

RELIGION

Scripture Of The Week:

And they said among themselves, Who shall roll us away the stone from the door to the sepulchre? *Mark 16:3*

A Tailor-Made Crucifix (Cross)

[BASED ON MATTHEW 16:24-27]
Every year, the Christian church observes the Easter holiday by celebrating the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. However, I wonder how many of us really sat and thought about the profundity of this passage of scripture which instructs every Christian believer, as to the what-to's and the how-to's in truly following Christ.

There are those who have gotten all "going-ho!" to follow Jesus and soon fizzled-out, sat with long faces and some even chose to drop out of the human race—all together.

No matter what we do in life, there are criteria that must be met before becoming successful in your quest. Well—it's no different with being a real, genuine, dyed-in-the-wool christian. As I stated before, the meaning of Christian is to be "Christ-Like". How many times have you heard the expression, "He wants the applause without the performance" or "They're suffering from the Little Red Hen syndrome"? These kind-o folks want to achieve without doing the work.

The scripture is very explicit in its explanation on what we are to do to be Christ-like and how we are to do it.

Just getting out there and smiling, shaking hands with the homeless, going to church on Sunday mornings, singing good old fashioned gospels or even going as far as volunteering to sit

in a hospital every day with the sick—does not make you Christ-like.

There is a song that says, "Jesus walked this lonesome valley. He had to walk it by himself. Oh! Nobody else could walk it for Him. He had to walk it by himself."

To become Christ-like, we must take our crosses on a daily basis, not just sometime, and follow Christ. We cannot do the work of the world and feel that we can continue to follow Christ—regardless.

Be For Real!
The scripture says that we must deny ourselves the world comforts. "For whoever wants to save his own life shall lose it; but whoever loses his life for my sake will surely find it." [v.25]

There are some who cannot go without for any reason; Yet, contend that God is pleased. Regardless. Have you ever heard these comment? "If you think I'm going to deny myself of my _____, you've got another think coming."

"You've got to be crazy if you think that I'm going to short-change myself for the likes of him/her/them." "Regardless of what you think about me, I am a christian."

Poor dears! To your dismay, God thinks not. Every man, woman, boy or girl, who professes their acceptance into the family of God, has a cross of their own that each must carry while

on their journey to the kingdom of heaven. This cross is "tailor-made" especially for them. Sally may be good with her hands but knows nothing about reading and writing; yet, God has need of her.

"Take up your cross and follow me!" Henry may have never married and has worked as a machinist all his life; Yet, God has need of him. "Take up your cross and follow me!" Christ denied himself so very much for the likes of us. He went to the cross for our sins...And he who knew no sin." [I Peter 2:22]

When we go to the tailor to get fitted for a suit of clothing, the tailor takes measurement so that this particle of clothing will be especially made for that person only. And—so is your cross that you must carry. It is tailor-made especially for you.

If you are who you say you are, it's about time you begin to act and live the part.

"Keep alert and set your hope completely on the blessing which will be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed. Be obedient to God, and do not allow your lives to be shaped by those desires you had when you were still ignorant. Instead, be holy in all that you do, just as God who called you is holy. The scripture says, Be Holy because I am holy." [I Peter 1:13-16]

When we (Christian believers) are able to work the work of our heavenly father who sent us and carry the cross which has been assigned to us, then and only then will we be fitted for the sky. Until that time—we are wearing shoes of sod and are going no place at all.



by Mattie Ann Callier-Spears


Maranatha Church
Presents
What's Easter All About
A dramatic reenactment depicting the biblical account of Easter.

April 11, 1993
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Maranatha Church
4222 N.E. 12th
Free will offering accepted
This program is dedicated to the memory of Gloria Golden

Activities For The Week
Sunday, 9:15am Sunday School
10:30am Morning Worship
6:00pm Evening Worship
Tuesday 7:00-8:00pm Miracles Choir Rehearsal Ages 4-11
Wednesday 7:00pm Mid-Week Service
Thursday 6:00pm-8:00pm Junior & Senior High Open Gym 6-12th grades
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal
Saturday 11:00am 1st Saturday of each month Women's Meeting
Maranatha Church
4222 N.E. 12th
Portland, OR 97211
(503) 288-7241



St. Mark Baptist Church Is Sponsoring
"The 13th Annual Christian Life Conference"
Monday-Friday, April 12 to 16, 1993
Dr. Joe S. Hardie, Host Pastor



Guest Speakers

Rev. Charles L. Jackson
Night Speaker & Seminar Leader
Houston, Texas

Rev. Johnny Pack IV
Noon Day Speaker & Seminar Leader
Portland, Oregon

Minister's Seminar, Tuesday-Thursday 10:30 AM
Lay Person Seminar Monday-Friday 6:00 PM
Noon Day Service 12:00 PM
Evening Worship 7:00 PM

Theme:
Practical Implementation Of Discipleship/Evangelism
Matthew 28:19-20
Guest Choirs Singing Nightly
"The Church Where Everybody Is Somebody And Christ Is All!"
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"HE'S ALIVE"


THE CITY OF PORTLAND IS CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND AN EASTER CELEBRATION
APRIL 11, 1993
3:00 PM

AT THE PIONEER SQUARE DOWNTOWN PORTLAND

SPONSORED BY
THE NEW AZUSA CHURCH

SUBJECT:
"THE MESSAGE FOR THE MESS-AGE"
PASTOR WENDELL H. WALLACE

SONGS OF INSPIRATION WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE NEW AZUSA CHOIR. INVITE FRIENDS, RELATIVE, NEIGHBORS AND CO-WORKERS TO BEAR WITNESS TO THE MIRACLE, HEALING POWERS OF JESUS CHRIST



THE PEOPLE'S CHURCH
1425 NE Dekum & 15th
(Housed in the Woodlawn Methodist Church structure.)
Pastor Robert Probasco, Sr.

Sunday Morning Worship
9:00am

Thursday Evening Bible Study
7:30pm

Join Us This Sunday For Palm Sunday

Easter Greetings

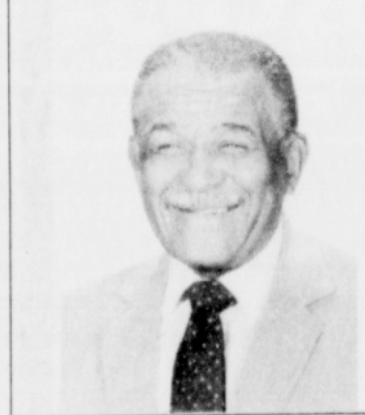
Sermon For Easter Sunrise
"As He Said He Would"
For Easter We Welcome You With Open Arms

New Azusa Christian Training Center
44 NE Morris St. (1 Block East of Williams Ave.)
"The church that love is building in the heart of north/northeast Portland."

Sunday Message:
"Seven Guarantees Easter Assures To Me"

What makes New Azusa The Church That It Is?
• The People...Every Sunday people who love people come from all around to worship at NACTS
• The Power...of God is alive and manifested in a real and tangible way
• The Presence...of the Lord through the ministry of the word and the manifested presence of the Holy Spirit is in every service.


Join with us in worship this Sunday at 10:45 AM



Wendall Wallace, Sr.
Pastor/Founder

Night Talk Show
Every Sunday Night
10:30 to 12 midnight
KPDQ 93.7 FM/800 AM

Wednesday
Teaching & Training
7:00 PM
Classes for all ages
Child care available



MT. OLIVET BAPTIST CHURCH

Has moved Sunday services to
Stone Tower Church
N.E. Sandy Blvd. & 30th

Worship Services 8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Church School 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.
Bible Study, Wednesdays, 116 N.E. Schuyler
10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Radio Ministry each Sunday, 8:00 a.m. on KBMS

A Teaching Church With A Reaching Ministry
Dr. James E. Martin, Senior Pastor

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We Welcome You To The
Greater Saint Stephen Missionary Baptist Church
"Serving The Lord With Gladness"
Psalm 100:2

Sunday School 10am
Morning Worship 11:05
Mid Week:
Prayer & Bible Study 7pm
Rev. G.L. Black I Pastor
3707 N. Williams Ave.
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