A SERMONETTE BY COLIN DOUGLAS

unloved.

"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stay-

Everyone of us has had the experience of having his feel-

ings hurt. It may be that we have been hurt by something

that seemed heartless or unkind

at the time. Or it may be that the actions of others have

excluded us in some way that

has made us feel unwanted or

feelings when we realize com-

pletely that we are all children

of the One Father, equally be-

loved by Him, and when we learn

to let His love and understand-

ing fill our hearts. After all

is said and done, what is there

about a few words or a few

thoughtless actions that can

really harm us? It isn't for

us to be hurt by these things,

but rather the persons who

If we keep ourselves closely

in tune with God, through regu-

lar and faithful prayer, and if

we keep our hearts filled with

His love and His understanding,

we can keep poised no matter

what another person says or does. It may not seem easy

to overcome these human feel-

ings of hurt and unhappiness,

but if we have love in our

hearts and if we are under-

standing toward others, we can

find something good in every

person and experience. We

can look beyond what another person says or does, and we

can recognize, too, that he is a child of God, even as we are. By doing this, we can make

life much easier for ourselves

derstands. God's love gives

us peace of mind and heart.

nation decided to favorably con-

sider the giant merger with the

The resolution continued

Be it further resolved that

in a positive vein, we the Bi-

shop, Minister and Laity of the

Western North Carolina Annual

Conference of the AME Church

absorb and adopt the Philosophy

of our founder Richard Allen

which promotes self help and the highest dignity and respect

for all men, and the strongest involvement of his race in the total function of community life. This can best be symbolized by blending coloration of the RAINBOW, where the strength of the extreme of Black and

White are both so effective that when the sun is employed the

reflection provides a beautiful coloration of brown, yellow, red and all other colors in togetherness and beauty, love and peace. We further adopt the

slogan of Payne -- God our Father, Christ our Redeemer,

Man (everywhere) our Brother. "Black Power" as a civil rights slogan had its first be-

ginning under Marcus Garvey when he experienced a collo-

sal failure in his bold attempt to carry the American Negro

by boat back to Africa. Black Power as a slogan was reactivated in 1966 under the rash

leadership of Stokley Carmichael, who never interpreted any single meaning of the term. The racists, demogogues and half minded conservations, with

the help of the news medial am- .

plified the shadow of rioting,

violence and isolationism which

surrounded the term. There-

fore the term "Black Power"

has become a stigma of ugli-

ness which is being used as an

umbrella to hide the consci-

ence of thousands who must

ultimated be united in coopera-

tion for justice and the de-

velopment of the community of

of the Western N. C. Conference

of the AME Church condemns

and disdains the use and em-

ployment of the term "Black

Power" as a slogan symboliz-

ing the progressive role of the

Negro in the revolution of so-

cial changes, justice and peace.

es as to pastorates in the area.

There were no major chang-

Therefore, this 74th session

God.

United Methodist Church.

change, justice and peace.

thee." -- Psalms 122:6.

"They shall prosper that love

God's love blesses. God's love forgives, God's love un-

and for others.

projected them.

We can rise above such hurt

ed on thee,"--Isaiah 26:3.



FROM OTHER LANDS - Fourteen of 15 students from other lands attending Bennett College, Greensboro, N. C., this year, are shown before Merner Hall, dormitory in which most of them are housed. Left to right, front row: Elizabeth Kinyanjui, Kenya, East Africa; Claudette Banze, Congo-Leo; Messeret Taddesse, Ethiopia, East Africa; Kathleen Kponou, Sierra Leone, West Africa; Audrey Dora Wright, Sierra Leone, West Africa; Asha M. Shabbeleh, Somali Republic; back row: Elaline Macaular, Sierra Leone, West Africa; Anna Lema, Tanzania, East Africa; Prathin Pattabongs, Thailand; Eileen O. Pratt, Sierra Leone, West Africa; Ina H. Bull, Sierra Leone, West Africa; Grace A. Steele, Jamaica, B. W. I.; Helen Clendineu, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, and Changocho Kayawe, Zambia, Africa.



YOU DO NEED HIM

and the life; no man cometh unto the Father but by Me" (John 14:6). These are the words of the Lord Jesus. In writing about them years ago, the late Pastor J. C. O'Hair

"A Person is our Savior and our salvation. A Person is our righteousness and holiness. A Person is our peace and our hope. That Person is the Lord Jesus Christ, 'the Man Christ Jesus,' the 'one Mediator between God and men.' By His blood we have been brought nigh to God.

"We need nothing more than Christ; nothing less will suffice or avail. To add any religion whatsoever to Christ Himself is to displease God. In Christ dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. In Christ are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself. The believer is in Christ. The believer is complete in Christ; accepted in Christ; without condemnation in Christ; the righteousness of God in Christ. The believer is blessed with all spiritual bless- lasting" (I Tim. 1:13-15).

ings in Christ. Christ is the superlative need of the world. "I am the way, the truth He is all that you need, but you do need Him. You must

have Him, or be lost forever." How wonderful to know that He offers Himself and all the merits of His redemptive work to sinners everywhere, no matter what their sins, no matter what their pase. "The Law entered that the offence might abound," says St. Paul, "but where sin abounded, grace did much more abound...that grace might reign" (Rom. 5:20,21), And Paul himself was the living example of this truth, for he was the chief of sinners, saved by grace through faith in Christ. He says:

"I was a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious, but ... the grace of our Lord was exceeding abundant ...

"This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.

"But for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show forth all long-suffering, for a pattern to those who should hereafter believe on Him to life ever-

Never No Black Power

G. W. Baber, closed on a re-

many phases of church life, with an eye toward education and missions, but the resounding note was on "Black Power." The resolution committee left no doubt about the confab's opposition to Black Power.

The resolution began by setting out the principles on which ty. This is believed to be the denomination was founded the basis for which the denomi-

ern North Carolina Conference, a few black Christians became African Episcopal Church, pre- indignant over the humiliation sided over by the Rt. Rev. of their white brethren, in St. George Church, Philadelphia, sounding note, Sunday at St. Paul and then and there decreed that Church, after a most success- their brand of Methodism represented a holy protest against The conference dealt with any form of segregation and

discrimination. The articles of the faith were further implemented by saying The AME Church was never designed to be permanently "Black" constituent church, rather a preparatory station to make free men in a free socie-

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> world for spreading the knowledge of His love for man and of His demand for man to respond to that love by loving his neighbor. Without this grounding in the love of God, no government or society or way of life will long persevere and the freedoms which we hold so dear will inevitably perish. Therefore, even from a selfish point of view, one should support the Church for the sake of the welfare of himself and his family. Beyond that, however, every person should uphold and participate in the Church because it tells the truth about man's life, death and destiny; the truth which alone will set him free to live as a child of

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