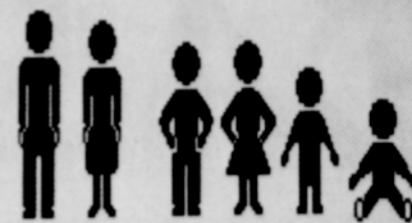




RELIGION

Strengthen Your Faith Through Prayer And Regular Church Worship

Happy Easter



Why Did He Have To Die?

By Mattie Ann Callier-Spears
[based on the text found in 1 Peter 3 & 4 the LIVING BIBLE]
Jesus Christ, the Son of the Living God, was born of the virgin Mary and became flesh.

As Christ stood speaking to His disciples, he said "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. If ye had known me, for who I am, then you would have known who my Father is. From now on you know him--and have seen him!"

"Don't you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say are not my own but are from my Father who lives in me. And he does his work through me. Or else believe it because of the mighty miracles you have seen me do." [John 14]

Yes! Christ lived among us and He suffered human pains. He came to this earth so that he could better understand the human side of man. In doing so, he also found out the difficulty that man was having with sin. The Cross was a planned destiny. Christ had to make that supreme sacrifice; if he had not...we would all be lost. Christ had to die.

Can you imagine dying for your friends? That is what Christ did! Christ suffered for YOU! He died once for the sins of all us guilty sinners, although he himself was innocent of any sin at any time, that he might bring us safely home to God. But though his body died, his spirit lived on, and it was in the spirit that he visited the spirits in prison, and preached to them--spirits of those who, long before in the days of Noah, waited patiently for them while Noah was building the Ark. Yet, only eight persons were saved from drowning in that terrible flood. (That, by the way, is what baptism pictures for us: in baptism we show that we have been saved from death and doom by the resurrection of Christ; not because our bodies are washed clean by the water, but because in being baptized we are turning to God and asking him to cleanse our hearts from sin.)

Now, Christ is in heaven, sitting in the place of honor next to God the Father, with all the angels and powers of heaven bowing before him and obeying him.

Since Christ suffered and underwent pain, you must have the same attitude he did; you must be ready to suffer, too. For remember, when your body suffers, sin loses its power, and you won't be spending the rest of your life chasing after evil desires, but will be anxious to do the will of God. You have

had enough in the past of the evil things the godless enjoy: sex sin, lust, getting drunk, wild parties, drinking bouts, and the worship of idols, and other terrible sins.

Of course, your former friends will be very surprised when you don't eagerly join them any more in the wicked things they do, and they will laugh at you in that they must face the Judge of all, living and dead; they will be punished for the way they have lived. That is why the GOOD NEWS was preached even to those who were dead--killed by the flood--so that although their bodies were punished with death, they could still live in their spirits as God lives.

The end of the world is coming soon. Therefore be earnest, thoughtful men of prayer. Most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other, for love makes up for many of your faults. Cheerfully share what you have with those who need a meal or a place to stay for the night.

God has given each of you some special abilities; be sure to use them to help each other, passing on to others God's many kinds of blessings.

This suffering is all part of the work God has given you. Christ, who suffered for you, is your example. Follow in his steps: he never sinned, never told a lie, never answered back when insulted; when he suffered he did not threaten to get even; he left his case in the hands of God who always judges fairly. He personally carried the load of our sins in his own body when he died on the cross, so that we can be finished with sin and live a good life from now on. For his wounds have healed ours! PRAISE THE LORD!!

We are all like sheep who have gone astray; but Christ came to die, so that we could all be rescued. There is just one catch, though. God gave to man--the ability to choose. Yes, God created us; but he does not force any of us to serve him. He has shown us, by His life's example, that we can make it--only if we want to. Everyone must decide whether or not they want Christ to dwell within.

My dear sisters and brothers, we are only visitors here. Since our real home is in heaven I beg you to keep away from the evil pleasures of this world; they are not for you, for they fight against your very souls.

Pray for the Lord's work to be done around the world.

PRAISE GOD!!! My Lord has risen. He is NOT dead but ALIVE forevermore.

IN MEMORY OF
OSCAR A. BOOKER, SR.
FEBRUARY 19, 1900-APRIL 5, 1990

Oscar A. Booker was born February 19, 1900 in Columbus, Texas. He passed away in Fern Hill Care Center on April 5, 1990.

He was one of six children born to John and Mary Jane Booker. He met and married Ida L. Clark on March 17, 1920. She preceded him in death. To this union one daughter, Nina Booker Merida and two sons, Floyd N. Booker, Sr. and Oscar Booker, Jr. were born.

For many years Mr. Booker was a resident of Fort Worth Texas, where he was a self-employed contractor. Mr. Booker was an organizer and manager of the Harps of Zion Gospel Group which traveled extensively spreading joy and good will. Mr. Booker left a host of friends and relatives when he moved from Fort Worth, Texas to Portland, Oregon on November 1982. He gained new friends while a resident of Walnut Park Apartments for more than eight years.

He leaves to mourn, one brother, Leslie and one sister, Johnnie Mae both of Columbus, Texas, one daughter, Nina L. Merida, Temple, Texas, two sons, Floyd Sr., and Oscar Jr., 15 grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends in Portland and Texas.

Services were held at graveside on April 9, 1990. Rev. John Pack III officiated.

A Plan For You

Who walks with Christ need never fear,
For His strong arm is ever near;
He's there to lift you when you fall,
And He listens for each loved one's call.

Who can doubt His tender care,
For can't you feel His presence there?
The love that suffered on the cross,
Will minimize your every loss.

He placed you in this wondrous world,
Trees, and grass, and flowers dew-pearled,
And He Who heeds the sparrow's fall,
Will not abandon you at all.

His highest creation, you, a man,
Are at the center of His plan;
He's watched mankind for a million years,
Held his hand, and dried his tears.

He gives you joy for every pain,
And sends the sunshine after rain;
He died so you could conquer sin,
With a plan for Eternal Life to win.

If you sang His praise for a million years,
And shed a million grateful tears,
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The Northeast Portland Community Celebrates The Easter Season

Come one! Come all to the 1990 Community Easter Egg Hunt. When: Saturday, April 14, 1990 from 9:00 am to 10:30 a.m. for all children ages 2-10. This will be held at the Peninsula Park, in the playground area. The function is being sponsored by the Most Worthy Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F & AM of Oregon and its jurisdiction. Special prizes will be awarded.

He's Alive Today

A very stirring and moving play, depicting the life and death of Christ, was written and directed by Miss Julianne R. Johnson, well-known actress and vocalist of stage and screen, will be presented on Easter Sunday at 6:30 pm at the Mount Olivet Baptist church, 116 NE Schuyler Street.

The script was adapted from the King James Version of the Holy Scripture. Come see and hear the Holy Scripture brought to life. The play is a production of the Music Department of Mt. Olivet. The role of Jesus is being portrayed by Rev. Clay R. Drayton, Jr.

The performance will begin promptly. Come early to get a good seat.
Dr. James E. Martin, senior pastor.

Twelfth Annual Concert

The Music Department of the Emmanuel Temple Full Gospel Pentecostal Church will present its twelfth annual gospel musical on the fourteenth day of April by the Adult Choir, of the church. The Gospel will be delivered in song. Come! Enjoy! Shout! Be happy! Make a joyful noise unto the Lord.

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Bishop A.A. Wells, pastor.

Maudy Thursday Service

Special preparations are being made for the feast that will be held in the lower auditorium of the Mt. Olivet Baptist Church on Thursday, April 12, 1990 to begin at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary, upstairs.

If you have never attended this meaningful and inspiring service, plan on attending this year. You will never forget the scriptures nor the hymns, nor will you ever want to miss this annual event ever again. Come early; because after a certain time the doors are locked and no one may enter the service, while it's in progress.

Inspiration Written on the Walls



Did you know that more than 70% of Americans feel it is "very important" to share their spiritual and religious beliefs with their children? More than half feel spirituality is gaining influence in family life. So says a recent BETTER HOMES AND GARDENS survey.

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