

Veteran's Day 2024

November 10, 2024

I. Introduction

- A. History of Veteran's Day
- B. My goal: Love our country and our God more
- C. Things to contemplate
 - 1. You can live in the freest country in the world and still be a slave
 - 2. People like Corrie Ten Boon can live in a German concentration camp and experience more freedom than many Americans.
 - 3. The Civil War saw approximately 625,000 Americans killed. From the Revolutionary War (1775-1783 to the present we have lost approximately 681,256 men and women. We clearly are our own worst enemy. Total of all Americans killed in all wars – 1,306,256
 - 4. Consider the following numbers for 2023
 - a. Abortions – 1,026,640
 - b. Murders – 10,629
 - c. Suicides – 50,000
 - d. Total – 1,087,319

II. Freedom starts vertically

- A. Freedom from the penalty of sin: Justification
 - 1. Simply stated: I owed a debt I could not pay. He paid a debt He did not owe.
 - a. I Peter 2:21-24; 3:18
 - b. II Corinthians 5:21
- B. Freedom from the power of sin: Sanctification
 - 1. Simply stated: Not my will but His be done. Yield, entrust myself to him
 - a. Galatians 5:16-26
 - b. John 15:1-13
 - 2. A bad example: What not to do! – Ecclesiastes 2:1-17
 - a. Solomon sought pleasure (verse 1), laughter (verse 2)
 - b. He sought them via wine (verse 3); works (verses 4-7); wealth and women (verse 8); wisdom (verse 9).
 - c. His final conclusion (Chapter 12)
 - i. See verse 1, 13 & 14
 - 3. Some simple advice

- a. If you put holiness before happiness, you will gain both. If you put happiness before holiness, you will lose both.
- C. Freedom from the presence of sin: Glorification
 - 1. Two ways for this to happen
 - a. Physical death: Psalm 116:15; Genesis 5:22-24
 - b. Rapture: I Corinthians 15:51-52