

# GIVE ME LIBERTY OR GIVE ME DEATH

THE MEMORIAL OF HOPE - IS IT ALL BUT LOST?

## A PENTECOST - MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

### **GIVE ME LIBERTY OR GIVE ME DEATH**

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A brief recollection on the founding of America based on the mission and ministry and vision of our founding fathers and how they related the birth of America with the propagation of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

Liberty, Pentecost, Slavery, Patriotism, Thanksgiving, Repentance, America.

### **We have an unusual weekend before us, a weekend**

for us as Christians and as Americans of 2 very special  
Holy Day (Remembrances) Memorial Day...

### **Today is Pentecost Sunday**

The celebrated birthday of the church on earth.

#### **Acts 2:1-11**

When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. 2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. 5 And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven 6 And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. 7 Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, "Look, are not all these who speak Galileans? 8 And how is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born? 9 Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, 11 Cretans and Arabs—we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God."

These simple Galileans spoke to the peoples of foreign lands in their native tongue the glories of Almighty God.

**Matthew 28:19-20 KJV**

**19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit:**

**20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. - Amen.**

**Real Life Network – Will Be Your Tool, Your Ministry  
to get done what started 2,000 years ago in the book of Acts.**

**Dear Church - Today We Make a Memorial Right Here Together.**

As of Today, from this Sanctuary, On Pentecost Sunday 2023,  
We launch **The Real Life Network** Broadcasting Platform  
24/7 365

**Until Jesus Christ returns.** We are going to do  
what He has commissioned us to do...

**Matthew 28:20**

**Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. - Amen.**

There are seasons in our lives;  
Preparation / Vision / Message / Life / Mission / Harvest

**And on this Memorial Day weekend -**

when Americans stop to celebrate the cost of liberty and to give honor and thanks to those who gave their lives for the cause.

**March 23, 1775**

At St. John's Church Richmond Virginia, the Virginian Delegates had assembled together to consider the possibility and cost of gaining liberty and freedom in the yet unborn United States of America.

Very few of us today know the "Times and Seasons" when such a message was delivered by the simple, uneducated, self-taught Virginian Farm boy – Patrick Henry.

The Delegates could not be persuaded to stand up against the Crown of England and its erosion of American liberties. Our freedoms were being consumed by Parliament - - But then Patrick Henry rose to speak...

“We must never lose sight of the goodness of our cause. Difficulties are not insurmountable. Perseverance and spirit have done wonders in all ages.”

- General George Washington

## **GIVE ME LIBERTY OR GIVE ME DEATH A MEMORIAL OF HOPE - IS IT ALL BUT LOST?**

### **1.) The meaning of a memorial**

By **Meaning**, I mean  
the importance of what happened in history past.

**We Honor Those Who Paid the Price for Our Freedom by Their own Blood.**

**Exodus 15:3**

**The LORD is a man of war; The LORD is His name.**

**Joshua 4:1-7**

**And it came to pass, when all the people had completely crossed over the Jordan, that the LORD spoke to Joshua, saying: 2 “Take for yourselves twelve men from the people, one man from every tribe, 3 and command them, saying, “Take for yourselves twelve stones from here, out of the midst of the Jordan, from the place where the priests’ feet stood firm. You shall carry them over with you and leave them in the lodging place where you lodge tonight.’ ” 4 Then Joshua called the twelve men whom he had appointed from the children of Israel, one man from every tribe; 5 and Joshua said to them: “Cross over before the ark of the LORD your God into the midst of the Jordan, and each one of you take up a stone on his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the children of Israel, 6 that this may be a sign among you when your children ask in time to come, saying, “What do these stones mean to you?’ 7 Then you shall answer them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD; when it crossed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. And these stones shall be for a memorial to the children of Israel forever.”**

**THE MEANING OF A MEMORIAL  
GIVE ME LIBERTY OR GIVE ME DEATH**

1a.) What happened to dedicate this spot?

**The Application of Biblical Reality to The Memorial**

1b.) Why did it have to happen?

1c.) Could such a thing happen again?

Americans today are feeling an increasing sense of grief – a sense of doom – no one can be happy about the death of their nation.

**God has always Required a Sacrifice for Greatness to be had.**

**Beware of any politician who says...**

**“The Best Days of America are Still Ahead.”**

No Ground, No Cause, No Liberty, No Freedom  
Can be greater than what Jesus Christ purchased for us at the cross.

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2.) The message of a memorial

By “**Message**”, I mean  
the importance of what is it saying to us today?

Standing at the base of a memorial or on its steps should invoke humility. It should generate questions. When you walk away from the memorial of some great expense you should walk away thankful.

**Joshua 3:17**

**Then the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firm on dry ground in the midst of the Jordan; and all Israel crossed over on dry ground, until all the people had crossed completely over the Jordan.**

**THE MESSAGE OF A MEMORIAL  
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2a.) What is the memorial saying to us?

**Ya' Know What this Pentecost Sunday is saying to us...**

Hold fast, Press on, Time is short, Don't Give Up, Never Quit. Look Up.

Where were you on Pentecost Sunday, 2020 when God gathered His people together and poured out a New and Fresh work of the Holy Spirit?

2b.) What are we to do about it?

**“Those who fail to learn from history are doomed to repeat it.”**

Winston Churchill

2c.) Why are we to speak of it?

**Psalm 105:1-2**

**Oh, give thanks to the LORD! Call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples! 2 Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him, Talk of all His wondrous works!**

**Deuteronomy 6:6-9**

**“And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. 7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. 8 You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. 9 You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.**

**Recently our daughters overheard Lisa and I talking**

about the early years of our lives, where we met, Calvary Chapel Costa Mesa, the early years of our marriage, work and the days of the home Bible study to today – *I assumed they knew all that. I was wrong!*

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3.) The makings of a memorial

By **Making**, I mean  
the importance of what we are communicating to the future generations.

3a.) There comes a monumental moment.

3b.) The moment of dedication takes us forward.

3c.) The memorial is only a display of the greater.

2000 years ago – and just moments before the LORD sent His Holy Spirit down  
upon the Church...

When all seemed lost and dispirited,  
**The Lord Interrupted their sorrow when - suddenly,**  
**God the Father answered the prayer of God the Son and**  
**sent to the infantile church God the Holy Spirit. – and the Word**  
**got out.**

## **The Commissioning**

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**to the mom and dad tonight over your child**  
– in the morning before your child – cover them with your offering...

**to the wife tonight dedicate your husband to God**  
– in the morning – cover him with your offering...

**to the husband tonight dedicate your wife to God**  
– in the morning – cover her with your offering

**to you who are single - dedicate your life to God**

– in the morning – present yourself with an offering

## STANDING TO BE MEMORIALIZED

If I could, I would commission you to literally, physically begin today to start creating memorials. – *and so I shall*

### Exodus 12:14

**“So this day shall be to you a memorial; and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD throughout your generations. You shall keep it as a feast by an everlasting ordinance.**

### Romans 12:1-2 nlt

**And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. 2 Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.**

*End of Study*

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