



RELIGION

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Scripture of the Week:
JEREMIAH 31:3



The Gospel Shall Stand

By Mattie Ann Callier-Spears

The trees have leaves and the grass is green. The flowers are in full bloom. The fruit trees are beginning to bear fruit of its kind; but, what of man? How is it that everything has an order that it adheres to-except man. How many life times must pass before mankind will decide to make up its mind to really know in their hearts who the SAVIOR is?

For many, many decades, man has sought to change the words of the MASTER Teacher. He, man, has shed the blood of the innocent, he has imprisoned those who have attempted to preach out for what is right, and man has struck down his brother while claiming to be a child of the Almighty God. All kinds of movements, both spiritual and emotional, have plagued our nation with its varied doctrines. Some have taken some parts of their text from the Holy Scriptures, while others have completely changed, rewritten, or just plain misconstrued the whole meaning of the Holy Bible.

Religious movements have come and gone, but the Christian Religion has existed since its conception. The Gospel will be continually taught and preached regardless of whether or not mankind wants to go with the flow or whether he chooses to rebel by creating another following that will satisfy his doctrine. My question is: "Why reinvent the wheel?" "If it is not broken, why fix it?"

Christ's 'word-of-mouth' concept caught on like wildfire. The twentieth chapter of MATTHEW, in the eighteenth through the twentieth verses, we

read that Jesus Christ has been crucified, has risen from the dead and is now appearing before his disciples before He ascends to His Father in Heaven. He gives them the final commandment, "...Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

The steadfast Christians have been carrying the Holy Light and passing it on by letting their Light shine, by teaching the WORD, by preaching the powerful Gospel message that Christ came to save all who are lost. Salvation is full and FREE! In the 8th chapter of St. John, we find Jesus Christ speaking to an adulteress, When her accusers had fled the scene, Jesus Christ asked her, "...Woman, where are those thine accusers? Hath no man condemned thee?" The woman replied, "No man, Lord." This example serves as only one of many, such, situations where Christ has touched the life of someone without pointing an accusing finger or belittling them before their peers.

With compassion and so much LOVE-Christ always approached the unsaved in such a manner.

Yes! Man has attempted to stamp the name of Jesus Christ from the very face of the earth; but, man shall never be successful in such a quest. The WORD shall stand, the name of Jesus Christ shall be forever spoken from the lips of man. For my Scripture tells me, that if

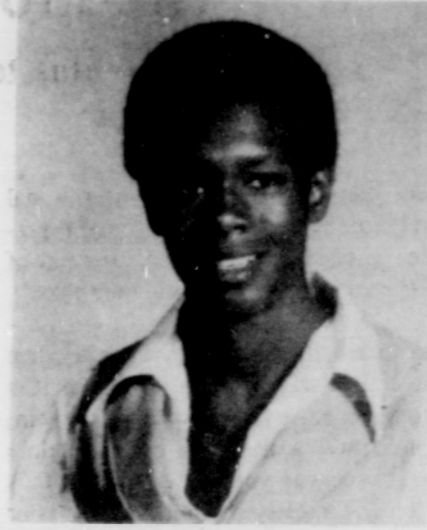
man doesn't decide to praise my Lord, the rocks are going to cry out--"Glory and Honour".

Nostalgia has gripped many people during these changing times. They relive certain periods of the past and glorify conditions and situations which marked those periods. I, when we think of the past, we remember the blessings, the inspiring growth in ourselves and in our world, that is fine. But what a waste of time it is to dwell on the past. Make the present a rewarding time of growth in the Lord. It can be so-if you let it. Today, opportunity holds out its friendly hand. We should grasp it. Tightly. Right now, avenues of success, unparalleled in history, are begging to be opened. Right now-not in the thirties, forties, fifties, sixties, or the seventies-the creativity of the Holy Spirit is readying our new world. Through it all -the Gospel shall stand.

God showed how much he loved us by sending his only Son into this wicked world. He freely gave us the gift of eternal life. He suffered. He bled. He died. Through these acts, we see what real love is. It is not our love for God, but his love for us-for, he sent his Son that we might live. Our debt of sin has been paid through the precious blood of Jesus Christ.

Christ said that he would not leave us comfortless. We know how much God loves us-because we have felt his love and we believe him when he tells us that he loves us dearly. We can feel the warmth of His Holy Spirit. We can feel the security of the Holy Spirit. Praise God! The Gospel shall stand.

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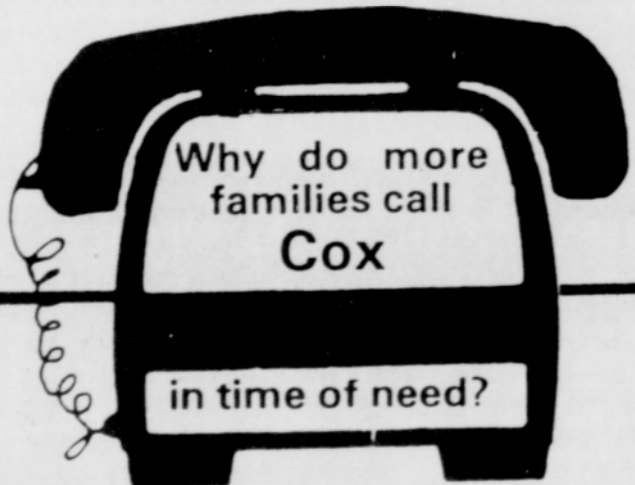
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