

# RELIGION

Scripture of the Week

St. John Chapter 4

## "Why Did He Have To Die?"

BY MATTIE ANN CALLIER-SPEARS

[based on the text found in I 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 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 blessing.

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.

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## Obituary

BEVERLY RAE NETTLES LAMPKIN was born in Portland, Oregon, August 1, 1946 to Mary O. Allen and Joe Louis. She received her formal education in the Oregon Educational System. By profession she was a Social Worker specializing in working with the mentally handicapped. Beverly was joined in wedlock to Wallace Alonzo Nettles in 1964. Of this union Wallace Alonzo Nettles II was born. Shortly after moving to Los Angeles in 1978, she joined Palm Lane COGIC. She was a faithful member until her death. She leaves to cherish loving memories 3 sisters, Carol, Gilda and Demonica and 7 brothers, Verdell, Jonathan, Joe, Jr., Doug, Kevin, Anthony and Wayne; 2 grandchildren Michael Jackson and Brandis Nettles; 1 daughter-in-law, Toni Nettles; nephew, Leon Heartley; nieces, Andrea Heartly, Ebony Edwards and Adriana Edwards and grandniece, Breana Parks and a host of other relatives and friends.

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10:45

Sunday School  
9:30

Bible Study  
6:00

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

I Peter 4:11

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