MEMORIAL DAYS.

In these days we spend a lot of time and money onMEMORIAL DAYS, CHRIST-MAS, fourth of July, Easter, Mothers day, Fathers day, And the memorial of our soldiers who died in world war one. But how many of us are thankful enough to Christ who gave Himself and suffered death on the cross, to cle-anse us from our sins, and give us a chance to inherit eternal life in heaven? * To keep His death in remembrance?. He requested His disciples to do this on the night He was betrayed into the hands of those who hated and crucified Him. At this time He was eating the feast of the Passover with His disciples, a memorial of the Jews deliverance from egyptian bond-age. When at night the death angel passed through the land and slew the first born of every Egyptian family, also the first born of their cattle and other live stock. The Israelites were instructed of God, to kill a lamb and put the blood on the lintle and door posts so that when the death an-gel passed through the land He would pass over that hose when he saw the blood, and not slay the first born in that house-They were to Cook the La-mb and eat it with unleavened bread and bitter herbs on the night of the fourteenth day of the first month. And were further instructed to keep this feast each year at this time, as amemorial of the night the death angel passed over them without harming them.

This was the tenth plague which God had visited on the Egyptians and their king, to induce them to delive them from bondage, so that they could return to the country which God had promised Abraham over four hundred years before. When the egyptians saw their dead they were urgent on the Israelites to leave, and gave them gifts of silver and gold and such other things that they needed. This was recorded in the twelfth chapter of Ex-odus. And God required that they keep this feast each year at this same time as a memorial of their deliverance. Also included in the ten command-ments De.5,12,15 They were required to remember their deliverance. "And remember that thou wast a ~~st~~ servant in the land of Egypt, and that the Lo Lord thy God brought thee out thence through a mighty hand and a stretch-ed out arm; ~~brought=thee~~ Therefore the Lord thy God commandeth thee to keep the Sabbath day.

Now let us turn to 1 Cor 5,7-8 Paul urging the Corinthians to "Purge out therefore the old leaven that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleaven-ed For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us . Therefore let us keep the feast, not with the old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; But with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

**What feast? The one Christ ordained for Hid disciples to keep in Memory of His death, as our Passover And is recorded in Mt.26,26-28--Mk.14,22-24---Lu.22,17-20. Also as Paul states in 1 Cor.11,23 For I receive-ed of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which He was betrayed took bread, And when He had given thanks, he brake it, and said, take eat, this is my body, which is broken for you: This do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also He took the cup, when He had supped, saying, this cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye as oft as ye drink it in remembrance of me. Verse 26 For as oft as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.--HOW OFTEN WERE THEY TO DO THIS?

Ac.20,7 And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them. Ac.2,37-47 After Peter had convinced the Jews that they had taken the Son of God by wicked hands and crucified Him, They were pricked-(convinced) in their hearts, (evidently repented) and cried men and brethren what shall we do?-Peter told them to Repent, and be Baptized every one of you, in the name of Jesus for the remission of sins--Verse 40 and with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, save your-selves from this untoward generation..41 Then they that gladly received h his word were baptized: And the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. 43 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.-- And Verse 47 The Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

TheJews kept the feast of the Passover once each year, also each sabbath day,-the Last day of the week in remembrance of their deliverance from Egyptian Bondage, Christians Meet on the first day of the week to break bread in remembrahce of our deliverance from the bondage of sin, Col.1,12 Giving thanks to the Father, which hath made us meet to be par-takers of the inheritance of the saints in light. 13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son. In whom we have redemption through His blood even the forgiv-ness of sins.

Ac.20,7 The disciples came together to break bread, upon the first day of the week. Ac.2,42 The first converts continued steadfastly in the apos-tles doctrine, and in fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and prayers.

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1 Cor.16,2 Is evidence that meeting on the first day of the week another duty was required. Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him.

Now let us turn to Heb.10,25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is; And so much the more as ye see the day approaching. 26 For if we sin wilfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sin. 27 But a fearful looking for of judgement and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries. 28 He that despised Moses law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: 29 Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he hath been sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of Grace.

Num.15,32 There was a man accused of picking up sticks on the Sabbath day--He was stoned to death. If we refuse or fail, to keep Christ's death in remembrabce, we have committed a greater crime than this man did. Did the Jews who refused to believe that Jesus was the Son of God, and by wicked hands crucify and slay Him, commit a greater crime than those just mentioned in Heb.10,25 to 29 ?--They were delivered from Egyptian bondage, We are delivered from the power of darkness and translated into the kingdom of God's dear Son, In whom we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins. Col.1,12-14.

Why should we rember His death?--That is one thing He asked us to do Blessed are they that keep His commandments, that they may have a right to the tree of Life, and enter in through the gates into the City-The Heavenly Jerusalem.

Eph,5,23 He is the Saviour of the Church, Verse 25 Christ loved the church, and gave Himself for it. 26 That He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word. 27 that He might present it to Himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing,; but that it should be with out blenish and be holy.--THAT HE MIGHT PRESENT IT TO HIMSELF.--Ro,7,1-4 Dead to the law (of Moses) that ye should be married to another, even to Him who is raised from thr dead. 1 Cor.6,17 He that is joined to the Lord is one Spirit.--A spiritual union.--Ac.11 26 Called Christ-ians first at Antioc. The bride wears the husband's name. Rev.21,9--Come hither I will shew the bride the Lamb's wife.

WHY SHOULD WE REMEMBER HIS DEATH?

Rev.1,5 Unto Him that loved us ,and washed us from our sins in His own blood.--Ac.20,28 He purchased the church with His own blood. 1 Pe.1,9 Inasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things as silver and gold--19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish, and without spot.--Tit.2,13 Looking for that blessed hope, and glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ. 14 Who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify to Himself a peculiar people. zealous of good works. 1 Pe.2,24 Who Himself bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes we are healed.

He.4,1 Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise of entering into His rest any of you should seem to come short of it--Verse 9 There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. Verse 11 Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief. Isn't this enough to convince us that Christ has done more for us than any human on earth? and worthy of our continual memory?

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We were glad to hear from you again & any time.
Hope this find you much improved in health