



LOVE SO AMAZING DISPLAYED ON

# MEMORIAL DAY




Jn. 15:13



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Memorial Day has been celebrated in the United States for almost 150 years. Since the 1970's, Memorial Day is officially celebrated on the last Monday of May. Originally called "Decoration Day," Memorial Day was created as a day dedicated to honor and remembrance for all those who died in service of the United States, inspired by the 500,000 deaths of soldiers in the Civil War.



Since the Civil War, however, over 1,000,000 soldiers have died in various wars. Every year, thousands of people enlist in the military; meaning thousands of people are willing to risk their lives to protect our rights and freedoms.

<https://www.theodysseyonline.com/importance-of-memorial-day>

On May 5, 1868, General John A. Logan, leader of an organization for Northern Civil War veterans, called for a nationwide day of remembrance later that month.



“The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land,” he proclaimed.

<https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/memorial-day-history>



# 15 Facts About Memorial Day That Highlights Its Significance

1. Memorial Day Has A Historical Reference
2. Memorial Day Is A Day Of Remembrance
3. Memorial Day Is A Time To Honor Our Heroes
4. Memorial Day Is A Tribute To Martyrs



5. Memorial Day Acknowledges People In Service

6. Memorial Day Brings Feelings Of Unity & Respect


7. Memorial Day Is A Testimony To Independence & Patriotism

8. Memorial Day Is A Time To Celebrate & Reflect

9. Memorial Day Reminds Us To Cherish The Freedom



10. Memorial Day Has Specific Traditions
11. Memorial Day Connects Us With The Past
12. Memorial Day Prepares Us For Future
13. Memorial Day Can Be Referred As A Federal Holiday
14. Memorial Day Is Common To The World
15. Memorial Day Symbolizes That A Nation Is Alive



❖ Let's look at Jn. 15:8 and the context for our main verse this morning.

Jn. 15:8 Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

9 **As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you:** continue ye in my love.

10 If ye **keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love;** even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.





11 These things have I spoken unto you, **that my joy might remain in you, and *that* your joy might be full.**

12 This is **my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.**

**13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.**

14 Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.

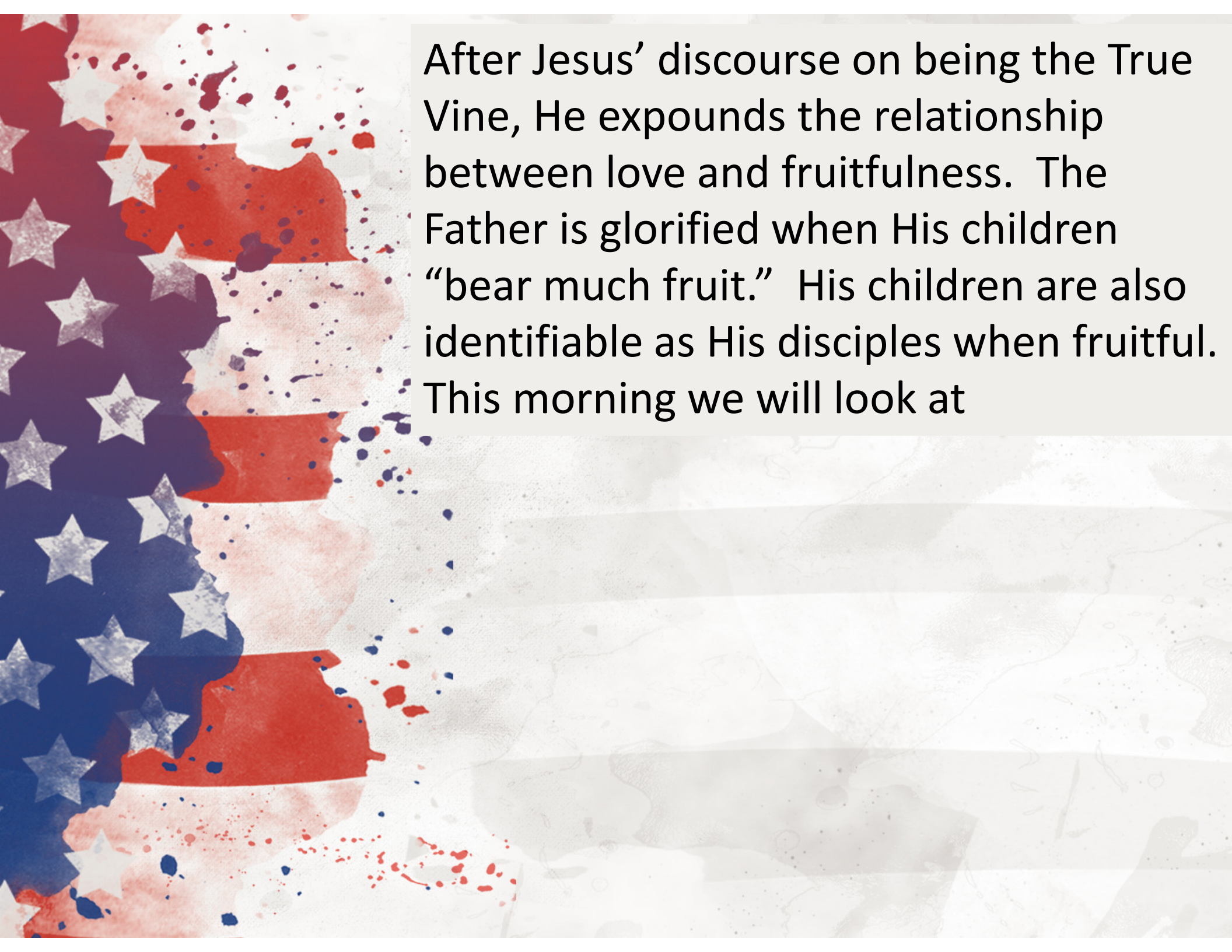
15 Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.



16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that **ye should go and bring forth fruit, and *that your fruit should remain***: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

17 These things **I command you, that ye love one another.**

Wrapped around our main text, Jn. 15:13, is the context for the ultimate exhibition of love as expressed by the Lord Jesus Christ. As we consider Memorial Day this year, may we understand what sacrificial love is and why it is so important.

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After Jesus' discourse on being the True Vine, He expounds the relationship between love and fruitfulness. The Father is glorified when His children "bear much fruit." His children are also identifiable as His disciples when fruitful. This morning we will look at




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## I. THE STANDARD OF LOVE EXHIBITED

Jn. 15:9 **As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you:** continue ye in my love.

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A. The Sharing of Love – From the  
Father → the Son →  
the Disciples → Others



❖ In order to qualify as believers, one should live and love like the Savior, continually – “...**continue** ye in my love.”

**Original Word:** μένω

**Part of Speech:** Verb – Aor.


Imperative

**Transliteration:** menó

**Definition:** to stay, abide, remain;

**Usage:** I continue to wait; with acc: I wait for, await.

<https://biblehub.com/greek/3306.htm>



B. The Standard of Love – “As the Father...I loved you...as I have loved you.”

❖ Believers are to replicate love for each other that follows God’s example!

## II. THE SACRIFICE OF LOVE EXEMPLIFIED

Jn. 15:13 **Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.**



A. The Superlative Love – “Greater love hath no man than this...”

❖ To help mankind grasp the depth of God’s love, a “yardstick” is provided.

B. The Sacrificial Love – “...that a man lay down his life for his friends.”

❖ The “yardstick” is the ultimate sacrifice – death for another.

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### III. THE SURETY OF LOVE EXPRESSED

❖ Someone who is a *surety* is a person who has made himself or herself responsible for another.

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A. The Surety is Exemplified by Obedience Motivated by Love

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Jn. 14:23 Jesus answered and said unto him, **If a man love me, he will keep my words:** and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

Jn. 13:17 If ye know these things, **happy are ye if ye do them.**

❖ Loving the Savior is the focus for a believer growing in grace.

B. The Sharing is Experienced by Others



Jn. 15:11 These things have I spoken unto you, **that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.**

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- ❖ Memorial Day is the perfect time to exhibit love so amazing for the Lord and for others.



## Conclusion

Memories should be stuffed with mementos of love and be expressions of sacrifice, thanksgiving, and appreciation.

2 Pet. 3:17 Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know *these things* before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness.

18 But grow in grace, and *in* the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him *be* glory both now and for ever. Amen.