

Proverbs 21:28

28 A false witness shall perish: but the man that heareth speaketh constantly.

Yesterday was the 77th Anniversary of D-Day when the Allied troops stormed the beaches of Normandy to reclaim Europe from the grip of the Axis powers.

I don't know how many people actually remembered it. I guess for those of us who grew up in the shadow of that day, D-Day will be very hard, if not near impossible, to forget.

I don't ever want to forget what it means to be an American. As I paraphrase Ronald Reagan, America is "That shining light of freedom and hope for all the world to see." After WWII, the U.S. helped rebuild the countries of the Axis powers that they had just defeated.

I very well remember September 11, 2001. What I remember the most about it was the unity and the pride that was beaming forth in our country from border to border and coast to coast. It is so very hard to believe how far our country has fallen in just 20 years. How did it happen? It happened because we stopped talking about the dates that made and shaped our country: July 4, 1776, April 9, 1865 (the ending of the civil war), Dec 7, 1941, June 6, 1944, May 8, 1945 (V.E. Day) Sept 2, 1945 (V.J. Day). We stopped talking about the things that made America what it was.

As Apostolics, we cannot stop talking about who we are and what we believe.

Deuteronomy 6:7

7 And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

Israel's greatest sin was that they stopped talking to their children about the very things that separated them from every other nation in the world.

Joshua 4:5-7

5 And Joshua said unto them, Pass over before the ark of the LORD your God into the midst of Jordan, and take ye up every man of you a stone upon his shoulder, according unto the number of the tribes of the children of Israel:

6 That this may be a sign among you, *that* when your children ask *their fathers* in time to come, saying, What *mean* ye by these stones?

7 Then ye shall answer them, That the waters of Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD; when it passed over Jordan, the waters of Jordan were cut off: and these stones shall be for a memorial unto the children of Israel for ever.

How many years had passed when finally someone said, "I have no clue, or I was told that..." in regards to the question, "What is up with the stones?"

As the powers that be continue to marginalize the church, we better never forget, and we need to constantly affirm to our children and those precious people that come through the doors of our church seeking deliverance and refuge from the storms of life who and what we are.

2 Peter 1:16

16 For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

This isn't story-time with Uncle Wiggly; we can rest assured that the Word of God is true and accurate.

1 Peter 2:9-10

9 But ye *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

10 Which in time past *were* not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

We had better never forget and constantly affirm who we are and what we believe that sets us apart from everyone else.

1.) The Oneness of God.

1 Timothy 3:16

16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

2.) Repentance. Jesus said unless ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. We are living in a day when instead of people acknowledging their sins and repenting of them and forsaking them, they play the blame game, claim they are victims, and call it a disease. The disease is called SIN. Sin still needs to be repented of.

3.) Water baptism in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins. If the name of Jesus is not invoked in water baptism, there can be no remission of sins.

Acts 4:12

12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

4.) Receiving the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues. There is only one way to receive the Holy Ghost, and that is one must speak in tongues.

Romans 8:9

9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

5.) Holiness within, holiness without, separation from the world. We must live a holy, separated life. Holiness is more than a set of guidelines to live by; it is a way of life.

Hebrews 12:14

14 Follow peace with all *men*, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:

6.) Prayer. Jesus said **WHEN** ye pray, not if ye pray. We must be a people of prayer.

Philippians 4:6

6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

7.) Reading the Word of God. We have got to be a people of the Word.

Acts 17:11

11 These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.

We need a holy boldness to get ahold of us in this day that we are living in.

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