

RELIGION

Scripture of the Week

Matthew 13:3

Amazing Grace

BY MATTIE ANN CALLIER-SPEARS

How many times have you awoken, opened your eyes, saw the light shining through the window, heard the sounds of the morning, smelled the coffee perking and the flowers blooming and then stood up and walked across the room? It was "Amazing Grace"!

"Twas *Grace*, that brought me safe thus far" the song writer says. The house that shelters us, the food in our pantries, the shoes on our feet, the clothes on our backs, our jobs, our cars, and so much more. When will man ever get to the place where he will realize that it is God's *GRACE* and God's *LOVE* that has allowed us to escape many perils, in life? Yes! Through the valleys of death and down the dark alleys of despair, we have traveled...and if you haven't yet traveled onto those paths, just you wait and see.

We must find our abundance in each and every day. In each and every circumstance. We may have trials ... but, nothing is too big that my God cannot handle it.

Don't ever feel alone; for God said that He would never leave you alone. He promised!

Jesus Christ died that we might live. That was *grace*. Christ didn't just leave and go away without a trace of us ever hearing from him again. When he ascended unto his Father...he sent the Comforter (Holy Spirit). "And now I will send the Holy Spirit upon you, just as my Father promised." [Luke 24:49] That, too, was *grace*.

Say, "Hello!" to the Master everyday. Enter into a moment of prayer and meditation. Give "glory and honour" to the King of Kings. Let the world know that God's grace is truly sufficient for you.

"Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything; tell God your needs and don't forget to thank him for his answers. If you do this you will experience God's peace, which is far more wonderful than the human mind can understand. His peace will keep your thoughts and your hearts quiet and at rest as you trust in Christ Jesus." [Philippians 4:6-7]

I can never stop thanking God for the things he has done for me. In the weakness of my flesh, I wonder "How I got over?" But, the Holy Spirit lets me know that it was God's *grace* that brought me through and it will surely be God's *grace* that will lead me on through this life and into Glory. Hallelujah!!

Problems! Sure, there will be problems just as long as you are alive; but, God's *grace* will see you through them all. The wisdom of the wisest man will be foolish compared to the truth and *grace* from the *CROSS*.

Just the other day, I was listening to a radio program. I heard an old man caller attacking the Christian faith. He called the Christian faith a "cult." He said that the young radio host was leading people to Christ "against" their wills." For an old man, supposedly wise from age, he spoke foolishly and

of silly things. Sometimes we feel that our brilliance of thought and mind can sustain us and will be enough for our salvation; but, we must *BELIEVE* in the *grace* of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. You would think that a man of his years would have found the answer by now, but he hadn't. My heart was saddened by his ignorance, and compelled me to press on in a more deliberate manner, toward the mark of a higher calling. "GO TELL!"

Those of you, who may read this article, who believe...should let nothing stop you from spreading the WORD (Gospel). Not your gospel. Not Mr. Henry's gospel. But, the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

When things seem to get too rough, read this little poem...

With Faith In God
When grief and pain engulf you

And tear your heart in two,
You'll find that God is standing by
To always comfort you.

When clouds of gloom obscure your view
Do not feel great despair,
You'll find an inner strength to cope
If you seek God in prayer.

As sure as daytime follows the night
And sunshine follows rain,
The faith in God that you possess
Is never placed in vain.

Harold F. Mohn

New Public Relations Consulting Firm

Kathy Kendrix, Public Relations Specialist, has announced the formation of K and K Consultants, Inc.

Prior to this, Ms. Kendrix was in charge of public relation activities for One Church, One Child of Oregon and was responsible for coordinating production at KATU Ch 2.

K and K Consultants Inc. offers full service public relations, marketing support and special event planning.

"Toward building a good public image, public relation planning is a process that requires a long term commitment" says Kendrix.

Areas of focus within K and K Consultants Inc. include: Public Relations, Special event planning, Fundraising, Media, Community Relations, Marketing and Advertising Strategies, Analyze problems and opportunities, Define goals, objectives and mission, Create ideas, Recommend and implement activities and Follow up

If the firm can be of service to your organization or business, call (503) 282-0193 or write Kathy Kendrix at K and K Consultants Inc., P.O. Box 13654, Portland, OR 97213.

For The Children Who Wait Annual Banquet

One Church, One Child of Oregon will hold their 3rd annual banquet on Saturday, November 9, 1991. The banquet will be held at the Red Lion Lloyd Center at 7:00 pm and a reception at 6:00 pm.

This year's keynote speaker will be Mr. Zena Oglesby, Executive Director of the Institute for Black Parenting in Los Angeles. Past speakers have been Rev. Shelvin Hall, Past National President of One Church, One Child and Taurean Blacque, National Spokesman for Adoption.

Tickets for the banquet are \$30.00 per person. For reservations, call 285-7634.

One Church, One Child of Oregon was founded in 1988. One Church, One Child's mission is to seek African American families to adopt African American children.



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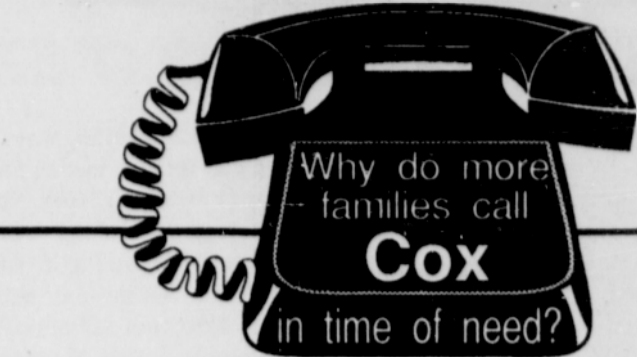
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Police Recruit For Job Openings, Step Up Minority Recruiting

The Portland Police Bureau is looking for candidates to apply for the position of police officer and is stepping up its efforts at minority recruiting to meet its goal of making its workforce representative of the community. Applications will be accepted from Monday, Oct. 14, through Friday, Oct. 25; preparatory workshops will be held on Thursday and Saturdays (register at 796-3200, 1-800-248-9529).

Applications are available at City Hall, Personnel Services, 1220 S.W. 5th Ave., Room 100. If candidates cannot pick up an application, or if they have questions, they are encouraged to call 823-4573 (inside metro area) or 1-503-823-4352 (outside metro area).

Portland Police Chief Tom Potter said the increased efforts at recruitment go toward goals in the adopted Human Goals statement of the Bureau, namely: "To make the Police Bureau a model of equal opportunity for all regardless of race, color, sex, religion, age, national origin, marital status, sexual orientation or physical challenge."

To meet that goal, all Bureau members were asked to help in recruiting and the Bureau's Personnel Division reorganized to put more resources into recruiting, said Potter. Recruiting duties are now divided among five police officers, who also have responsibility for conducting background investigations: Officers Joe Becraft, Mark Bigeagle, Dorothy Elmore, Harry Jackson and Steve Watts.

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Place: Portland Building
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Time: 9:30 a.m.

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