



A TESTIMONIAL - 69 YEARS
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Some months ago I was asked to read the Scripture Lesson some Sunday for the morning worship service. At that time I declined. But as I thought about this particular Sunday, I volunteered, something I don't do very often these days.

The reason I volunteered was to celebrate or commemorate a very important event that took place sixty-nine years ago this past week.

On May 28, 1944 in a Methodist Church (Trinity) in Millville, New Jersey, I felt that the Lord was stirring my heart in an unusual way. I responded, and on that day I surrendered my life to Christ. It was my Day of Decision. I believed the Scriptures that I had been hearing all through my childhood and youth. "Jesus said: 'I am come that you might have life, and have it more abundantly.'" John 10:10. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you shall be saved." Romans 10:13. Jesus said: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and will open the door, I will come in and sup with him and he with me." Revelation 3:20.

That is exactly what I did. I opened the door and let Christ take control of my life. And how abundantly Christ has blessed me throughout these sixty-nine years.

Sometime during the weeks that followed in the summer of 1944, I also felt that the Lord was calling me to the Gospel Ministry. Not only was I to believe the Scriptures, but now to teach and preach them. So, after graduating from high school and serving twenty-months in the US Army, then graduating from College and Seminary, I was ordained to the Gospel Ministry of Jesus Christ, another anniversary to take place in a few weeks.

You can understand then why I wanted to read the Scripture today, because the Scriptures to me are so extremely important. As we used to sing, "The B-I-B-L-E, yes, that's the Book for me. I stand alone on the Word of God, the B-I-B-L-E."

(The passage that was then read was from Luke, Chapter 7, verses 1-7.)

May the Lord bless the reading of this His Holy, Inspired and Infallible Word. And to Him be the glory.

Before sitting down, I would like to make another comment.

As I have mentioned the date of May 28, 1944 as my Day of Decision, I am also aware of the fact that most Christians I have met do not recall a specific date when they surrendered their lives to Christ. Yet, they know they have made that decision. They have trusted Jesus as Savior and Lord, they believe in Him, they follow Him, they serve Him and want daily to live according to His Word. And **THAT, MY FRIENDS IS WHAT REALLY COUNTS! THAT IS WHAT IS MOST IMPORTANT.- NOT THE RECALLING OF A SPECIFIC DATE!**

So, I have a suggestion to make. If that is your experience, and your faith, why not select a date - any date - such as today - June 2, and each year celebrate that day as your **DAY OF FAITH**. You can do it at home, in silent worship, reading Scripture and praying, and thanking the Lord for making you one of His own.