

*John 15:13 13 Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.*

Memorial Day Should Be a Day of Remembering the Sacrifices Made for Our Earthly Freedoms Balanced By Remembering the Sacrifice of Christ Made For Our Eternal Freedom

1. We Do Well To Memorialize the Sacrifice of Those who, Out of Love, Died To Preserve Our Freedoms

a. Jesus is taking a universally known principle to make a point and...

- This is what our War Dead did

- Because of controversial wars and misguided consciences, respect for...

1 Chronicles 11:18-20

Hebrews 11:33-34

- Arrogant Pacifism that calls all participation in all war sinful disrespects...

Christians have the duty to set an example...

II. We Do Well to Always Remember that Any Man's Death for another Can Only Gain Temporary Freedom and Benefits for This Life Only

1. We must not deify our war dead in over-reaction to honor them and thereby..

Mat 4:10

2. Do Not overestimate what our war dead gained for us

2 Tim 3:1-5

2 Peter 3:10-12

However, do not underestimate it either

3. Don't attach any spiritual or eternal merit upon the sacrifices paid by our war dead

Rom 6:23

Rom 3:23

Heb 9:27

III. We Do Well to Always Remember that Jesus Christ's Death Alone Atones for Sins and Gives Eternal Life

1. This IS the real reason why Jesus used this general truth 1 Cor 15:3-4

2. In this act we perceive how great is the Love of Christ

The world principle – Greatest love – die for a friend

The Gospel – Greatest love died for the enemy - Rom 5:7-8