

## It's Our Turn

**Overview:** Rom 13:7 We remember the fallen heroes of our great nation who gave their lives that future generations may experience freedom. These memorials are important because they act as historical touchstones. They link the past to the present and enable people to remember and respect the sacrifice of those who died, fought, participated or were affected by conflict(s).

Similarly, the Christian heroes of Hebrews 11 are listed in memorial of what it looks like to live by faith that future generations would know and experience the freedom of living in Christ through faith. We have a future and a hope with a cloud of witnesses cheering us on to the finish line.

- A. Don't forget the example of those who have gone before. Hebrews chapter 11
1. Obvious heroes: Statues erected for their victories; their stories told to school children.
  2. Obvious heroes: Abel, Enoch, Abraham, Sarah, Joseph, Moses, etc. stories in Sunday school.
  3. Not so obvious heroes: All those who gave their lives; multitudes of local heroes.
  4. Not so obvious heroes: Stoned, slain, afflicted, tormented; tortured, Heb 11:35  
not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection. Matt 24:9-14
  5. Most recent Open Doors Jan 2022
- B. Faith to endure.
1. The just shall live by faith. 4x (Rom 1:17; Gal 3:11; Heb 10:38) Habakkuk 2:4
  2. Object of our faith (but we see Jesus). Heb 12:2; Heb 2:5-9
  3. With faith and patience one can obtain the promises. Heb 6:12; 2Thess 1:4
  4. God takes no pleasure in those who draw back. Heb 10:36-39
  5. Died in faith not having received the promises. Heb 11:13
- C. Know why you are here.
1. Jesus prayed that we remain in the world. John 17:15,18
  2. We are to overcome the world. 1 John 4:17; 5:4-5
  3. Church is a witness to principalities. Eph 3:10
  4. Unity with God unto perfection. John 17:21-23
  5. Through the promises we are partakers of the divine nature. 2 Peter 1:3-4
- D. The long-range mind-set.
1. Without a tangible country. Heb 11:13; 1Peter 2:11-12
  2. Looking for a city whose maker is God. John 14:1-3; Rev 21:2
  3. Be not conformed to this world. Rom 12:2
  4. We are more than conquerors. Rom 8:35-37
  5. They without us should not be made perfect. Heb 11:40