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# RELIGION

SCRIPTURE OF THE  
WEEK:  
II CORINTHIANS 9:7-15

## O Freedom

[The War Within]  
[continued from last week's issue]

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She knew it was wrong. She was in church. She, by her own admission, had a mother who cared about her. So why was this? I began praying for her, rebuking Satan in the name of Jesus Christ. Pleading that Satan would lose his bounds on her. She began to cry and started calling me "Mama", several times, she said, "I'm sorry Mama but I can't help it. Mama I won't do it any more." She wasn't seeing me but she was seeing her mother. In her drugged state, she knew that she had broken a promise. I told her that she could do it with God's help. She was just going to the wrong source.

After we prayed and she cried, she was still wanting me to give her ten dollars. I realized that this was the only way that I was going to stop her from going back out there to those cars as soon as my back was turned. I gave her the money and a copy of the "Daily Bread". From the booklet, I read her a passage that was so appropriate. I asked her where she was going. I told her if she was going to that house-I was going

to take the money back. "Go get you something to eat" I told her. I gave her a hug and she waved at me saying "Good-bye and thank you. I'm not going to that house."

Just as she got to the corner, here comes the police. They stopped her and put her in the car. They came down to the parking lot, of the office, where I was still standing. "We received a call. Is this the person?" the police asked. "Yes, she is but I have talked to her, and if you can take her home, I would appreciate it very much." The police said that they wanted to talk to her first and assured me that they would take care of her. They pulled off with her in the back seat.

Until this day, I have never seen this young woman on any corner. Now-whether or not she continues to use drugs and/or alcohol, I have no idea. But-what does matter is that I shared Christ with her in her time of need.

My mother always told us that everything, no matter how good or how bad, happens for some reason. These young people, whom I have just cited, are classic examples of some of the

problems that cause wars inside of us. They believed that their reason was completely valid and the results were warranted. The Holy Scripture says that we are engaged in spiritual warfare. The wars that we fight and wage are not wars of the flesh but are wars of the spirit, of principalities and powers. Satan is real. But-he does not have the last word. He's a liar, a deceiver, a con- niver, and a low down dirty rat who demands all that you have and gives nothing back, in return. Why would you want to have anything to do with the likes of him. Yuk! Spit him out of your mouth. Rebuke him in the name of Jesus. But-Warning! Warning! Don't attempt to go up against him unpre- pared. If you don't have the right fight- ing equipment. If you don't have the right fight clothes. Don't even try it. He'll eat you for breakfast, lunch, din- ner and snacks. Sounds funny, huh? But, I give you fair warning. Satan will cause you to despise your father and your mother. He will cause you to commit many sins-only if you let him. Good and evil are speaking to you all the time. You must decide which voice you

will listen to. You cannot love both good and evil. You must love one and hate the other. Those who have tried to hold on to both have lost their minds; their ability to reason; sometimes they can't tell night from day.

Don't let God go! Don't give up on the Holy Spirit! God's Word is true. Many people can tell you many things and these things are not always true. We cannot put all of our trust in man's ability. For-as long as we are clothed in this house of flesh, we are prone to sin. But-only the effectual workings of the Holy Spirit, in your life, can keep you in spiritual check.

A daily, earnest striving to know God, and Jesus Christ whom He has sent, would bring power and efficiency to the soul. The knowledge obtained by diligent searching of the Scriptures would be flashed into the memory at the right time. But if any had neglected to ac- quaint themselves with the words of Christ, if they had never tested, if they had never known, if they had never asked for the power of His grace in the times of trials, of war, of distress, they could not expect the Holy Spirit to

bring His Words to their remembrance. We have to serve God on a daily basis with undivided affection and-then, we've got to put all our trust solely on and in Him who died that we might have a right to the tree of life.

Jesus Christ's entire life was based on rational, wholesome judgements. He did not go about conniving and swindling people. Christ was honest at all times even when he taught his dis- ciples, as he teaches us today. He said, "Ye shall be hated of all men for My names sake; but he that endures until the end, the same shall be saved." [Mark 13:13]

Don't worry about things that we have no control over. We cannot con- trol what is happening in the Middle East-but, we can control the war that is happening inside of us just by believing on the worthy King of Kings. It is Satan's job to fill man's heart with doubt. He leads them to look upon God as mean and uncaring. He will tempt them with sin, and then-he will have them regard themselves as too vile, too dirty, too broken to approach the Heav- enly Father, God Almighty.

Christ was a man of PEACE and all those servants of Christ are called to do the same work. Beware! lest, in seeking to prevent discord, they surren- der the truth. They are to "follow after the things which make for peace". [Romans 14:19]. Real peace can never be secured by compromising your prin- ciples. And-now man can be true to their principles without exciting oppo- sition. The children of Light will al- ways be opposed by the children of 'darkness'. Thus-we have WAR!

O! Freedom! Lord may we walk the work of them that love you. May we walk in the path of righteousness for your name sake. And after all the wars have been fought and this old world, we know it, has passed away-Lord may we, your children, be caught up in the air with you Lord. Caught up in a place that has not been made by human hands. A place where there will be no more crying. There will be no more burdens, no more sickness, no more death. And-Hallelujah!! There will be no more Wars. O! Freedom!

### Faith Tabernacle Church Holds Revival

Revival, to some, is a bad word. But during this time of afflictions, on mankind, the Faith Tabernacle Church extended invitations to Pastors, directors, groups and participants in various ministries, to be present at the "VIC- TORY REVIVAL '91" which was held on Saturday, January 26, 1991.

The purpose of the revival was to lift up the name of Jesus through testi- mony, praise, and worship. Through words of exhortation and encourag- ement, the goal is to unite, with one- accord, let Satan and the community know that God is yet on the throne. God is working through the services made

available by the groups and ministries that were represented that evening.

Pastor Osborne and the CFFD [Christian Fellowship Freed and Deliv- ered] Ministry headed by Elder Greg and Cynthia Wilson found that on the onset of 1991, that the drug, alcohol, gang and crime problems in our com- munity are yet prevalent. After evalu- ating the existence of programs work- ing to combat these problems, they found that there were many groups working tirelessly providing ministries in these areas.

Bishop Grace C. Osborne, pastor of Faith Tabernacle Church, stated that

the word of God lets us know in the fifty-ninth chapter of Isaiah, "So shall they fear the name of the Lord from the west and his glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Holy Spirit, of the Lord, shall lift up a standard against him".

Present were representatives from groups in the community such as: CFFD, JADA, Love Inc., Wings of Love, Re- Direction, the Gang Task Force, MAGIC, House of Umoja, Pnuema, the Portland Police Department, the Faith Fellow- ship Church Ministry, and several other community organizatons and person- alities.

It is the hope and prayers of CFFD that all Gods' children would work in one accord to bring about a change in this community. How it must grieve the Master to see how we are handling His creation. All that God made was beau- tiful and God said, "That's good!" But now, man has made a mess out of beauty and good. It is up to us to right our wrongs with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Anyone wanting to know more about this community outreach, please call 282-8071. May God be praised.

### Announcement

The Lay Organization of Bethel A.M.E. Church, 5828 NE 8th Avenue, will hold it's Annual program, February 17, 1991 at 4:00 PM.

The theme for the day is: "Let Your Light So Shine."

Our guest speaker will be Represen-

tative Margaret Carter, State Repre- sentative for District 18, and guest so- loist will be Dr. Carl E. Parker, Coun- selor at Portland Community College.

We are planning an excellent pro- gram and invite the public to share in this service with us.

### Network 91 Workshop

The Christian Fellowship Freed and Delivered ministry is sponsoring a workshop for persons wanting to get involved in support services. The ses- sions will begin at ten, in the morning, on February 16, 1991 and will continue until two, in the afternoon.

All persons interested should begin

registration on February 11th at the church. The fee for the workshop is \$10 which will include lunch and an infor- mation packet. A special rate of \$20 has been set for groups. A group may be 3 or more people from one organization.

For more information and registra- tion, call 282-8071.

### Creole Gumbo Dinner

Enjoy the atmosphere and flavorful cuisine of Southwestern Louisiana at Immaculate Heart Church's annual chicken and seafood CREOLE GUMBO DINNER.

Saturday, February 9, 1991,  
Noon until 8:00 p.m.

at

Immaculate Heart Parish Community Center,  
2926 N. Williams Ave., Portland, Oregon, 97227.

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For tickets, call Bonnie...287-3724 or send check to Immacu- late Heart Church at the above address.

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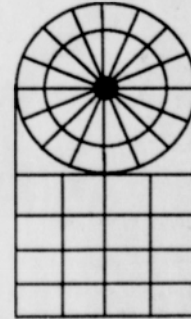
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9:30  
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Pastor, Rev. James C.E. Faulkner

Theme: Whatever you're going  
to do for the Lord, do it now.

I Peter iv.11



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