EU leaders gathered in Germany over the weekend to sign the Berlin Declaration, marking the 50th anniversary of the Treaty of Rome. Street parties have been taking place throughout Berlin, with the EU subsidizing "revellers" attending night-clubs participating in the event. The German Chancellor Angela Merkel has stated that a new version of the ill-fated constitution could be on the table in the later half of this year, under Portugal's presidency of the EU. This was reflected in the Berlin Declaration, which states that Europe should have a "new basis" by 2009.

Quote: *"With European unification a dream of earlier generations has become a reality. Our history reminds us that we must protect this for the good of future generations. For that reason we must always renew the political shape of Europe in keeping with the times. That is why today, 50 years after the signing of the Treaties of Rome, we are united in our aim of placing the European Union on a renewed common basis before the European Parliament elections in 2009.*

There is no doubt the European Union has been successful in ending war between the states of Europe. As a European I am thankful for that. Angela Merkel stated that the EU has come closer to creating a common army. Thanks to Javier Solana, who also heads the European Defence Association, has helped implement a single European defence market , and heads a single EU Anti-Terrorism Force . The EU has also created a single European Police Force . We've been saying it, and EU leaders have been saying it, the next step is the creation of a de-facto European army .

Quote: *"In her interview with Bild, Mrs Merkel added: "In the EU itself, we have to come closer to creating a common European army. A European federal state won't exist either in 50 years, we will keep the diversity of member states.*

Europe isn't all bad, Europe is a good idea from man's perspective. The Bible teaches us to be subject to the powers that be (Romans 13), and as our country is a member of the European Union, that includes being subject to Europe. I think it's either Jehovah's Witnesses or Mormons that claim that the

powers that be are not ordained of God, and that we must not be subject to them. This is not taught in Scripture, anywhere. Jesus said, "Render unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's", Matthew 22:21. But man's perspective of governmental authority and God's perspective are two completely different things. Nebuchadnezzar viewed world empires as a wonderful statue crafted with precious metals (Daniel 2), while God viewed the same as brute beasts that devoured the earth (Daniel 7). In the spiritual realm the European Union is a beast, and will and is already defying the God of heaven. Praise God that those who have trusted in Jesus Christ for salvation are citizens of another country.

Daniel 2:44

> And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.

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