

RELIGION

Scripture Of The Week

Being confident... He who has begun a good work in you will complete it... *Philippians 1:6 (NKJV)*

God Is Alive & Well

During the late 60's and the early 70's, there was a great spiritual scam going on. The word was out, "God is dead!" And wouldn't you believe it, there were a lot of stupid people who really believed this foolishness. In fact, a lot of people allowed their spiritual/Christian guards down; and, they doubted.

This was music to Satan's ears. During this same period, many, many cults were borne. This is the reason Christian Believers must have faith—because, all there needs to be is the slightest crack in the window and evil will step right on in; plant, cultivate and literally set-up house.

Do you remember the story of Peter walking on the water? Do you remember who his focal point was? Do you remember the reason why he began to sink? Doubt! Jesus stretched forth his hand, caught Peter and said, "O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?"

The young adults, who are: impressionable, naive, open to anything, always looking for something new—just always looking period—they were the primary targets of that widespread cancer. The disease called "doubt" spread with the quickness of a dry brush fire.

Camps and communes were be-

gun (they sprung-up everywhere) and situated in open fields or on lavish, secluded estates. Young people abandoned upper middle class and wealthy family environments; traded-in a Rolls Royce for an old dilapidated trailer out in the bushes somewhere. All because

they had been convinced that they were lost (and they were) and they needed someone or something to assist them in their quest. And, their parents didn't have the answers.

The vermin came and conquered the minds and the souls of our young people. They used mindbinding drugs, such as: LSD (acid), angel dust, yellow-jackets, reds, quaaludes, marijuana, hashish and some stuff they made in hidden laboratories.

Some even used the Holy Bible; but, they had used their own interpretation of the scriptures. Some, self proclaimed leaders, called themselves "Jesus the Christ". To the confused young people, this was really convincing. If anything was going to con the young people, that statement did it.

The disease was not limited to one race of people. Its reach was far flung. There were many self-proclaimed pulpits. There were many so-called preachers, gods, gurus, masters, "the man".

Parents had to spend their hard

earned dollars hiring psychotherapist; in an attempt to reclaim their children. The psychotherapist specialized in undoing the brain-washing. But—first they had to hire someone who would sneak into the camps or communes to kidnap the young person; hold them in a special area; restrain them under lock and key; sometimes behind bars.

And—on and on it went.

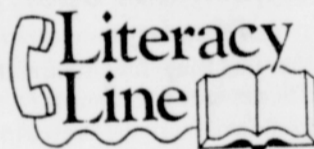
How did all of this come to be? This kind of phenomenon could only occur because Believers doubted or because there was no faith or belief, in the first place.

The only way Satan can enter in to the camp, of your soul, is when someone "Breaks-rank". Someone moved. You see—when the enemy is camped outside the fort, everybody inside is safe. But—when someone carelessly leaves the backdoor ajar, for whatever the reason, the enemy is able to walk among you, who were once safe, learn your weaknesses, report this valuable information and return to destroy what was once safe and sound.

Someone moved. Someone got weak. Someone got careless. Think of this: No one can get through the brick fence when the fence is brand new and the mortar is fresh and has dried rock-hard. However—years down the road, if you're not on your job and you're not watchful, cracks may appear un-

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Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church Has Annual Youth Revival Week



Rev. Londell Williams

The Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church welcomes to the City of Portland, Reverend Londell Williams, son of the late Reverend George Williams of Texarkana, Arkansas. Reverend Williams will be in the City for our Annual Youth Revival week of April 26 through April 30, 1993, starting at 7:00 P.M. nightly. We at Fellowship are honored to have Reverend Williams as our guest evangelist and we are praying, that along with us, you the public would help make this a memorable visit for Reverend Williams. He is an outstanding God-fearing, Gospel preacher and he is also well known in the political field. He is also the first black man employed for 25 years as a Claims Developer for the Social Security Administration. He is the present Pastor of the Park Avenue Baptist Church, where he has served as Pastor for 22 years.

REFLECTIONS

Mold Us And Make Us In Your Image

I was watching a TV show about the way movies are made. I laughed when the actors and actresses had to "take" and "retake" the scenes until they got them right, but you could tell it certainly was not funny to them. It was frustrating and embarrassing, not to mention time consuming. "Let's do it again," the director would yell, "till we get it right." He was patient, but he kept after the actors and actresses to do their best. He didn't send anyone away, or cut out any parts, he just kept on pushing until he got what he wanted.

As I sat later on watching a finished movie product, I reflected on the previous showing and was impressed at how smoothly and natural the finished film seemed to be. If one had not witnessed how a movie is actually put together, you would never guess how much trouble and work goes into the making and producing process.

When we become frustrated and disappointed in our failures, and our 'bloopers', we should remind ourselves of the movie making process, and say to ourselves that our lives are still in the production stage and that we are going to make many mistakes. "Let's do it again," God whispers, "till we get it right."

Let's lean on the fact that God will edit out the 'goofs' and the finished product will be natural and beautiful. Also, that the pain and frustration will disappear, leaving only the scriptwriter's story.

Let's not punish ourselves for our mistakes. Let's not waste our energy by sitting in our dismay, but replay the scenes as often as it takes. Check the script—God's Word. Ask the director, God, for guidance, and begin again. Lord you know how hard we try and we keep making mistakes, but please don't give up on us until we are all You had in mind for us when You made us.

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5736 N. Albina
Worship Celebration 10:30AM
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Michael DeJean, M. Div.
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(503) 289-0143

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9:45am Sunday School
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7:30pm Tuesday Bible Study and Prayer

Inter-racial Congregation

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Fellowship Church of God

5138 NE 23rd Avenue • Portland, OR 97211
Sunday School Service 9:45am
Morning Worship 11:00am
Evening Worship 6pm
Mid-Week Service 7pm

Pastor James Coleman, Emmanuel Hospital Chaplain

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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New Azusa Christian Training Center

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Evening Service 7:00pm
Pastor Raymond Edwards

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Sunday School Services 9:30am
Morning Worship 11:00am Sermon:
Evening Service 6:00pm
Midweek-Wed 5:30 Bible Study
Following Bible Study, Prayer Service
Choir Rehearsal Thursday 6pm/Usher 7pm
General Mission Monday 6pm
New Members Orientation 7pm
We provide transportation call the church

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St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church

8101 N. Fiske Avenue • Portland Oregon 97203
Church Phone: 289-0147 Study Phone: 289-1911

Sunday Service 10:45
Sunday School 9:30
Bible Study 6:00
Evening Service 7:00pm



Pastor, Re. James C. E. Faulkner

Theme: Whatever your going to do for the Lord, do it now.
1 Peter iv.11



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