

**John 6:66-71**  
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SUBJECT: The unbelievers among the true believers.

THEME: **Those who follow Christ, but who will not receive Christ.**

PROPOSITION: JESUS HAS THE WORDS OF ETERNAL LIFE. HE FREELY OFFERS THEM TO ALL WHO WILL RECEIVE THEM. Everyone here has heard these words, some have selectively followed Christ's teachings, but unless you have BELIEVED HIM, RECEIVED HIM, FEASTED UPON HIM, in such a way as to totally assimilate Him into every aspect of your life, it may be possible that you have been playing around with Christ instead of doing the WORK OF GOD.

**First this morning**, we want to take a moment to honor the memory of all those men and women who fought to secure our freedoms in WWII. These men willingly gave their all **to protect those at home and the American way of life**. There have been many of them who are speaking out now that this "greatest generation" is dying out. Those that I saw being interviewed on TV were men who returned from the war, resumed their lives and built the most powerful nation on earth through their labors. Many would go decades without ever discussing their role in that conflict. One man I saw, who had never spoken of the war to his family, was the object of a documentary that was made – and it was only then that his family learned of the things that he had done as a young man on the beaches of Normandy and beyond. Another man I saw had been wounded 4 different times, including having his jaw shot off and his foot shot through, (Harold Baughmberg) before he finally received any medical treatment on the 3-4<sup>th</sup> day after D-day. He never mentioned the war until the mid 90's.

Many of the troops that stormed the beaches that day were mere teenagers – 17-19 years old - My father did his part in the war, but I know almost nothing about what transpired prior to the stories of the American troops entering the German city where my mother had been taken by the German's at age 16 as an "Eastern Worker" There he met my mother, and they were married in Shaumberg, Germany.

There is a reason that these men, and the families back at home that supported them are **called "The Greatest Generation."** **They are all Heroes in the truest sense of the word. June 6, 1944 was the beginning of the end of the "reign of terror" that Germany had plunged the world into. It is a day that should always bring a tear of gratitude to our hearts.**

70 years later, on the morning of June 6, 2014, Annette stopped to get me cup of coffee at Dunkin' Donut on North Druid Hills road in Atlanta. To her surprise, they gave her a free donut with the coffee. (I think it was national donut week or something like that). She arrived at my room (*I was in the VA hospital for a blood transfusion*) With coffee and my ½ of the free maple donut. **Little did I know, that in the eyes of some modern American citizens, I could have had my shot at glory on June 6, 2014 – I too could have earned the "modern title of hero"**. How? If I HAD REFUSED TO EAT THE DONUT. (Actually, I guess I could have been only ½ a hero, because there was only ½ a donut at stake.

Let me share with you some of what passes as Heroism today:

[See attached Doughnut Article](#)

Meanwhile I saw a pastor on Fox News today. Inbetween one of his 7 services he will do today to accommodate the thounds that come to his "church" every Sunday. No mention of Jesus – but they did manage to point out the **Justin Bieber** attends there. I am sure many "**True Beliebers**" will likewise flock there.

**What is a real hero – and what is a true believer?**

**Religion, = def. 2. A belief pursued with zeal and devotion."**

Since the beginning, men have been religious. **Cain was one who believed in God, and sought to worship God, but who wanted to do it on his own terms. Many there were in Israel who were fiercely religious, but, totally uncommitted to God. The whole of the Northern kingdom was given over to Idolatry and pagan worship of every kind, and it began when Jeroboam changed God's appointed criteria of worship. It met with immediate approval among the masses, and led ultimately to the ruin of the nation. By the time of Christ the nation of Israel had come to the point where they were exceedingly Zealous for the THINGS of God, but, as Paul points out, this Zeal was not according to KNOWLEDGE.** They were religious and the religion that they followed had its roots in the system that God had prescribed for them. Yet, they had managed to take that which God had intended for good and to pervert it into a man made system. In the fullness of times, the **Lord Jesus Christ came and established a new avenue of fellowship with God. But even as He walked among men, even as His church was beginning to take form, there were those who wanted no more than to play at this new game in town.**

**I. THE RELIGIOUS UNBELIEVERS 60,61, 64,65,66,67, 70,71.**

**THEIR CHARACTERISTICS.**

THEY ARE **HARD OF HEARING 60** AND SIMILAR PASSAGES.

**Jn. 8:43** "Why do ye not understand my speech? **Even because ye cannot hear my word. 44 = of your father the devil..** 'and because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not **45** " also 47. He that is of God, heareth God's words; ye therefore here them not because ye are not of God." cf. **Jn. 6:45.**

**II Peter 3:16** "...in which are some things hard to be understood. which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction."

**They are hard of heart.** (betrayal)

**Jn. 13:10** '...ye are clean, but not all of you...for he knew who should betray Him. therefore he said,, ye are not all clean."

**THEIR CHARACTER**

**They are of the flesh 63,**(and this profits nothing) **Jn. 3:6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.**

**They are devoid of the spirit. I Cor. 2:14** "But the natural man receiveth not the the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him, **NEITHER CAN HE KNOW THEM,** because they are spiritually discerned."

**II. THE BELIEVER'S RELIGION 63 AND 68**

There are disciples and there are DISCIPLES. **67**, a distinction is made between the disciples of **60** and **66** and "THE 12" (and even in the 11 and the 12th)

The difference is in our relationship to CHRIST'S WORD.LIFE IS IN THE WORD!!!!!!

**Db 5-12-82** Even in our day to day existence words are necessary for our existence. In the 13th century, emperor Fredrick, ruler of the Holy Roman Empire, wanted to find out man's original language. "He reasoned that if infants never heard one word, they would speak in language that is natural to them. So he arranged to have some newborns cared for by nurses who were instructed to maintain total silence in their presence. This was extremely difficult, but they obeyed. Within several months ALL THE BABIES WERE DEAD!

If our physical life is so dependent on communication with others, how much more does our spiritual well being require daily exposure to God's words!

The heavenly father communicates to us today through the Bible. He assures us that He loves and accepts us (and we all need to hear that everyday) He defines sin and warns us about the consequences of our actions. He even speaks sternly at times. Then too his words sometimes baffle and perplex us. When Jesus lived on this earth, His teachings often offended people, yet He never backed down. Rather He affirmed that His words were the SOURCE OF LIFE."

\*\*READ v. 63. "...\*\*\*\*\*

The WORD that Christ speaks is not OF and IN and TO the flesh, but rather it is itself SPIRITUAL AND LIFE GIVING

But we must be willing to receive this word from Christ and to Believe on Him! And not just an acknowledgment that He Is but a full assimilation of Him into every aspect of our life!

"Bread nourishes, not when it is looked at, but when it is eaten."

**Maclaren.** Jesus is ours, not when we behold Him from a distance and acknowledged that it is He, but when we BELIEVE His word.

We must accept the gift of salvation from God but we must also make sure that we continue to feast on the Word of God.

Today when you have your Sunday dinner, try to eat all the food and drink all the tea that you will need until you return here next Sunday Morning! It would be impossible! But yet this is exactly what many people do when it comes to God's Word and their nourishment from it. They think that they can get enough on Sunday so that they have no need for a daily input from God's word in their life on a daily basis. But . . . .

*(note: a portion of message at this point was garbled due to a glitch)*

\***Heb. 11:3** "Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the Word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear."

WE DIDN'T SEE IT, BUT WE BELIEVE IT!

Are you waiting on a sign from God today? God has sent while, but those who completely depend on Jesus to the point of having no other hope in this life, these are they who are His disciples indeed\*\*\*READ **68\*\*\*\*\*Math 11:6** " Blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me."

## **It's National Doughnut Day -- but the big chains are still destroying rainforests**

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Join the Forest Heroes **campaign** to call on these companies to stop driving deforestation before it's too late!

Today is National Doughnut Day, and many stores across North America will celebrate by handing out free doughnuts to customers. It sounds like a sweet deal, but it's actually not. **Doughnuts may be delicious, but they're terribly destructive to the environment.**

**You know the grease that oozes out of a doughnut when you take a bite?** That is palm oil – one of the few times that you'll see palm oil in its pure form, though **it's in 50 percent of items at the supermarket.** Palm oil is grown on tropical plantations that are made by cutting down **rainforests** and destroying carbon-rich peat lands, sometimes using child or slave labour. These plantations ruin **orangutan habits** in Indonesia, Malaysia, and Papua New Guinea, and are pushing **Sumatran tigers** to the verge of extinction; currently there are only 400 left. Some plantations have **pushed indigenous people** off the land to make room for oil palms.

*Has the thought of that free doughnut suddenly become less appetizing?*

Palm-driven deforestation has catastrophic effects on the environment, releasing massive amounts of carbon pollution. Indonesia is one of the top carbon emitters, thanks to deforestation. According to the Deforestation Doughnuts report, one group of researchers at Stanford and Yale found that emissions just from expansion of Indonesia's palm oil industry on the island of Borneo alone could top 558 million metric tons of carbon dioxide by 2020 -- more than all of Canada's fossil fuel emissions. While some fast food companies have promised to source deforestation- and exploitation-free palm oil, other major companies have not. **The top three biggest doughnut companies have failed to make any valuable commitments.** They continue to buy vast quantities of questionably sourced palm oil from suppliers that are linked to deforestation.

**Even when companies do make promises, they're usually not good enough.** Dunkin' Donuts says it will source palm oil that's certified by the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) **by 2020, but who knows if there will be any Sumatran tigers left by then?** The RSPO also has a “notoriously weak standard, with major loopholes that still allow for deforestation... and insufficient mechanisms for enforcement.”

As Deborah Lapidus, director of **the Forest Heroes campaign**, says, “**These companies need to do better than a business model that destroys rainforests to get dollars for doughnuts.**”

**[The good news is, you can take action today! Join the Forest Heroes campaign to pressure Krispy Kreme – the laggard of the big three – to stop driving deforestation. Sign the online petition](#) and let your voice be heard. Related on TreeHugger.com:**

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