

# Personal/Small Group Sermon Study

Week of May 29, 2022 A.D.

## Never Forget the Cost

Memorial Day is a unique holiday on which Americans remember and honor those men and women who died in battle on behalf of our country. Memorial Day is also a time to remember that we live in a world which is in rebellion against Christ; and, every follower of Christ is in a battle and on a mission to rescue unbelievers from the death and destruction which are caused by the evil forces of Satan and his dark kingdom.

**Read Matthew 10:28** (Jesus is speaking.)

1. Who are “those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul”? Who is “the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell”? What does Jesus want us to learn and apply from this verse? Please explain your answers.

**Read John 6:63**

2. What is the meaning of this verse? In your opinion, how does the truth of this verse compare with the viewpoint of (a) non-Christians and (b) a cross-section of your Christian friends? Please explain your answers.
3. Do you find the truth of this verse to be (a) a source of joy and freedom or (b) troubling and/or hard to accept? Also, please tell how you have allowed the truth of this verse to influence your personal outlook on life and the choices you make.

**Read 1 John 5:11-12**

4. Please explain the meaning of these verses.
5. Is there a difference between “life” and “eternal life”? If not, why not? If so, please (a) explain the difference and (b) tell how that difference affects your overall attitude and the choices you make in your daily existence.

**Read Hebrews 13:5-6**

6. What are your fears in life? Why do you have those fears? Are they real and rational? If you have no fears, why not? Please be honest in your answers.

**Read John 12:31 and John 18:36** (Jesus is speaking.)

7. Who is “the prince of this world” (v. 31)? From where is the kingdom of Christ Jesus (v. 36)? Is the kingdom of the prince of this world currently at war with the kingdom of Christ? If so, where and how is that war being fought? Please explain.

**Read John 8:42-47 and John 18:37**

8. Is there “absolute truth” about God and humans which never changes? Does (a) our culture and (b) the world in general believe in absolute truth? Is the battle between Satan and Christ a battle between truth and lies? Please explain.

**Read Ephesians 6:12 and Romans 12: 9, 21**

9. Please analyze, critique, and discuss this statement: “Every person on planet Earth is a participant in the battle between truth and falsehood and the battle between good and evil.”

**Read Matthew 13:36-43**

10. Is Jesus going to judge every person who has ever lived on planet Earth? What will be the factor which will determine whether a person is “thrown into the fiery furnace” or allowed to enter into “the kingdom”? Please explain.

**Read Matthew 24:4-8 and Psalm 33:16-22**

11. Does God expect and allow wars to occur among humans? According to Psalm 33, who or what determines the outcome of every war? Whom does God favor with victory in battle? What is the primary lesson that all Americans should learn and remember about the morality and fundamental purpose of our nation – especially on Memorial Day? Please explain your answers.
12. How important is it for America to teach and remember: (a) its Christian heritage; (b) how God allowed America to prevail on the side of righteousness in times of war; and (c) that God abandons nations who abandon Him? What can you do to seek and preserve God’s protection and favor for America? Please explain.

**Consider:** Memorial Day is a sober reminder that freedom is never free. The price of our national freedom has been paid by the shed blood of our brave military. The price of our freedom from sin (and our freedom from the wrath of God) has been paid by the shed blood of Jesus. Never forget the cost.