

**Life And Death**

By DONALD LOVE

How do you feel about life and how do we feel about death? As a rule, our thoughts are not centered too much around either. It is something we do in a casual way. We think about both but not too seriously.

Once there is life, we do all we can to maintain life, be it ourselves or others. Many people have lost their lives trying to save others. Many have been saved due to others chancing their lives for them. These are classified as heroes. In wars, this is almost a daily thing, lives are saved due to others chancing theirs for others and not necessarily friends.

To see or even hear of others having their lives snatched from them due to carelessness, causes something to run through us that we cannot explain. People caught in fires, cannot escape, car wrecks, being murdered by someone else when there is nothing you can do but look. To stand by seeing people lose their lives is more than what we term as a notion.

I have heard of people out of curiosity, get permission to see an execution, then cannot stand to see it through. In many cases, had to be carried from the viewing room. Then there are those who try and toughen themselves to see it through and do but something has been taken out of them. It is something hard to do, see an individual put to death and nothing happen to you on the inside.

As we live, we live not for ourselves but for others. My living has bearing on someone else, so I have to be unusual careful as I live, as to how I live.

The life I live is known as a natural life. I was born by means of nature and I live also by nature. I eat things nature provides and this is what I crave. When I get sick, the doctors depend on herbs to give me for relief.

It is amazing the important part vegetation play in help keeping us alive. It is also amazing the important part we as humans play keeping vegetation alive. So we depend on each other for survival.

In large cities where there is not too much vegetation, how people suffer due to the scarcity of vegetation.

When the time comes for us to give up our space here on earth, this means this natural life of ours has reached its end. It takes on another source of living. When the end has been reached, that is known as the first death. All that we failed to do or get done before the first death will not get done. Our only chances for pleasing God is when we are living the natural life or before the natural death. During this span

of time is when we get right with God or we do not get right with God.

We move from the natural way of life. There are two spirits, the evil and the good. The Devil is in control of the evil and God is in control of the good. During the natural phase of our time, the Devil, controlled your thoughts, your actions and your decisions. By him being in complete control of your life, the question is, what spirit was in control at your death?

The wedges of sin is death but the gift of God is Eternal life. How do we get eternal life? Remember the young ruler? He was seeking eternal life so he told Christ. Christ in turn told him what he had to do to obtain or get eternal life. It turned out he was not as interested as he thought he would be. He turned it down.

The first and second death we have to face. The first death is bad but nothing like the second death? I will give you some scripture on this. Read with all your understanding and seek help in the event you need help. This is the program laid out for us by The Holy Powers. Man had nothing to do with it. There is no way we can adjust this plan to suit us, we will have to adjust ourselves to this Super Plan.

1 Corinthians, 15:26, tells that death is classified as an enemy, but will be destroyed. Revelation, 20:13-15, tells about the second death. The first death came about at the end of our natural lives. Now we have the second death to encounter. This must be the Spiritual death. Read Revelation 21. For clearer understanding, read it all.

John, who Christ called on to write the Revelation, is telling us what Christ put before him to tell us. This is not John but Christ through John. It was the same when Peter confessed that Christ was "The Son Of The Living God," it was not Peter but God through Him.

We cannot and must not give John the credit for writing the book of Revelation, we will and must give John credit for living so he could, would and was called on to do this spiritual deed.

When an individual dies, he only dies for self or one death. When Christ died, His death was for everybody before His coming, those who were then with Him and for those after Him. By so doing He had to tell and He told, He died to conquer, DEATH, HELL AND THE GRAVE. This is why His death was as hard as it was. This is why He asked His Father to remove the bitter cup. This is why He told His Father: It is for Thy will. All of this was for your spirit to live and not die the second death.

**Kingdom Seekers Bible Class Convenes in Monthly Meeting**

The Kingdom Seekers Bible Class of Mt. Vernon Baptist Church held their monthly class meeting Sunday, March 12, 1972 at 4:30 p.m. The meeting was opened by the singing of Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross." Mrs. Launa Jones read the scripture, Proverbs 15-1-8 verses. Prayer was offered by Mrs. Lola Clark. Class theme song, "More About Jesus." Business - Mrs. Georgia Thompson, president presiding.

Minutes of the previous meeting were adopted as read. Old business was taken up. The president thanked each one for their participation, and contribution for the Anniversary which was a success report of the various committee chairmen. Fellowship of the class by Mrs. Bessie James membership-of-Stewardship Mrs. Josephine Perry - Report of the sick and shut ins - report of the publicity Chairman. Coming events of class were discussed, expressions by members were given. An offering was taken by the Stewardship Chairman. There were 27 present. The Hostesses for Marcy served a delightful

repast consisting of chicken salad sandwiches, cheese sticks, assorted cookies, coffee. Hostesses were Mrs. Viola Smith Mrs. Josephine Perry, Mrs. Noyreed McKinney, Mrs. Ethel Owens, Mrs. Estell Geter, Mrs. Mattie Currie, Mrs. Aline Davis. Remarks by the teacher Mrs. E. B. Fogle.

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**CHURCH NEWS**



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**Morehead Ave. Bapt. Church Men's Day Sun.**

The membership of Morehead Avenue Baptist Church will observe Annual Men's Day Sunday, March 19 during both 11:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. services. Dr. J. Z. Alexander, dean of religion at Shaw University will be the speaker at the 11:00 a.m. service and Dr. William Fuller will be the speaker at the 6:00 p.m. celebration, accompanied by his Choir and congregation. The membership of Morehead is divided into 12 equal divisions and each division has a Captain and co-captain which represents the Twelve Tribes of Israel.

Contributions and donations are received by each Captain and is reported to the church during the celebration which usually runs into several hundred dollars.

Dinner will be served at 1:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall and the public is invited. Rev. B. A. Mack is the Pastor. Deacon Garland Jones is chairman of Men's Day Committee.

**Mrs. Hinson Hosts Helpful Club's Meeting on Sunday**

Mrs. Emily Hinson of 722 Kent Street was hostess for the Helpful Club's meeting of the Emmanuel A.M.E. Church Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The meeting opened with the President, Mrs. Eweline Hill, presiding and conducting devotion.

The business session included outlining projects and activities for the next several months for the support and benefit of the club and church.

Members present were Mrs. Ollie Jefferson, secretary; Mrs. Sylvia Scott, Mrs. Lula M. Hargrave, Mrs. Mildred Davis, Mrs. Luvenia Oliphant, Mrs. J. R. Crutchfield and daughter Starmye Shera. Mrs. Hassis Alston joined the club and will be a great asset.

**First Calvary Sr. Lady Ushers Hold Meeting**

The First Calvary Senior Lady Ushers met at the home of Miss Mary Johnson, 1020 Sedgfield Street, on March 9, 1972.

With Mrs. Mitchell taking charge, the meeting was opened by a song ("Precious Lord Lead Me On.") Next the Scripture was conducted by the chairman. Minutes of the last meeting was received and approved. Mrs. Canty read a poem, "A Man's Confession." Next she read a paper with words to remember to the ushers, which was enjoyed by all.

After the meeting was over, Miss Johnson assisted by her sister Ida served to the members, Mrs. Belvin O. Mitchell, Martha Lyde, Rebecca Haskins, Mattie Canty, Lena Edwards, Rosa Grafton, Mae W. Webb, Anna Hogan, Effie Royster, Miss Susie Langley, a delicious meal, which was enjoyed by all.

The next meeting will be at 1010 Moreland Avenue with Miss Langley serving as hostess, April 6 at 8 p.m.

**Mrs. B. Smith Hosts Walker Bible Class**

The E. W. Walker Bible Class of the First Calvary Baptist Church met at the home of Mrs. Bessie Smith, 1019 Cornwell Street, Sunday, February 27 at 5:00 p.m. The devotion was led by Mrs. Elizabeth Bullock.

The President, Mrs. Belvin Mitchell presided over the business session. The minutes of the last meeting was read by the secretary, Miss Hattie White. Various reports were made and accepted. Final plans were discussed concerning the Anniversary, Sunday, March 26.

The hostess served a buffet style repast to the following members: Mesdames Rebecca Haskins, Rosa Grafton, Sadie Chambers, Ellen Brown, Beatrice Laster, Bertha Green, Nellie Hayes, Elizabeth Torain, Celeste Cunningham, Hallie Crews, Margaret Milligan and Mrs. Livingston. Miss Alene Mebane thanked the hostess. The next meeting will be in April at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Torain.

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**Union Christian Bible Institute To Celebrate Founder's Day**

The Union Christian Bible Institute will celebrate its sixth annual founder's day, Sunday, March 19, 1972 at 4:00 p.m. The school is located at 201 Barnhill Street, Durham, North Carolina. Dinwiddle Street, Norfolk, Virginia. The Rev. I. Joseph Williams is chancellor and the Rev. R. J. Barnes is Dean. The Rev. Dr. L. W. Reid is founder and president of U.C.B.I.

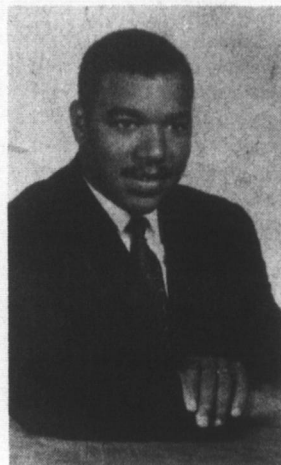
The Rogers Grove Baptist Church, located on Baptist Road, will be the place of celebration. Special music will be provided by the church choir. The Rev. Percy Jones, a B. Th graduate of U.C.B.I. is pastor.

Program plans are arranged by the school alumni with Rev. W. H. McNeil as president.

There will be a presentation of a special gift by Mrs. C. E. McLester. The library of her late husband, the Rev. Dr. C. E. McLester will be given to U.C.B.I. The library is valued at more than \$1,000.00 Dr. McLester was founder and pastor of the Morehead Avenue Baptist Church.

Special awards will be presented to Mrs. Lola Mason of the New Hope Union Youth Department and to Mrs. C. E. McLester donor of the library.

Keynote speaker for the occasion will be the Rev. Mr. Elroy Lewis, "In Training" chaplain of Duke University Medical Center and president of the General Bible School of the United Holy Church of America Inc. He holds degrees from United Christian College B. Th., A&T University B. S., Duke University Divinity



REV. LEWIS

School M. Div. The public is cordially invited.

**Russell Memorial Pastor's Aid To Note Anniversary**

The Pastor's Aid Board of Russell Memorial C.M.E. Church will observe its twelfth Anniversary Sunday, March 19 at 3:00 p.m.

Bishop F. Yelverton, Pastor of Mt. Calvary United Holy Church, will be the guest speaker. He will be accompanied by his choir and congregation.

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**"NUMBERED WITH THE TRANSGRESSORS"**

"And the Scripture was fulfilled, which saith, And He was numbered with the transgressors" (Mark 15:28). The progressive fulfillment of this passage from Isaiah 53 is the amazing story of our Lord's three baptisms.

First, this prophecy must be applied to our Lord's incarnation. Born a babe at Bethlehem, He was baptized into the human race, becoming, not merely one with us, but one of us, a true human being, though still also "very God." This is how He was first "numbered with the transgressors."

Later the Lord was baptized again, this time with water, by John the Baptist. John's baptism was unto "repentance for the remission of sins" and those who responded came to his baptism "confessing their sins" (Mark 1:4-5). Little wonder that John at first refused to baptize this sinless One, saying: "I have need to be baptized of Thee, and comest Thou to me?" But the Lord insisted, saying: "Thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness" (Matt. 3:13-15). Thus our Lord joined repentant sinners in baptism and was, in this practical

way, "numbered with the transgressors."

But after His baptism into the human race and His subsequent baptism with water, our Lord spoke of a third baptism, saying: "I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how am I straitened (Lit., 'What a spot I am in') till it be accomplished!" (Luke 12:50). This third baptism was, of course, His death at Calvary, where He was baptized into God's judgement upon sin in order that He might save us from it.

Finally, then, Isaiah 53:28 was fulfilled, for it is in connection with His death at Calvary that Mark 15:27-28 says: "And with Him they crucify two thieves: the one on His right hand, and the other on His left. And the Scripture was fulfilled which saith, And He was numbered with the transgressors."

It is a touching thing to realize that our Lord from heaven should design to identify Himself with us even to taking our sins upon Himself. Now, as we respond, trust Him as our Savior and accept eternal life as the gift of God (Rom. 6:23), we become one with Him (I Cor. 12:13,27).

**White Rock Baptist Church**  
Lorenzo A. Lynch, Minister  
3400 FAYETTEVILLE STREET  
Sunday, March 20, 1972  
9:30 A.M. CHURCH SCHOOL  
10:55 A.M. WORSHIP  
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