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This past Thursday, June 6, marked the 70th anniversary of “D-Day.” With that offensive, the push into Europe began, and eleven months later, Germany surrendered. Hundreds of thousands of Americans lost their lives.

It’s because of this sacrifice, and others similar to it, that we are able to enjoy the bountiful blessings we have. The freedom to travel freely, to openly speak our opinions, to live and work where we desire, and the freedom to freely worship and serve the Lord were secured for our nation because of others giving their lives. May we always keep their sacrifice in our hearts and give thanks every day for the freedoms handed down to us.

While watching a documentary regarding D-Day, it was said that one battalion of men landing at Normandy had a 96% fatality rate within two minutes after landing at the beach. Such is hard for us to imagine, and reminds us of the extreme sacrifice made for us. Each man killed was as much an individual as any one of us. Each one had a name, a family, a childhood, grandparents— all the things that make us the individuals we are.

As great as this sacrifice was, it cannot compare with the sacrifice made for us on the cross as Jesus gave his life in order that we might have forgiveness of our sins. It would be terrible for someone to discount the sacrifice made at Normandy and say that it did not benefit us, but how much more terrible it is to ignore and not take advantage of the sacrifice of Christ. Note the words of the author of Hebrews:

Hebrews 10:26-31 *²⁶For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, ²⁷But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries. ²⁸He that despised Moses’ law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: ²⁹Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace? ³⁰For we know him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people. ³¹It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.*

Even though the sacrifice has been made, we must properly obey to take advantage of it. We must hear (Romans 10:17), believe (Mark 16:16), repent (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30), confess (Acts 8:37; Romans 10:9,10), and be baptized (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38, I Peter 3:21, Galatians 3:27). After our obedience, we must live faithfully (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10).

The sacrifice has been made. We could have never done it ourselves. Someone else did it for us. The debt was paid— a debt we could have never paid ourselves. Let’s not squander what has been done for us.

—Marty Edwards❖

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Sunday 9 AM & 6 PM — Wednesday 6 PM

News

—Continue to remember **Sally Marshall, Jewell Watkins, Jean Coffey & Vicki McDaniel. Curtis McDaniel** has had some problems with a place on his foot that will have to be surgically removed within the next couple of weeks. **Kerry McDaniel** has had a lot of problems this past week resulting from ticks.

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A Bad Dream

Have you ever had a dream where you were extremely frightened or frustrated? It may have been a dream of you being pursued relentlessly, a dream of some horrible crime being committed against you, or a dream where you just could not quite accomplish a simple task such as leaving to go to work.

Such dreams are quite exasperating, and while you are dreaming them, to you they *are* reality with all the hurt and painful emotions. When finally awakening from such a dream, you almost literally breath a sigh of relief. All the problems and frustrations of the dream are but a dim reality. You are so thankful it was only a dream, and not life.

Eventually the problems we endure in life will be but a distant dream. When we awaken on the golden shores of heaven, all the problems, pain, and difficulties we now endure will be long behind us.

Just as the apostles were sent a comforter, we are comforted in the words of the Bible which promise us that we will endure none of these present afflictions in Heaven. Take comfort, for we do have great and precious promises.

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Romans 8:18, *“For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time [are] not worthy [to be compared] with the glory which shall be revealed in us.*

Sunday, June 1, 2014		
Classes	20	Acts 27:1-8
Preaching	22	Mark 10:46-52 Blind Bartimaeus
Contribution	\$650.00	
Evening	19	Singing
Wednesday, June 4, 2014		
Classes	20	II Samuel 19:1-43

Visitors—
Jun 1 (AM) Keiley Bunnell (Munfordville); Kailey Shultz (Munfordville)
Jun 4 (Wed) Madison Gaddie (Munfordville)

Bible Quiz

What did Bartimaeus cast away?

Last Week’s Answer— Unto the ends of the earth (Job 37:3)

—I have noted that the number of listeners from South America, and especially Brazil, has greatly increased in the past few weeks. I got an email last Thursday from a radio service in Brazil thanking us for being part of a radio portal there. They are simply rebroadcasting our TuneIn radio broadcast for which I’m thankful. Brazil is a huge country and covers from the Amazon jungle to the coastal cities like Rio De Janeiro.

—God’s Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)