

A DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

Introduction:

1. Today is the anniversary of September 11, 2001.
2. It is good to pause and remember significant events in history.
3. It is sad that many have forgotten the lessons of that day.
4. Even sadder is when Christians forget...

I. WE MUST REMEMBER OUR PAST

A. Exodus 12:26-27; 13:3-8, 14-15; Deuteronomy 4:9-10; Psalm 78:1-8

B. Why do we do the things we do the way we do?

C. Worship

1. First day of the week (Acts 20:7)
2. Singing (Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16)
 - a. No mechanical instrumental music
 - b. No choirs, choruses, etc.
 - c. No unscriptural songs
3. Preaching (Acts 20:7)
 - a. No drama / entertainment
 - b. No opinions, traditions, creed books, etc.
4. Praying (Acts 2:42; 4:31)
 - a. To the Father in the name of Jesus
 - b. With reverence
 - c. No vain repetitions
5. Giving (1 Corinthians 16:1-2)
 - a. No yard sales, fundraisers, etc.
 - b. Only on first day of the week
6. Lord's Supper (Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26)
 - a. Only on first day of the week
 - b. In remembrance of Jesus' death

D. Salvation

1. Hear (Romans 10:17)
2. Believe (Hebrews 11:6)
3. Repent (Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Faith (Romans 10:9-10; Acts 8:37)
5. Be Baptized (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38)
6. Live Faithfully (Revelation 2:10)

E. Doctrine

II. WE MUST REMEMBER OUR PURPOSE

A. Luke 19:10; 15:4-7, 25-32

B. Our Lord's purpose was the salvation of souls.

C. The purpose of the church is the same (1 John 4:9-11).

1. It is not to entertain.
2. It is not to baby-sit or rear children.
3. It is not to be a social institution.

D. Evangelism (Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16)

E. Benevolence (Mark 14:7) – *always with the hope and goal of evangelism*

F. Edification (1 Corinthians 14:3-4, 26; Ephesians 4:11-13)

1. Comes through teaching and studying the Truth
 2. Not just an emotion or “feeling something”
- G. How are we living in relation to our purpose?

III. WE MUST REMEMBER OUR PURCHASE

- A. Matthew 16:8-10
- B. 2 Peter 1:8-10
- C. Faithfulness must be a consequence of forgiveness (Revelation 2:10).
- D. We remember the price paid for freedom in this country.
 1. Veterans’ Day
 2. Memorial Day
- E. We must never forget the price paid for freedom from sin (Acts 20:28; 1 Peter 1:18-19).

Conclusion:

1. It is sad when a nation fails to remember or chooses to forget.
2. It is tragic when God’s people do the same.
3. Never forget what it means to be a Christian.