

My Religion

By DONALD LOVE

I can imagine you're wondering, what kind of religion is my religion? The answer is, a good religion, one of the best.

There are several religions but my religion, I happen to know just a little bit more about it than I do any of the others and that is the CHRISTIAN RELIGION. As for the others, I know so little about any of them I dare not mention them.

Why am I so stuck on this christian religion over and above any of the others? First of all, I was taught and lived the christian religion all of my life. I see more reasoning in it than the others. One of the main reasons, there is something about it that is not visible but it can be felt, you can not see it but you know it is there because you feel it. It will make you love those who do not love you, pray for those who use you for their own personal gains. It makes you do positive things instead of negative things.

One satisfying thing, it is of God and it is God. Why do I connect God with this new or Christian religion? Because God approved it when John The Baptist was baptizing in the river of Jordan and again on the Mount of Transfiguration. God introduced it and I accept it.

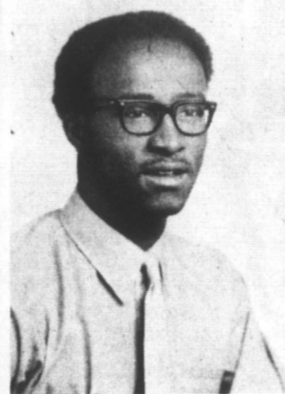
Christ, God's son, brought about christianity. Christianity came from the word Christ. Before Christ came on the scene to do public work, this Christian religion had not been introduced. People lived by the laws of Moses the way they wanted; especially the leaders of the religious faith. The teaching Moses introduced to them how God wanted them to live and honor him, they twisted it all out of proportion, it was necessary for Christ to revise the old method. As He went about doing so, He mentioned to them, He came not to destroy or abolish the law or the prophets but to fulfill them. The way they had things set-up, no one could or would be saved, all would be lost. God intends all should be saved and none lost.

The big things Christ had facing Him, first, prove that He was the son of God. His next point of interest, He had to die for man so that He would live. His next undertaking, after His death, He would rise and His rising would be in so many days. His next move, He would rise before their very eyes, go up and return to His father. His next point of interest, sending

the Holy Ghost, to persevere them or us, prevent us from doing wrong, causing us to love our fellow-man be he red, yellow, white or black. The Holy Ghost is to us what clorox is to washing. In the event you have hate in your heart, the Holy Ghost will substitute love. It prepares you for God. This is why God demands a pure heart of us, there is no excuses.

God will not put on any of us any more than we can bare. He likes Witnesses, He likes proof for our own benefit. When Christ did things, He had at least three witnesses. There were witnesses at all times when He did things be they great or small. When Christ was on the cross, He prayed a prayer for those putting Him to death. He asked His Father, to forgive them because they were possessed with the Devil. The Devil had control of them, allow them a chance to experience the Holy Spirit, they would not be doing what they are doing. Christ could and did say that, can man say the same? Christ is God and we expect God to say that and even many more things, but not man. Man did say the very same words under similar circumstances. Stephens, the deacon was stoned to death. As he was being stoned, being full of the Holy Ghost, said the same words, his Lord said: Father forgive them for they know not what they do.

These are but a few from many experiences caused me to call the Christian religion, my religion. One of the peculiarities, when singing or meditating, you will find tears falling from your eyes, why? There is no explainable answer, all we know, it just happened. We are reminded of that great song, "There is something within me that holdeth the rein, there is something within me I can not explain, all that I know, there is something within."



Hudgins

YOUTH DAY TO BE OBSERVED AT NEW BETHEL SUN. JUNE 11

Youth Day will be observed at New Bethel Baptist Church on Sunday, June 11. The speaker for the occasion will be John Hudgins.

Hudgins, a native of South Hill, Virginia has been a resident of Durham for the last four years. He graduated from Duke University, May 1972. He has served as president of the Junior Deacon board of Temple Gate R.Z.U.A. Church, South Hill. Presently, he serves as president of the Rising Youth Conference of Third Episcopal District, contributes a weekly column to The Carolina Times, and serves as coordinator for Black Youth Progressive Education.

Graduates Of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church Honored

The Mt. Calvary United Church of Christ, Pastor and Pastors aid proudly honored the graduates of 72 on May 28th.

The graduates are Misses Myra Watson, Shirley Shadrock, Elizabeth Clinton, Janice Squires, Vanessa Vinson, Rita Cox, Patricia Smith, Jacquelin Pittman, Ann Demson, The Rev. Edward Bell, and Ennis Squires.

Each graduate was presented with a bible and a check of \$5.00.



CHURCH NEWS

Mortgage Burning Ceremony Held At Lincoln Memorial

Last Sunday, May 27, was a great day at the Lincoln Memorial Baptist Church, during a special 3:00 p.m. service.

The members gazed, some with tears of joy in their eyes, and some with smiles on their faces as their youthful pastor, Rev. N. P. Brodie received the canceled mortgage and proceeded with the Mortgage Burning Ceremony.

James Stewart, president of Mutual Savings and Loan pre-

sented the canceled deeds to the treasure, Willard Lewis, Lewis in turn handed it to the chairman of the Board of Trustees Hoarce Mims. Mims presented it to the chairman of the Deacon Board, Bro. W. B. Meadows, and Bro. Meadows presented it to the pastor.

Pastor Brodie then called upon the chairman of Steering Committee, Sis Hastie Price, and Bro. Monroe Taylor, who has served the congregation as



REV. BRODIE AND MEMBERS

a very able financial secretary, chairman of the Board of Trustees, organist, and men day chairman, to assist him with the burning.

Sis Katie G. Williams is financial secretary and Sis. Lafarta Wall is church clerk. Rev. Raymond Lassiter, (pictured behind Rev. Brodie) pastor of First Baptist, Oxford delivered a very timely mes-

sage, titled "Finished to Begin."

The sermon was very challenging to the worshippers. Assisting Rev. Lassiter was his choir, ushers and congregation.

The young peoples department, headed by Mrs. Hoarce Mims, and Mrs. Regina Parker was recognized for the leading in the efforts for this occasion.

Miss Debra Owens, president of the Junior church was crowned in behalf of the Junior congregation by pastor Brodie.

CARD OF THANKS

The Bynum family wishes to thank you for each kind expression shown during the illness of their loved one.



MISS OWENS BEING CROWNED

Funeral Home Has Open House

Amey Funeral Home at 2919 Fayetteville Street will celebrate its official opening Sunday, June 11, with an open house program and refreshments offered to the public. The program, beginning at 2:30 p.m., will feature outstanding persons representing various busi-

ness institutions of the city as well as representatives of the Durham City and County governments.

William A. Amey began plans for his business in 1933 when he opened the Carolina Funeral Home on Fayetteville Street. At that time Amey was employed by the Durham Gas Company. Within the year Amey moved his establishment to Pine Street and retired from his former position.

In 1935 he added Amey Florist with Mrs. Essie Amey in charge. That same year he bought the first new hearse and other rolling-stock.

In 1947 William Amey, Jr. joined the firm as a licensed embalmer and the growth of Amey Funeral Home continued. Later in 1947 Amey purchased two and one half acres on Fayetteville Street where the new business presently stands.

Roy Maness of Baltimore, Md. and Dockie Maness of Free Port Long Island; Two grandchildren, five great grandchildren; twenty nine nieces, twenty-four nephews and a host of other relatives and friends.

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Last Rites Held For Mrs. Mary Avery OF Durham

Mrs. Mary Avery departed this life May 2, 1972 at the Hillhaven Convalescent Center. Funeral service was held at the St. Mark A.M.E. Church, with the Rev. L. H. Whelchel officiating, assisted by the Rev. Mrs. E. F. Fauette. Her survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Ora Bynum of the home; seven sisters, Mrs. Ada Gaddy, of Pinehurst, Mrs. Burtha Brown, the Rev. Mrs. Bessie Brown and Mrs. Bettie Davis all of Robbin; Mrs. Ludella Lettenlough, Seagoves, Mrs. Gracie Walker, Ashboro and Miss Geneva Maness of Brooklyn, N. Y. Four brothers, Ira Maness of Lansing, Michigan, Bunnie Maness of Robin,

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