

Memorial Day Tribute ~ “Greater Love”

John 15:13, Romans 5:6-8

The key points of this message will focus our attention on the true results of the “Greater Love” that is shown to all mankind through the death of Jesus Christ upon the cross. Memorial Day weekend has become synonymous with many things over the last decade but let us never forget that most importantly it is a day of remembrance in which we remember the great cost of true freedom.

Big Idea

Sacrifice = All Give Some...Some Give All

John 15:13 (NIV) – Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.

Romans 5:6-8 (NIV) – ⁶You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Three Results of the “Greater Love”

Result #1 – Greater Love Brings Hope Out of Hopelessness

- **Romans 5:6** – You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.
- **1 Peter 1:3** – Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Result #2 – Greater Love Brings Freedom Out of Sacrifice

- **Romans 5:7** – Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die.
- **1 Peter 2:24** – He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

Result #3 – Greater Love Brings Life Out of Death

- **Romans 5:8** – But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
- **John 10:9-10** – ⁹I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. ^{F51}He will come in and go out, and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

Question to Consider

Why is it important to Remember that “Some Gave All” on Memorial Day? Explain.

Memory Verse

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Challenge

Remember those Who Have Given All to Give You Freedom!