

Renewing Our Vision for 2021
“God’s Recreation of Us”
Ephesians 2:8-10

Memorial Day- Remembering Those Who Died

The Civil War (April 12, 1861 - May 9, 1865) was the deadliest war in American history with over 620,000 soldiers who died. Memorial Day was founded in 1868 to remember the soldiers from both the North and the South who died by placing flowers on their graves.

*A time to remember, pray, and give thanks.
A time to remember and give thanks for Jesus!*

“Christ in Us” Changes Our Purpose in Life (Eph 2:1-7)

1. Our life before we knew Jesus Christ was misguided, deceived and without hope. (Eph. 2:1-3)

- We had multiple offenses and sins deserving of God’s judgement and condemnation. (Eph. 2:1)
- We were under the deceptive influence of a world that does not seek God and embraces the lies of an earthly prince who opposes truth. (Eph. 2:2)
- We were influenced more by our lusts and drive to satisfy our desires that truth and what matters most to God. (Eph. 2:3)

2. Our life with “Christ in Us” is alive in relationship to God and empowered to make a difference for God in the world. (Eph. 2:4-6)

- God’s love moved Him to do for us what we were incapable of doing for ourselves. (Eph. 2:4)

- God made us alive with Christ. (Eph. 2:5)
- God seated us with Christ in a position of authority. (Eph. 2:6)
- God’s purpose is to shower us with His grace into eternity. (Eph. 2:7)

3. Our life with “Christ in Us” is the result of “grace” through faith to do the work God has prepared for us to do. (Eph. 2:8-10)

- Everything we are now is the result of God’s grace. (Eph. 2:8a)
- The only thing we can take credit for is our faith. (Eph. 2:8b)
- We cannot boast in anything we earned or deserve. (Eph. 2:9)
- We are re-created “in Christ” to do God’s work. (Eph. 2:10)

Surrendering to God’s Purpose for Our Lives

- **Praying:** Matthew 6:6-15
- **Abiding in Jesus’ Teaching:** John 15:1-11; Luke 8:2-25
- **Loving the Brethren:** John 13:34-35; 15:12-17
- **Serving:** John 13:13-17
- **Making Disciples:** Matthew 28:18-20