



LEST WE FORGET



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Throughout the 4 years of savage conflict of World War 1 and the numerous wars that have followed there have been many examples of resourcefulness, comradeship, endurance and reckless valour amidst the most appalling of circumstances.

So it's no surprise that each year since then men and women pause to remember with gratitude and admiration the courage and self-sacrifice of so many who gave their lives for our freedom.

There was another violent death
which is even more
important... one through
which much more was
accomplished, but is
readily forgotten today...



Facing the Truth

In a war 'going over the top' or confronting the enemy in a captured trench was always a threatening experience. But, closer to home, facing up to the truth about ourselves also demands great courage.



We may be doing our best to live a decent life, but we can't deny that all too often it's the darker side of our nature that comes to the fore...

*...sexual immorality,
impurity... hatred...
jealousy, fits of rage,
selfish ambition... envy...
drunkenness...*

Galatians 5:19-21

Of course we're not as bad as some, and may well be better than most. But in the sight of Almighty God even the best of us have failed to live up to the standard He sets...

...all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...

Romans 3:23

Yet this is only part of the story...

Rescue Plan

Recovering wounded comrades from 'no man's land' demanded many a courageous rescue. Thankfully most of us will never face such physical peril. However, without realising it, there's a 'rescue' that each one of us needs.

Because we've rejected God and His right, as our Maker, to direct our daily living, we face fearful consequences. And one day we'll be called to give account of how we've lived our lives....

...people are destined to die once and after that to face judgment...

Hebrews 9:27



Thankfully God has a wonderful rescue plan. But this doesn't depend upon our trying to earn acceptance with Him by living a better life. After all, in the sight of a holy God, even our very best just isn't good enough...

...all our righteous acts are like filthy rags...

Isaiah 64:6

We can be 'put right' with God the Father only through His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, who says...

...I am the way and the truth and the life. No-one comes to the Father except through me.

John 14:6

Ultimate Sacrifice

With the machine gunning and the shelling, the barbed wire and the gas, many a brave soldier gave his life serving his country and comrades. But God's rescue plan for us involves an even greater sacrifice... the death of Christ Jesus on the Cross of Calvary. As the only One ever to have lived a perfect life, He was 'good enough to pay the price of sin' on our behalf...

You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:6-8

But the benefits of all this are not ours automatically. It's in seeking His forgiveness, turning away from all we know to be wrong and asking the risen Christ Jesus into our lives to become our Saviour and Lord, that we're given a brand new start...

If anyone is in Christ, that person is a new creation. The old has gone, the new is here!

2 Corinthians 5:17

...with the motivation and power to live a new lifestyle...



Active Service

Of course, living as a true Christian today is far from easy. It takes guts to stand firm in the face of ridicule or rejection. So we must be ready to count the cost of loyalty and commitment as a single-minded soldier...

Join with me in suffering, like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No one serving as a soldier gets entangled in civilian affairs, but rather tries to please his commanding officer.

2 Timothy 2:3-4

The Lord Jesus makes clear the level of dedication He expects of all who would become His true followers...

Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it.

Luke 9:23-24

But He also promises to be with us every step of the way...

Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.

Hebrews 13:5

Lest we forget

Throughout the years of deadly conflict many a serviceman formed a very special bond with those he lived and fought alongside. And now as we recall with great sadness the outbreak of wars perhaps we should

also remember with gratitude that the greatest bond we can know is unity with God the Father, through His Son, Christ Jesus...

...to all who did receive him... he gave the right to become children of God...

John 1:12

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his.

Romans 6:5

So today, God sets this challenge before us...

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

...whoever does not believe stands condemned already...

John 3:18

Although this may be a day for remembrance, it can also be a day of decision... one which will change your life and secure your eternal destiny.

