

MEMORIAL DAY-REMEMBERING THE _____

Phil 3:1-14

This is Memorial Day weekend, a time to remember and honor those who gave their life in service to the USA in order that we might have and enjoy the freedoms that we still have. In like manner, this Memorial Day weekend is a great opportunity to remember and honor the One who gave us eternal freedom from the penalty, power and one day presence of sin.

- I. _____, because others were willing to make the supreme sacrifice **Vs 1**
- A. We rejoice that the sacrifices of our military were not in _____, and we still have our freedoms
 - B. We rejoice in Christ because our freedom from sin comes from his _____ work
 - C. To be reminded of the sacrifices of American soldiers and Christ is not bothersome but causes a sense of security and _____
- II. The _____ brought about due to the sacrifice is amazing **Vs 2-8**
- A. We should be _____ for the accomplishments America has known because of men and women who were willing to lay down their life for the USA while serving in the military
 - B. Accomplishments are _____ without security and safety
 - 1. Saul's accomplishments _____ Christ as his Savior **Vs 2-6**
 - 2. Paul's accomplishments _____ Christ as his Savior **Vs 7-8**
- III. Our freedom was _____ by those who were willing to sacrifice their own life **Vs 9**
- A. America is free because of the men and women who served in the military and gave their life as a sacrifice so that freedom could _____
 - B. Christians are free because Jesus Christ gave himself that we might have _____ life
 - 1. We are _____ to provide our own deliverance from sin **Vs 9a**
 - 2. By faith we receive the benefit of Christ's _____ sacrifice for sinners
 - a. **Win** (to gain by reason of _____) Christ **Vs 8**
 - b. **Found** (locate _____ a search is made) in Christ **Vs 9**
- IV. The _____ of learning about those who gave their life for our freedom **Vs 10-15**
- A. We can research and learn about the sacrifices of those in the military and appreciate more fully the fact that these were _____ people with real families, thus we become more appreciative of our freedoms
 - B. As Christians, we are privileged to learn about the sacrifice of our Savior and thus appreciate and value that sacrifice (**Know**-learn about and gain _____) **Vs 10**
 - C. As we learn and understand more about Christ's sacrifice for us, we can become more _____ to follow the example he left for us **Vs 11**
 - D. As we follow his example, we realize there is a real purpose for our life, and we desire to _____ that purpose with his help and for his glory **Vs 12-15**
 - 1. We recognize the _____ of living Christ-like
 - 2. We realize our unsaved life _____ fulfill the need for joy, peace, and happiness
 - 3. We re-evaluate our direction and move forward in the _____ and example of Christ
 - 4. We _____ about the ultimate end when we enter the presence of Christ

_____ the sacrifice of the soldiers who gave their life for our freedoms, we who live in the United States of America would have no freedoms. In a more important light, had the Lord Jesus Christ _____ come to this earth and laid down his life as a sacrifice for sin, we would be destined for an eternity in the Lake of Fire. Because there were men and women willing to serve in the Armed Forces and even give their life for America's freedom, we still _____ it today. Because of Christ's marvelous sacrifice for the sin of the world, we can be _____ from the penalty, power and one day, presence of sin. This is a wonderful day to remember the sacrifice of our military, but more importantly the sacrifice of our wonderful Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.