

Memorial Day

Tomorrow we celebrate Memorial Day. In 1971 the federal government moved many of the holidays to create three day weekends. Memorial Day was moved from May 30th to the last Monday in May.

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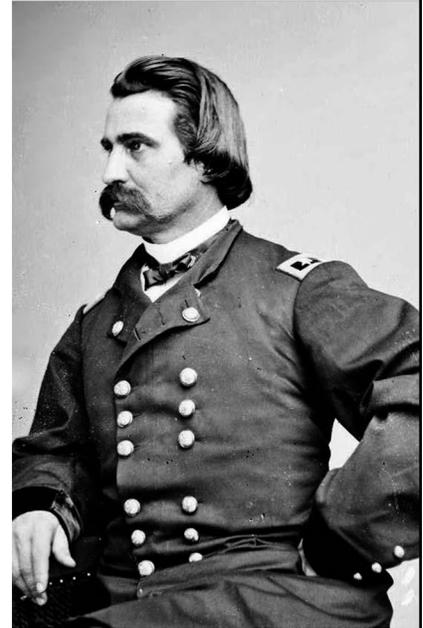
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Many have forgotten the purpose of this holiday. For many it simply represents the kickoff of Summer. Ice cream stands open, people travel to the beach, and people celebrate with picnics and outdoor barbeques.

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In 1868 General John A. Logan, Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic named May 30th as a special day to decorate the graves of Union Soldiers who died during the Civil War.

Because the graves were decorated with flowers, it was also known as Decoration Day.



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The date and place of the original observance of “memorializing” the graves of fallen soldiers is debated.

Throughout history, people have honored the memory of friends and family who have given their lives in defense of our county.

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Today, Memorial day has been expanded to remember those who sacrificed their lives in service during all our wars. It also honors our first responders who have died in the line of duty.



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The next generation needs to learn our history and the sacrifices that have been made for the freedoms they enjoy, otherwise they will take them for granted.

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The future of our nation depends on our sense of history and our place in it.

The picture is Sgt. Nels Ivar Johnson. He fought bravely in WWI and he is my grandfather.



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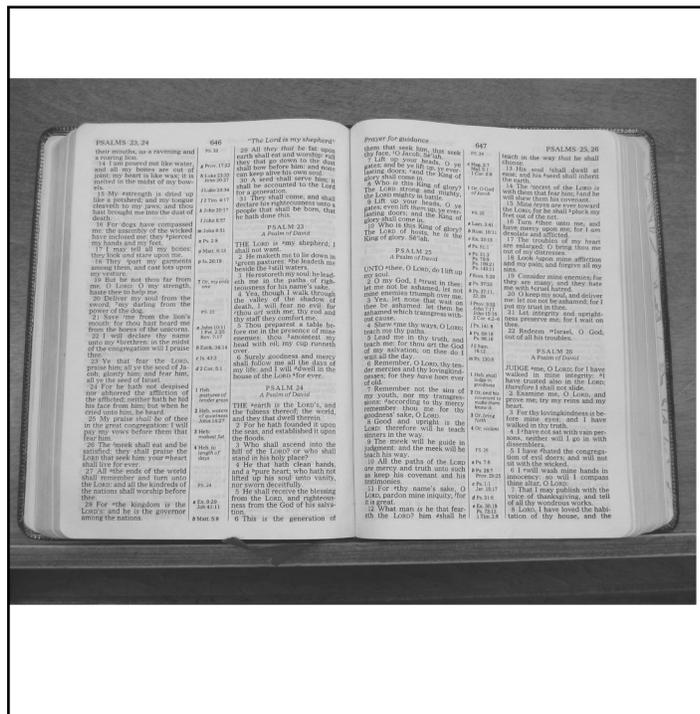
The failure to remember the sacrifices of those who have gone before us will lead to the failure to preserve the things for which they died.

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Freedom is not free,
 and those who
 recognize its cost will
 continue to pay its price
 so that it is preserved
 while those who do not
 will not and so will lose
 it.



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It is important to
 set aside time to
 remember the
 sacrifices that
 have been made
 for us to be able
 to worship God.

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Scripture is filled with
memorials. Things
that God wants us to
pause and take time to
remember.

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In Genesis 9:8-17
God gave the
rainbow as a
memorial that He
would not destroy
the earth by water
again.



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In Exodus 12 & 13, God sent His last plague on Egypt that resulted in Pharaoh letting Israel go. God instituted Passover to teach and remember how He delivered them from bondage and death.

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In Joshua 3 God had Joshua stack stones as a memorial of how God parted the Jordan river so Israel could enter into the land.



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Scripture is filled with many other examples of our need to remember:

Who we are ...

Who God is ...

What God has done for us ...

God's promises of what He will do ...

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On Memorial Day we remember those who have died to secure our freedom.

In Christianity we do the same.



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We remember how
Jesus as God Himself
stepped into human
history.

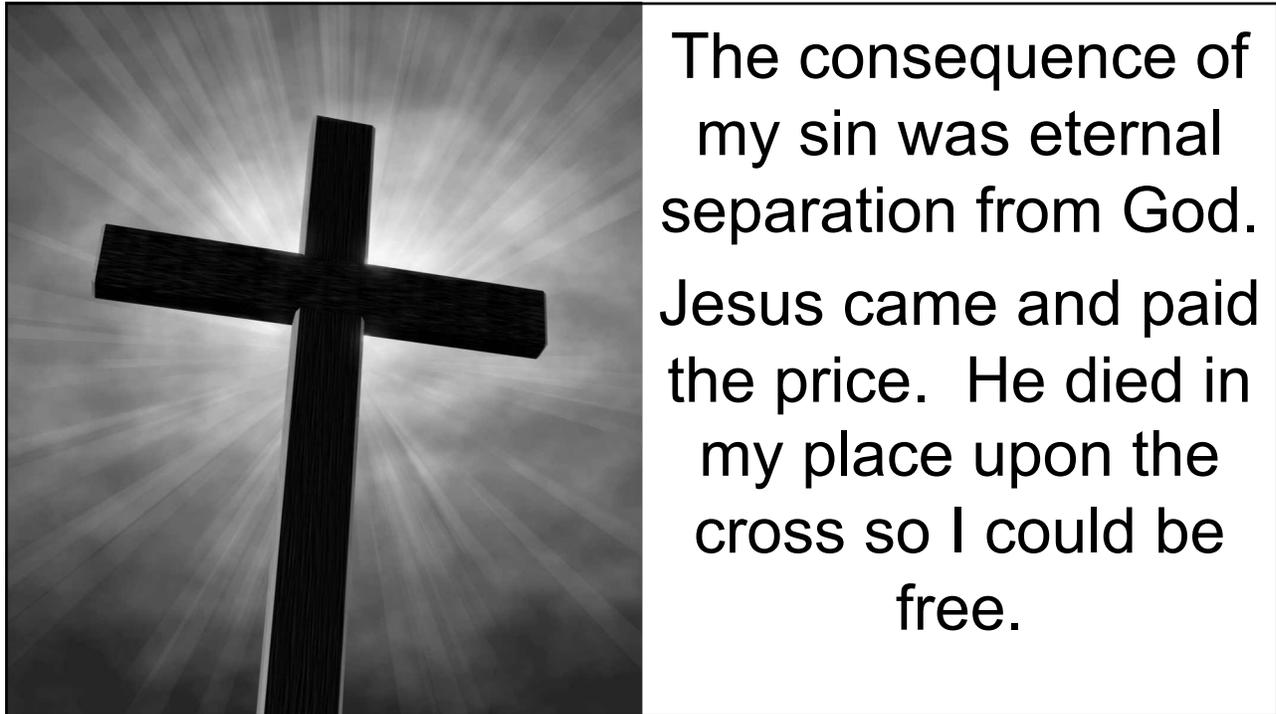
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Jesus for He would
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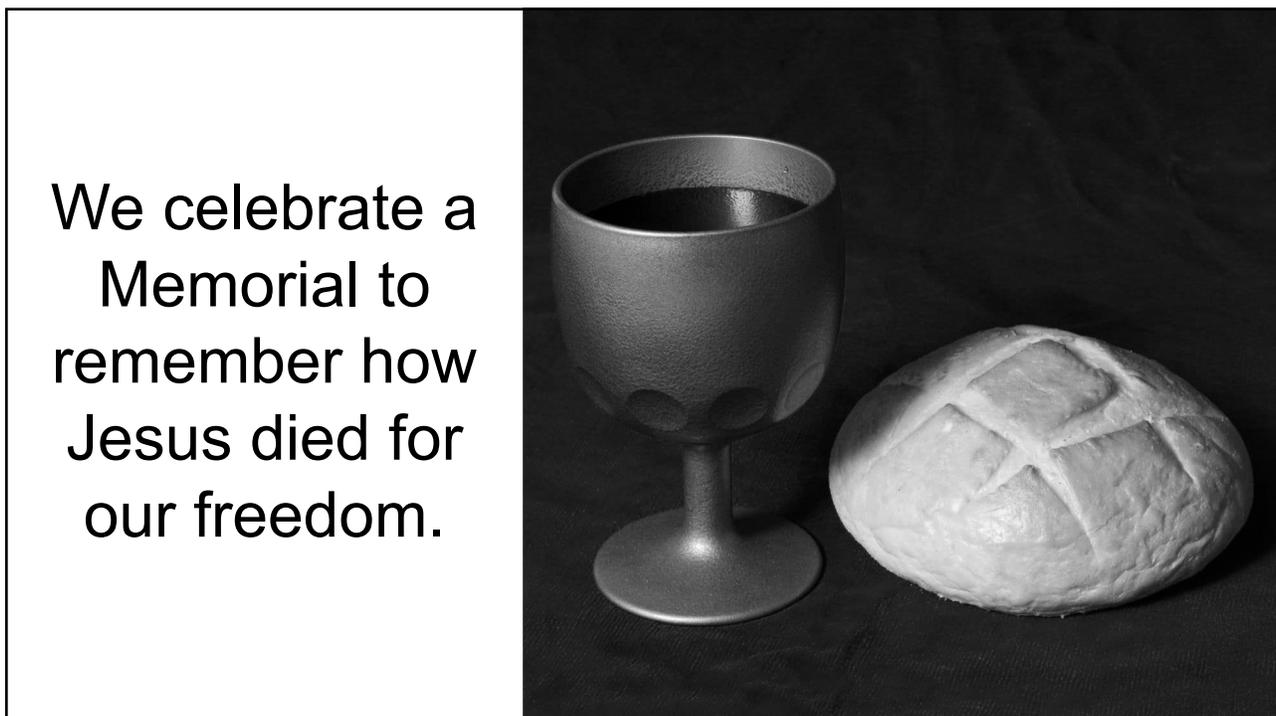
It was my sin that
separated me from
God. There was
nothing I could do to
remove the
consequences of my
sin.



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Jesus rose from
the dead
conquering sin
and its
consequences.
We serve a risen
Savior

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As you celebrate
Memorial Day,
please
remember the
sacrifice of all
who died so that
you can be free!



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