“Worthy of Remembering”

Philippians 4:9
Watershed Memorial Events
In Scripture

Memorials = Events of significance rising above current generation worthy of repeat for future generations!

Lord’s Supper – 2,000 years later “Do this!”

Rainbow – “never again by flood!” (Genesis 9:13)

Passover – “this day will be a memorial” (Ex. 12:14).
Worthy Of A Memorial in Our Generation

Significant / meaningful / unique in time (photographs and videos)

Sacrifices made; permanent sacrifices.

Memorial Day = Feats of valor – great bravery that lead to KIA
Remembering “Butch” O’Hare

KIA, 11/26/43
Those who died in American wars

Each Statistic Has a Story!

Iraq war (2003-2011) = 4,488
Afghanistan (2001-present) = 2,229
Gulf war (1990-1991) = 294
Viet Nam war = 58,209
Korean war = 36,516
WW II = 405,399
WW I = 116,516
Key: Passing On To The Next Generation

“The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you” (Phil. 4:9).

The values? Faith in God, family, church!

We honor the dead when we live in light of the values for which they died!
Two Questions Shaping Your Legacy

1. What are you living for?

2. Is What You’re Living For Worth Dying For?
   “Give me liberty or give me ....” Patrick Henry, 1775

Apostle Paul = “Be imitators of me” – what about your life should the next generation mimic?

What do you pray they will EXTINGUISH from your lifestyle?
But What About Catastrophic Character Blow-Outs?

Murderer? Legalist? Persecuting the church?

Good news of hope – God redeems our sin!

“Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God” (1 Corinthians 6:9-10).
The Difference Tween
A Shameful Vs. Noble Legacy?

* The love and grace of God!

“but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God” (1 Corinthians 6:11)

The Power of Jesus Christ!

The next generation must hear about Jesus!
The Apostle Paul’s Transformation!

Paul persecuted the Church – Acts 8:3
“going from house to house...”

Was present when Stephen was stoned
(Acts 7:58) and was “in hearty agreement”

Acts 9 – meeting Jesus changed everything!
Memorial Day, 2016

Different than:

Armed Forces Day – honor those currently serving

Veterans Day (honor all)

Memorial Day – pay tribute to those who gave their lives in military service

Every day, 2016 =

Jesus: “Greater love hath no man than this”