something about them.

III. Likewise the epitaph that Jesus left tells us something about him. Christ said, *"This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me."* (1 Corinthians 11:24). What are we to remember about Jesus? We need to remember God's love for sinful human. He send His Son to take our place. While he's here on earth, He teaches us to love, to show mercy, to be a servant to others and most of all, by believing in Him you have life because He lay down his life for you. Paul write in vs. 25-26 *"In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes."* We are to remember him, proclaim of his love until he come to take you to be with him in heaven forever and ever. In this Memorial Day, remember your Savior because you have forgiveness through Him.

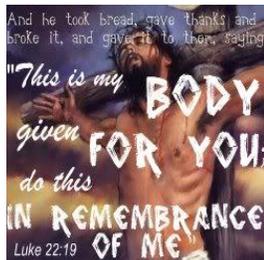
Let us watch a video clip of President Ronald Reagan speak on Memorial Day. [\(Show video - Ronald Reagan memorial tribute. Freedom Liberty – YouTube\)](#)



Ronald Reagan memorial tribute. Freedom Liberty - YouTube 3.15 Min.mp4

Brother and sisters in Christ, the early Christian suffered so that you and I may have the freedom to worship our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

[\(Show remembrance of Christ suffering for you\)](#)



Our military men and women gave their lives for the service of our country and nations. Let us remember many who suffered for what we have today. Let us remember that God sent His Son to die for you on the cross so that you are free from sin, death and the devil. Believe and trusting Jesus as Lord and Savior and you have life in Him. Remembering God's grace, mercy, and love always. Amen.

Now may the peace of God which passes all understanding keep your heart and mind in Christ Jesus. Amen.