

Memorial (Sun)Day

By Kevin Harrington

Every last Monday in May, we observe a sacred holiday in this country. Memorial Day started after the Civil War to remember the fallen soldiers that gave their lives for their country. Today, we remember all of the soldiers that gave their lives for this country. It doesn't matter what war or time period. I am so thankful for the men and women who have given their lives so that you and I can have our freedom. Their sacrifice was selfless, brave, and honorable. Tomorrow we will remember all of the fallen soldiers in America's history. It's a special day. A day of sadness for some. A day to remember all of the blessings we have.

It's amazing to me how many people will observe a Monday as a National holiday, but fail to remember the Lord's Day every Sunday. I don't want anyone to get me wrong, and I don't want anyone to question my thanks and gratitude towards those who have given their lives for this country, but there was a sacrifice that was greater than what any soldier can give to their country.

Two thousand years ago, Jesus Christ gave His own life on a cross. Jesus' sacrifice gives us hope at eternal life with our Father in heaven. "In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace" (Eph. 1:7). The blood of Christ was shed on a cross so that you and I could live. Jesus died so that we could live eternally. "Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends" (John 15:13).

We gather on the first day of the week so that we can remember the life, death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We observe and remember Him every day of our lives, but we have a memorial set in place on every Sunday. It is the Christian's Memorial Day. Memorial Sunday. The Christians in Troas were gathering every "first day of the week...to break bread" (Acts 20:7).

I am forever thankful for the men and women who died for defending our country. I am thankful for anyone who has served in our military. I am also thankful for a Savior who gave His own life. I am thankful for the freedom to gather together with you and worship that Savior. Remember Him the way He wants to be remembered: by gathering together with saints, singing praises, observing the Lord's Supper, and giving all honor and praise to God.

Schedule of Services:

Greeting: Tom

Song Leader:

Myron

Opening Hymn:

155—Christ Arose

Opening Prayer:

Mark

Hymn:

574—At Calvary

Scripture Reading:

Gary

Ephesians 1:3-12

Hymn:

649—I Gave My Life for Thee

Lord's Supper:

Dale & Ray

Hymn:

299—Lead Me to Calvary

Sermon:

Tom

Invitation Hymn:

546—The Way of the

Cross Leads Home

Closing Hymn:

219—The Banner of the Cross

Closing Prayer:

Robert

PRAYER LIST

*Juanita's grandson-in-law, Tom, is at home recovering from surgery
 *Pat could not be with us last Sunday.
 *Myron & Carole are on vacation.
 *Juanita and her family.
 *Dale's friend Zarna and her family.
 *Larry and Ruth
 *Dale, his mother and his cousin Jayna and her family.
 *Ray, Rebecca, and Steven.
 *Rebecca will be scheduling foot surgery this summer.

CALENDAR

May 26—Bible Study 10 am
 Mark
 May 26—Worship 11 am & 6 pm
 Speaker: Tom
 May 29—Bible Study 7 pm
 Rob
 May 31—Friday Night Sing
 Ravenna
 Jun. 2—Bible Study 10 am
 Mark
 Jun. 2—Worship 11 am & 6 pm
 Speaker: Tom
 Jun. 2—Business Meeting
 Jun. 5—b. Ryan
 Jun. 6—b. Mark
 Jun. 9—Bible Study 7 pm
 Rob
 Jun. 7—b. Michael
 Jun. 9—Bible Study 10 am
 Mark
 Jun. 9—Worship 11 am & 6 pm

Answer to Puzzle: Blessed be the God and
 Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has
 blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the
 heavenly places in Christ

Redemption in Christ

Reference: Ephesians 1:3-12

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Hidden Phrase: _____

Never interrupt your enemy
 when he is making a mistake.

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