**Memorial Day Proclamation**

**Reading – 1 Corinthians 11:23-26**

**I. That Jesus Died [vs.26]**

***[Romans 5:7-8]*** ***For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die.*** ***8But God commended his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.***

***1 Thessalonians 5:9-10*** ***For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,*** ***10who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him.***

**II. That Jesus will come again**

***John 14:1-3*** ***“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me.*** ***2In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?*** ***3And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.***

***Acts 1:9-11*** ***And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.*** ***10And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes,*** ***11and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”***

***1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*** ***But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.*** ***14For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.*** ***15For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord,******£*** ***that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep.*** ***16For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.*** ***17Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.*** ***18Therefore encourage one another with these words.***

***2 Peter 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.***

***1 Thessalonians 5:1-4 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. 2For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 3While people are saying, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.*** ***4But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief.***

**III. The Need For Self Examination.**

***1 Corinthians 11:27-31*** ***Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord.*** ***28Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup.*** ***29For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.*** ***30That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died.*** ***31But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged.***

***2 Corinthians 13:5*** ***Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you fail to meet the test!***

**Iv. We Are Forgetful**

***2 Timothy 2:3-8 Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. 4No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. 5An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. 6It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. 7Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.*** ***8Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel,***

**v. The New Testament is Binding**

***Luke 22:20*** ***20And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.***

***Hebrews 9:15-17 15Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant. 16For where a will is involved, the death of the one who made it must be established. 17For a will takes effect only at death, since it is not in force as long as the one who made it is alive.***

***Hebrews 8:7-13 For if that first covenant had been faultless, then no place would have been sought for a second. 8Because finding fault with them, He says: “Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah— 9not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they did not continue in My covenant, and I disregarded them, says the Lord. 10For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. 11None of them shall teach his neighbor, and none his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them. 12For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more.” 13In that He says, “A new covenant,” He has made the first obsolete. Now what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away.***