

Spiritual Inspection

By DONALD LOVE

When we speak of inspection, our minds run to passing some kind of a test. It is something a state, a city or even a business requires of individuals to cope with certain regulations. Many of us become nervous if we have to become involved.

There are many of us this requirement does not bother too much. As for them, it is just another step in life. Those who are affected, knowing that they are going through this ordeal, is inspection enough. They are concerned and could be, too much so. Their biggest problem, trying to please people and by so doing, make a big mess of things.

There is another group who like to put off or wait until the last minute. As far as they are concerned, there is always enough of time, so they wait. In this group, there are those who are nervous, this kind of doing, seems to turn them inside out. There seem to be consolation by waiting for them.

Many have committed suicide for they knew they could not and would not meet the materialistic qualifications. This world is made up of many kinds of people and all will not do the same things. Many would do this, some would do something else and so on but all will not do the same.

Rules and regulations are set up, everyone is required to meet these standards. All who fail to, in many cases are given other chances and in many instances, only one chance. This is a must, it has to be done. It is not an optional thing. It is required and there is no way we can not get by without doing this thing. At the end, those who passed are put on one side and those who did not would be placed on the other side.

Man has so much God within him everything he does, he tries to duplicate the doings of God. One of the reasons for this, in the outset, it was God who trained and taught man. It was God who made the rules and set up standards for the sake of man. God gave our friend and brother Moses, the TEN COMMANDMENTS. Here in our country, the early runners of this nation visualized the importance of something similar to the commandments and called it, THE CONSTITUTION OF THESE UNITED STATES. Like the commandments, they have last

for us all through the years. Of course, we have added to them but the commandments have not had any addition.

As God worked directly and indirectly with man, He explained to man how important and necessary for him to live by these standards and teach others to do so. It was explained to man to live by rules and laws were moral. It is a training teaching right from wrong due to there is a rule or a law requires us to and we are punished if we fail to do right and do wrong instead.

People lived this way and taught others even if they themselves failed to live thereby. Christ finally appeared on the scene as it had been told by others that He would. His teaching was a little different from what the people had been accustomed to. He taught them to take the rules and laws out of the books and place them in their hearts. He stated to them on one occasion, from the ten commandments, that He was going to take the ten and compile them into two. The first of the two would relate to God and Him only. "LOVE GOD WITH ALL YOUR MIND, SOUL, AND STRENGTH." The second of the two would relate how they should treat and serve each other. "THE SECOND IS JUST LIKE THE FIRST, LOVE YOUR BROTHER AS YOURSELF." This is the core of our doing what God requires of us as far as passing the spiritual inspection.

We have been warned by God, do not get anything from above, do not get anything from the earth nor get anything from the waters, use them as your god. God has warned all of us and it makes Him angry when we do contrary. Many of us just might not know it, God is jealous. He told us that He was. He does not want any of us taking materials, using them as gods, He is first with us, sooner we learn and know this closer we will be drawn near Him. It is very necessary for us to love and treat each other as ourselves, that is if we love God as we say or make out. The way we treat each other is the way we treat God. If we love our brother, then we actually love God. God died for all and He expects us to at least love those He died for. When we learn to make this kind of living a part of us,



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Testimonial Held Mt. Calvary Youths Attend At Mt. Vernon Youth Forum Conference

The Finance Committee of the Mount Vernon Baptist Church was honored with a Testimonial Dinner on June 2, 1972 at 7:00 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall of the Education Building. Amid beautiful decorations of flowers, candles, crystal balls and revolving lights, along with dinner music, approximately 250 members and their guests enjoyed a delicious meal consisting of: Tomato Juice cocktail, Sirloin Roast of Beef, Creamed Potatoes, French Style Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Hot Rolls, Iced Tea and Angel Bavarian Cake. Gifts were presented to each member of the Finance Committee by Mrs. Emma Randolph in appreciation of their services.

The Planning Committee for the dinner consisted of the following members: Mrs. Ruth S. McCollum, Chairman, Mrs. Sodie Gaiter, Mrs. Louise Pearce, Mrs. Doletta Pratt, Mrs. Lizzie Crews, Miss Annie Cruse, Mrs. Elizabeth Brpwn, Mrs. Vera Owens, Mrs. Emma Randolph, Mrs. Cleo Blue, Mrs. Eldria Sherrill, Miss Alder Harris, Mrs. Blanch Davis, Mrs. Geneva Allison, Miss Alice Cobb, Mrs. Blanche Parham, Mr. David Wiggins and Mr. J. R. Parham.

After an enjoyable evening, the affair was closed with remarks and benediction by the Pastor, the Reverend Percy L. High.

Summer weather is in store for North Carolina. And humidity remains rather low so the warm temperatures will be rather comfortable. However, the prevailing south and southwest winds will gradually bring additional moisture. Widely scattered thundershowers may begin in the mountains this afternoon and evening and

God will be well pleased with our living. He will gladly say: "Come on up a little higher, you have been unusually faithful, now I will make you rulers here in my kingdom."

On June 9 four young people of the Mt. Calvary United Church of Christ attended the Annual Youth Forum of the Southern Conference district of the United Church of Christ held at Catawba College, Salisbury, North Carolina. Misses Janice Squires, Angela Cheek, Elizabeth Clinton, and Mr. Roderick Torain represented the young people. Whereas Miss Myrtle Torain, Mrs. Ann Torain acted as adult advisors for the group.

The youth of Mt. Calvary conducted themselves in a commendable manner. Of this we were proud. Myrtle Torain and Angela Cheek conducted vespers for the youth on their hall on Saturday night. Although they were not singled out for any of the awards for the Saturday's performance in the round-robin Olympics, the advisors who were with the group felt they were winners in their willingness to participate in all activities when called upon.

Sunday School Class Meets

The Missionary Sunday School Class of Ebenezer Baptist Church met at the home of Mrs. Lonnie Jones on Walker Street, Sunday, June 11. The meeting was opened with prayer, followed by a business session and a lovely repass. Mrs. Ardell Clay is president of the class and Mrs. Lonnie Jones and Mrs. Effie Chavis were co-hostesses.

Members present were Mesdames Alberta Battle, Debbie Grady, Martha Stanley, Josephine Freeman, Minnie Rainey, Fletta Brown, Bertie Jones, Dicie Morgan, Flora Preyear, Frances Watkins, Estelle Shaw, Beulah Morgan, Lydia McLain and Miss Lula Harris.

Soul Searcher Delivers Beulah Church Sermon

The Soul-Searcher, Rev. L. G. Brown, used the velvet touch in the dynamic message he delivered to the 1st Sunday parishioners, at the Beulah United Church of Christ, of Alamance County, at Liberty, N.C.; the Rev. M. R. Almond is pastor.

As visiting minister, the Soul-Searcher, was anxious to make a lasting impression upon the audience—and, after prayerful meditation, he was inspired to speak from the book of St. Matthews 16:18—"And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Subject: "Two churches—The Invisible and the Visible."

In his message, the Soul-Searcher painted a vivid picture of how the visible church, regardless of the many forces at work, using every method conceivable to man to destroy God's outer, finite, physical, limited, mundane kingdom; there is hope for the faithful believers; that, the inner, infinite, spiritual, unlimited, invisible church will live throughout eternity. And will manifest itself in all its glory as a lighthouse unto all the world, guiding, compelling all peoples to come into the midstream of Universal Love.

The Soul-Searcher sought and found amongst his packed congregants many hearts, minds and souls willing and ready to continue to great struggle to keep alive, alert, always a dwelling place for God's invisible church.

The prospects of becoming, in the near future, pastor in this section are bright.

The written history of Rotterdam, Europe's busiest seaport, began in 1340 when a fishing village near the dam in the River Rotte was granted city rights.



BERNICE MARKHAM

Local Evangelist To Be Ordained

Evangelist Bernice Markham, well known for her religious activities in the community and throughout North Carolina, will be ordained Sunday afternoon, June 18, at the 3:00 o'clock service at the Bible-way Apostolic Temple 108 West Enterprise Street. Minister presiding—Bishop John Russell, Jr.; Ministers assisting—Bishop Latta Wilson, Elder Robert Brachter, Evangelist Clara Jiles, Elder Downs, Pastor of Rescue Holiness Church, 946 East Main Street.

A portion of the music will be furnished by her sons the Markham Brothers, The Russellettes and others. Evangelist Markham will serve as the assistant pastor of Rescue Holiness Church, 946 East Main Street here in the city of Durham.

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"DEAD FAITH"

Nothing in the Bible is stated more clearly or with greater emphasis than the blessed Pauline revelation of justification by grace, through faith, without works.
Rom. 4:5: "To him that worketh NOT but believeth... his faith is counted for righteousness." (Eph. 2:8, 9: "For by grace are ye saved, through faith... it is the gift of God. NOT of works, lest any man should boast." Tit. 3:5: "NOT by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us."
Yet James states just as clearly that "faith if it hath not works is dead, being alone" (Jas. 2:17). He challenges professing believers: "Show me thy faith without thy works, and I will show thee my faith by my works" (Ver. 18), and declares that "by works a man is justified, and not by faith only" (Ver. 24); since "faith without works is dead" (Ver. 20).

trust Christ as Savior.
James, on the other hand, was an apostle of the kingdom, proclaiming the kingdom rights of Christ and offering a changed way of life on earth which had already been experienced by the disciples of Judaea (Acts 2:29-32, 44-47; 4:32-35).
Hence with James the emphasis is on works, not because good works can save or even help to save, but because true faith inevitably bears fruit and we can judge true faith only by the fruit it bears. Our Lord said: "By their fruits ye shall know them."
Hence James' epistle abounds with such phraseology as "ye see," "show me," "I will show you," etc.
What we must be careful to remember is that according to both Paul and James, faith comes first, then good works. Faith is the root, good works the fruit. The absence of fruit indicates that the root is dead, that while there may be an intellectual assent, there is no true heart faith, and "without faith it is impossible to please God" (Heb. 11:6).

The source of justification is grace, the basis, Calvary, the means, faith and the evidence, works. Think this through, accept God's grace and trust the Lord Jesus Christ as your Savior. He will help you to produce

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CHURCH NEWS



RECEIVES CERTIFICATE FOR OVER 40 YEARS OF SERVICE. Miss Jennie Shaw (center) one of the oldest members of Mount Gilead Baptist Church was awarded certificate and presented courage by the Pastor, Dr. A. D. Moseley and Mrs. Willie Sneed. Miss Shaw was honored for her long years of faithful service to the church. This affair was a special feature of the Woman's Day held recently. Members of her family were present to share in this occasion.

Men's Day To Be Observed

Men's Day will be observed at the Mt. Calvary United Church of Christ on Sunday, June 18. Starting at 9:30 a.m. thru 5:30 p.m. Rev. J. C. Cheek, pastor, will be the speaker for the 11 o'clock service. The Rev. J. R. Crutchfield of the Emmanuel A.M.E. Church will be the speaker for the 3 o'clock service.

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