

## MEMORIAL DAY 2022

Remembering the sacrifices for our freedom

From the foundation of our country to this very day, millions have laid down their lives to make us free.

Those who were sacrificed in war gave us political freedom...

But the one whose sacrifice means the most is Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ gives us eternal freedom.

He has given us 2 major commands.

### I. LOVE ONE ANOTHER JUST AS HE LOVES US.

#### **John 13:34, 35**

*“Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other.”*

How did Jesus love them? How does Jesus love us?

*That’s what’s new.*

The newness, the fullness of this new commandment is that-

we are to love in a way that costs us our life—

not just loving generally but loving sacrificially to the point of death.

The commandment He gave us is to die—to our pride, our complaints, our selves.

*“Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.” —*

When you love like I do—when you love to the point of death.

Do we Love each other as Jesus Loves us?

Are we willing **to take up our cross daily, for the sake of others!**

### II. SHARE THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS WITH EVERYONE EVERYWHERE.

#### **Mark 16:14, 15**

How do we share Christ effectively—with clarity?

How do we show someone the REAL Jesus?

**It is impossible to accomplish the second task if we have not achieved the first.**

We have to EXPERIENCE Jesus ...

Today, do you know the Shepherd?

Have you accepted Him—Jesus the Christ—as YOUR shepherd?

As we pause to honor those who gave their lives for our political freedom...

let us also remember the one who sacrificed his life for our eternal freedom.

- A freedom that gives us abundant and eternal life,
- A freedom that exempts us from condemnation and eternal punishment.

Wars between nations come and go,

but the sacrifice of Jesus as our Christ gives us peace now and forever.

As we memorialize the sacrifices for our freedom, **have we done what he instructed us to do?**