

“Memorials”  
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Scripture: Proverbs 23:10 (ESV)

Memorials serve as reminders of someone or something significant that has taken place.

It is VERY important for us to understand that as believers and disciples of Jesus Christ, we all have a “dual citizenship”.

As citizens of the United States, we have a responsibility to remember that:

1. Blood is what purchased our freedom.
2. Those who have shed blood, in order that we might have freedom, are worthy to be remembered and honored.
3. We honor the memory of those who paid the ultimate sacrifice by:
  1. Living uprightly

Scripture: Proverbs 11:11 (ESV)

Scripture: Proverbs 28:4 (ESV)

2. Praying faithfully

Scripture: 1 Timothy 2:1-3 (ESV)

3. Exercising responsibilities consistently.

However, we must never forget that our citizenship in the Kingdom of God is always the highest priority, because this citizenship is eternal.

The flag should never be raised higher than the cross.

WE should never be more patriotic than we are “Christian”.

#### Five Memorials to Remember and Honor

1. The Memorial of Bethel

Scripture: Genesis 28:18-21 (ESV)

A Reminder of Worship

2. The Memorial of Gilgal

Scripture: Joshua 4:1-7; 21-24 (ESV)

A Reminder to Future Generations

3. The Memorial of Ebenezer

Scripture: 1 Samuel 17:7-12 (ESV)

A Reminder of the Victory we have against our enemies!

4. The Memorial of Scars

Scripture: Galatians 6:17 (ESV)

A Reminder of what we’ve been through!

5. The Memorial of the Cross

A Reminder of the blood that was shed for our freedom!

Many throughout history, have shed blood for the sake of the Kingdom.

But there has only been one who has shed blood, in order that we might *enter* the Kingdom.

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 11:22-32 (ESV)

We honor the cross when we:

1. Remember the price.
2. Live righteously.