

NEVER FORGET!
Happy Memorial Day

THE PRICE OF FREEDOM!

(Acts 11:27—12:5)

Proverbs 14:34—“Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.”

I. THE PRICE OF FREEDOM

A. OUR PHYSICAL FREEDOM...

...is paid for by those who are willing to give of their lives and even their blood so that we can live free.

B. OUR SOCIAL, POLITICAL, & RELIGIOUS FREEDSOM...

1. ...is protected by the Constitution and is paid for by those who are willing to protect this freedom God has given us.
2. That freedom *is diminishing quickly!* That's not because we are being taken over from the outside; but it's from rottenness on the inside.
3. For the most part, we don't even realize the freedom and liberty we have in this nation.
4. We have become so pre-occupied with being comfortable, with pleasures, and with being entertained; *WE ARE BECOMING MORE DUMB AND MORE NUMB BY THE DAY.*

1ST CHALLENGE: How will you and I protect & defend the freedom we have been given in this nation?

C. OUR SPIRITUAL FREEDOM...

1. ...also come at a cost! Jesus paid the price on Calavary!
2. But if you are here and saved today, someone else also paid a price to help you see Christ and come to faith in Him!

3. **THE PROPHETS:** Those who choose to lean in and live close to God, to hear from Him, and TO PURSUE HIM! They are willing to speak out the mysteries of God.
4. **THE GIVERS:** Those who choose to give of their resources to move the kingdom of God forward.
5. **THE MARTYRS:** Those who choose not to love their lives so much that they would be willing to sacrifice their lives for the cause of Jesus!
6. **THE PRAY-ERS:** Those who seek the Lord on behalf of others.

2nd CHALLENGE: How will you and I provide opportunity for others to come to Christ?