



Ushering in the New Year: The Believer's Memorial Day 2024

Scripture Reading:

II Peter 1:1-15

INTRODUCTION

- ◆ Memorial Day (originally “Decoration Day”), began on May 30th, 1868
- ◆ 5000 participants decorated the graves of the 20,000 soldiers buried at Arlington National Cemetery
- ◆ It came to include the memorial of all fallen US soldiers from our conflicts and wars.
- ◆ Finally, it became a day of remembrance for all families to remember their dead loved ones.

INTRODUCTION

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- ◆ The NT grace-believer is not encouraged to focus our remembrance on death, but on life – **ETERNAL LIFE!**
- ◆ We are to remember:
 - ◆ The God of this LIFE
 - ◆ The words of the LIFE
 - ◆ The people of the LIFE
 - ◆ The practice of this LIFE

Remember the God of Eternal Life

◇ Remember His bodily
resurrection

◇ II Tim 2:8

◇ Remember Christ provided
benefits from His finished
work on the cross

◇ Col 3:4a, I Jn 5:11-12

Remember the Words of this Life

◇ 6x in gospels, The apostle remembered things Christ had said - **Jn 2:19-22**

◇ many things Jesus said needed to be explained - **Jn 16:12-13**

◇ the Holy Spirit would cause them to remember the words, and understand the words - **Jn 14:26**

The words of the apostles were to be remembered - **II Pet 3:1-2**

◇ “...we heard, and we are still hearing...”

Remember the People of this Life

◇ In prayer

- ◇ Paul's remembrance of the saints, while

- ◇ In prayer (worship of God)

- ◇ Rom 1:9, I Thess 1:2-3, Phlm 4

- ◇ While supplicating

- ◇ Phil 1:3, II Tim 1:3

◇ In giving:

- ◇ More happiness in giving than receiving -
Acts 20:33-35, cf II Cor 9:7

◇ In loving one another

- ◇ **Rev 2:5** - Remember the first works to love
one another

**Remember
to put this
Life into
Practice**

◇ **II Pet 1:12-15**

◇ 3x Peter expresses his desire to remember “these things”:

◇ Not to neglect reminding them

◇ Reminding them, while yet living in his “tent”

Peter’s desire for them to remember “these things” after his exodus (KJV demise)

CONCLUSION

- ◇ As precious as remembrance of our former relationships with loved-ones, remembering
 - ◇ the God of ETERNAL LIFE
 - ◇ with His own words about ETERNAL LIFE
 - ◇ the people who share with us in this ETERNAL LIFE
 - ◇ and the growing experiential practice of this ETERNAL LIFE is far more precious
- ◇ Isa 65:17 “For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth and the for shall not be remembered nor come into mind”