♦SERMON NOTES **♦**

Sunday, May 25, 2014

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"I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth" (Genesis 9:11, ESV).

"I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth" (Genesis 9:13, ESV).

"That this may be a sign among you. When your children ask in time to come, 'What do those stones mean to you?' Then you shall tell them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the Lord. When it passed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. So these stones shall be to the people of Israel a memorial forever" (Joshua 4:6-7, ESV).

1. The Feast of the <u>Passover</u>.

"This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the Lord; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast" (Exodus 12:14, ESV).

2. The Day of Worship.

3. A Meal of Remembrance.

"When he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, 'This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me'" (1 Corinthians 11:24-25, ESV).

Why Christians Should Give Thanks for Memorial Day

1. Being a soldier is not a sub-Christian activity.

- 2. The life of a soldier can demonstrate the $\underline{\text{highest Christian}}$ $\underline{\text{virtues}}$.
- 3. Military service is a **common illustration** of the Christian life.
- 4. Love of country can be a good thing.
- 5. I believe the United States military has been a $\underline{\text{force for good}}$ in the world.