

Some Items to Remember on Memorial Day

by Bill Brandstatter

This is Memorial Day weekend. During this time of year, we pause to remember. We remember the ones who died for our nation's freedom. We remember the loved ones in general who have gone on before. The basic idea of remembering is to look back. We are looking back this weekend. Let us go through some biblical accounts and take a look back. All these will begin with word "remember" or "remembrance" and are in no particular order.

Remember the Word I have spoken: John 15:20: There is an idea here that Jesus not only wants us to remember but also to do. Jesus's word will judge us (John 12:48). How is our spiritual memory? Many people have a memory problem. Sometimes we remember what the scripture says, but we don't believe it applies to us. Let us remember the following from the Word of God: The wonderful works of God (Rom. 11:33); the death of Christ (1 Cor. 11:25-26); the teachings of the gospel (Rom. 1:16). To remember Christ's words would include obeying them and incorporating them into your life. The words of Christ are very important to salvation (John 12:48, John 14:24, 1 Tim. 6:3, Matt. 24:35).

Remember Me: Luke 23:42: This is the statement of the thief on the cross. We often focus on the statement made by Jesus in response to the thief: "Today you will be with me in paradise"; but the statement the thief made is very important. What does this statement say? He wanted to do what pleased Jesus. He wanted to be where Jesus was. He wasn't afraid to confess something about Christ even while facing certain death. He had an attitude of repentance. Certainly, we want the Lord to remember us when the crowns are handed out. (1 Cor. 9:25; 2 Tim. 4:8; Rev. 2:10). We cannot be saved like the thief on the cross. He didn't have to believe anything about Christ's death. I do! (Rom. 10:9) He couldn't be baptized into the death of Christ; (Rom. 6:3); I must be. The thief on the cross lived and died under the Law of Moses. That law was nailed to the cross and taken out of the way. (Col. 2:14). When God "remembers" us He looks back at what we have done.

Remember that Jesus was raised from the dead: 2 Tim. 2:8: This gives us hope beyond the grave (1 Cor. 15:14). Some in New Testament times thought that the resurrection had already past (2 Tim. 2:18). The Sadducees said there was no resurrection of the dead. (1 Cor. 15:12) The whole basis of the Christian experience is based in large part, not only on salvation, but on the hope of a resurrection someday. The Lord's Supper is to be taken every Sunday for this purpose. (1 Cor. 11:24, 25).

Certainly, there are other passages that contain the word "remember." These three are significant and should get our attention as we remember this weekend.

- via Bulletin Gold -

The true art of memory is the art of attention.

News & Notes

MAIN ELEVATOR: Out of Service for repairs. Please use the Lift at the front of the building until further notice.

CONFESSION: Claudette Miller.

SYMPATHY: To **Twila Adamson** at the recent passing of her sister-in-law, Mary Loy, who died in a car accident.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Canceled until Fall.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Next Saturday, June 3rd, 8:00 a.m. at EJ's.

COVERED DISH DINNER: Next Sunday, June 4th, about Noon at the Fellowship Building, followed by our **early afternoon service, 2:00 p.m.** at the Church Building.

GRADUATION PARTIES: Brett Thompson, Saturday, June 10th, 2 to 6 p.m. at our Fellowship Building. Brett graduated from East Liverpool High School.

Also, **Aiden Haught** (grandson of Skip & Sue Haught), **Saturday, June 10th, Noon to 4 p.m.** at the Weirton Heights Church of Christ Fellowship Building. Aiden graduated from Brooke High School.



June 12-16 (M-F), 10:00 to Noon
Classes for ALL Ages

PANTRY: Chicken noodle soup.

SICK & SHUT-IN: At Home: Debbie Waite, Peggy Linger, Nancy Cox, Mike West, Becky McKitrick, Blondenia Orr, Barbara DeLong, David Strum, Cheryl Renfro Walker, Lori Rowand (John Sprout's niece). **Fox - Chester:** Mary Johnson (Lois Hissom's sister). **Fox, Pepperberry Suites, Chester:** David McCoy. **In Ohio:** Herman McHan, 7401 Elmwood Drive, Lisbon OH 44432.

What Jesus Offers

On January 6, 1941, Franklin D. Roosevelt addressed Congress about the state of the war in Europe. As he closed, he said that he looked forward to a world founded upon four essential freedoms:

- Freedom of speech
- Freedom of worship
- Freedom from want
- Freedom from fear

Upon consideration, is not this what Jesus offers? He says we can come boldly to the throne of grace (Hebrews 4:16); we are priests in God's temple, offering up spiritual sacrifices (1 Peter 2:5, 9); He promises to care for us (Matthew 6:33; Philippians 4:19); He fills us with courage (Matthew 10:18-20).

- Allen Webster (via Bulletin Digest)