

Remembering Jesus

II: We Remember Christ's _____

The American soldier has saved this nation from many things such as tyrannical kings and governments, communism, invasions from other countries or peoples who wished to take our land and / or freedoms, not to mention terrorist groups and attacks.

And while the American soldier can save us from our enemies, unfortunately, they cannot save us from sin or ourselves.

QUOTE: *“only two defining forces have ever offered to die for you. Jesus Christ and the American Solders. One died for your soul the other died for your freedom. “*

Jesus, however, completely saves!

Heb. 7:25 ... ***Wherefore he is able also to save them to the _____ that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.***

Mark 10:45 ... ***For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a _____ for many.***

Romans 5:8 ... ***But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ _____ for us.***

1 Thess. 5:9-10 ... ***9 For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain _____ by our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him.***

While it is important to remember what the American Soldier has given to our country and it's people we cannot neglect that the greater sacrifice—the greater service—and the greater salvation which comes from and through Jesus Christ.



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2 Timothy 2:7-9

As you well know, this weekend we celebrate Memorial and while it has been adapted to include remembering those who have gone on before us, the initial purpose was to remember and honor those American Soldiers who have died while in service to our country.

You have heard the phrase “freedom isn’t free”. And whether it is personal liberty and freedom or spiritual liberty and freedom, the cost is always blood and sacrifice.

And so this morning let’s discover the many many parallels between the American Soldier, who fought and died for our personal freedom and Jesus Christ, who died, was buried, and rose again the third day for our spiritual freedom.

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I: We Remember Jesus' _____ : Gal. 4:4-5
Humanity of the soldier is often forgotten. They have families; they are friends; they experience discouragement and hardship; they purposely put themselves in the position to experience pain and suffering for their own benefit and for the benefit of others in order to be prepared for the job they are called to do. The American soldier is not created as super human being but they are often times asked to serve in a super human way ...

- their service is designed to protect / guard against anything that threatens our freedom

Jesus was also a human, and frankly, while the Bible teaches us that Jesus is God ... in fact John 1:1 says ... ***In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God*** ... we often forget about the humanity of Jesus as well

Jesus was not only 100% God ... but He was also 100% man Gal. 4:4-5 ... ⁴ ***But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,*** ⁵ ***To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.***

My friends ... while the _____ is to be honored and remembered for his / her service, their service is limited by their humanity.

But _____ service is not limited by His humanity, but rather it is increased by His humanity.

As we remember the service of our fallen American Soldiers may we also remember Jesus' service which goes beyond His humanity - goes beyond His physical strength and power and instead utilizes the power of God.

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When we consider the American Soldier we certainly understand that sacrifice is an intimate part of their service. Their sacrifice is found in different areas at different levels

- they sacrifice _____
- there is the sacrifice of _____
- and of course ... the _____ sacrifice is them giving their life for their country

But may we also remember Jesus' sacrifice which was a _____ sacrifice.

- 1 John 2:2 ... ***And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.***

- Heb. 9:12 ... ***Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.***

- Eph. 5:2 ... ***And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.***

- Titus 2:14 ... ***Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.***
