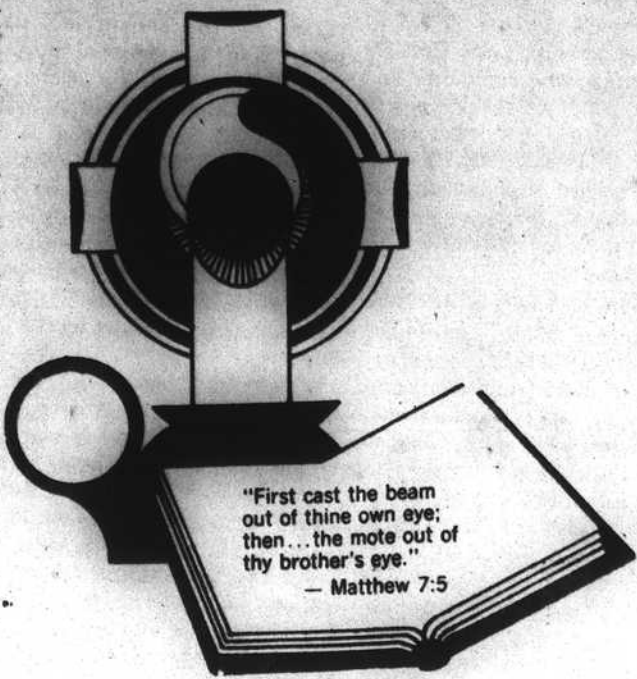


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"First cast the beam out of thine own eye; then... the mote out of thy brother's eye."  
— Matthew 7:5



**Power To Change**  
...and grow  
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**SALVATION: WHAT DOES GOD SAY ABOUT IT? Part II**

Jesus Christ paid that wage of sin that was against us by His death on the cross.

All we have to do is accept Him as our Savior.

**Ephesians 2:8-9** For by grace are you saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God—not of works, lest any man should boast.

**Hebrews 11:16** But without faith it is impossible to please him, for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.

Faith comes by hearing the Word of God.

**Romans 10:17** So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

As you read this you are hearing the word of faith. What will you do with it?

Receive it or reject it?

Christ never sinned. **II Corinthians 5:21** For He (God) hath made Him (Jesus) who knew no sin, to be sin for us, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.

Christ was the only one worthy to pay the sin debt for us.

And He paid it on the cross, He was the perfect sacrifice for our sins.

All we can and must do is receive Christ as our only means of salvation. Through Him righteousness is given to us as a free gift.

How do we receive Him? We receive Him by prayer.

**Romans 10:9** That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou wilt be saved.

**Romans 10:13** For whosoever

shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

What and how to pray? Example:

Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner and have sinned against You. I believe that You died on the cross for my sins. Lord, forgive me of my sins. I now receive You as my Lord and Savior. Thank You, Lord, for saving me.

You can be saved anytime, anywhere, and any place. God will hear you. God is a Spirit.

If you do not receive Christ as your Savior, you will spend eternity in regret that you heard the word and did not receive because of unbelief.

**II Corinthians 6:2** Behold, now is the day of salvation.

God so loved us that He gave Jesus His Son to die for us. For God so loved...

If you receive Him you become a Christian, a babe in Christ. As with all babies, it is a growing process.

There are things to do to become a strong Christian:

1. Read the Word (Bible).
2. Pray (spend time with the Lord, just you and Him, praise Him, and worship Him).
3. Fellowship with other Christians.
4. Pray for a good church to attend.

Realize that if you fail in some area, you have not lost your salvation, because you are not saved by works or good deeds, but you need to ask for forgiveness, not to be re-saved again, but to be in right fellowship with God.

The only regret that you will have after accepting Christ is that you did not do it sooner.

## Dr. Weaver Delivers A Prayer For Mothers

Dear God, our Heavenly Father, we pause to give Thee thanks for all mothers, grandmothers, and greats. We thank Thee for substitute mothers, those whom You did give to some who never knew their mothers—to show us that Your word is true: You promised to be a mother for the motherless, and a Father for the fatherless. You have the power to save us from our sinful selves when all hope is gone. We confess our sins and ask Your forgiveness. Help us, kind Father, to show our genuine love for parents, while they can get joy from our expressions of appreciation. In some small way, we pray that we may lift our mother's spirits, and put joy in their souls while they can smell the beautiful flowers, and witness our thoughtful deeds. Bless the spirit of motherhood, whether our mothers are alive on Earth or in Heaven. O merciful Father, we do pray that You will bless those mothers and fathers here and in Los Angeles, and all over the world who mourn the loss of their children, who suffer despair, who feel powerless and outraged because of the sufferings and deep pain and anguish. Help them to remember that suffering may come at night, but in the morning, joy, Lord, lift us up from the dark dungeons of racial bigotry, hate, and rancor in our souls. Help us to rise to greater heights of love, peace, and healing in our land. Help us to stir up that spirit within us... Even now, Lord, help us to rise up to the level of faith that will allay our fears and quiet the storms in our hearts. Our Christian mothers have taught us well to trust in the living Lord, because He will make a way for us somehow! Our Christian



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mothers have taught us over and over again that You have promised that You will never leave us or forsake us, if we will humble ourselves and pray, and turn from our wicked ways. God bless those assembled here and elsewhere in Your name. Heal broken bodies and distraught minds, and renew our faith in Jesus! Amen.

Dr. Weaver's sermons are aired on WCLY radio station, 1550 on the AM dial, on Tuesday, 12:30 p.m. to 1 p.m., and on Saturday, 11:30 a.m. to noon each week.

## Ms. Becknel Speaks At Women's Day Ceremonies

The United Church for All People celebrated Women's Day May 23 at 11 a.m. Ms. Daisy Taylor was chairperson and Ms. Ann Campbell co-chairperson. Ms. Campbell served as mistress of ceremonies, with Ms. Nancy Wall at the organ.

The first hymn was "Come, Thou Almighty King." Prayer was offered by Ms. Brunhilda Lofton while the choir chanted, "Thank You, Lord." The second hymn was "Yes, God is Real." Announcements were made by Ms. Ethel Warren. Missionary Hallowees Saunders prayed while the choir sang "Have Thine Own Way." Prayer time was led by Ms. Trannie Sanders. The speaker was introduced by Ms. Jean Wilder, followed by a solo by Ms. Brenda Judd Weldon, "He Looked Beyond My Faults."

Speaker for the morning was Ms. Bernice Hall Becknel. From Luke 10:38-42, her subject was "God Calls and I Move." She said God took ribs from Adam and

made Eve, but women are not to be slaves for men. They should do things together and share things, too. They should love each other.

Remarks were made by Rev. Carter. The closing hymn was "Christ is All," followed by reflections, "Lead Me, Guide Me," by Diane Harris.

Visitors were Doris H. Bridges, Ms. Linda Carter, daughter Lynnette Carter, son Charles Carter, John Fairley, Genna Rae McNeil, Joyce Weldon, Lola Stanback, Ms. Burnice Hall, Bob Hall, Ed Wall, George Boyd and wife Grace H. Boyd, and many, many others whose names we did not get.

On the sick list are Ms. Pattie Dancy, Sadie and Clint Copeland, Chris Whitaker, Cora McAliley, Lonzena Brunson, Cornelia Allen and Alex Hughes.

Our deepest sympathy to Ben Massenburg.

Church reporter is Ms. Hallowees Saunders.

## Bishop Peterkin Orator At Bright Hope Church

Bright Hope Divine Holy Church of God, Inc. began its Sunday School service May 24 at 10 a.m. with the superintendent, Olive Turner, in charge. The title of the lesson was "Growing in Grace," II Peter 1:1-14.

Morning service began at 11 a.m. with Pastor Mary Alston, Eldress Annie Blackmon and Sister Rosetta Smith in charge of devotion. The VLP Mass Choir rendered the music. Sister Gwendolyn Carmichael presided over the service. Scripture was read by Sister Rosetta Smith. Pastor Mary Alston led the prayer. The opening song was "The Holy Ghost," led by

Sister Lillie Nicholson. Announcements were given by Sister Victoria Peterkin. The offerings were lifted by the ushers and deacons. Sister Gwendolyn Carmichael introduced the speaker for the service, Bishop Verna Peterkin was the morning speaker. The message was delivered from a variety of scriptures.

After a selection by the choir, the message was delivered. When the Spirit of God is moving, we should learn to bend and move with the Spirit. Grasp all that you can while in the Lord's house.

Tests and trials are sent to make us strong in the Lord. Keep praying and praising God before and after the battle has been won. Rejoice that God loves us enough to fight for us. It's all right to cry as long as you remember who is doing the fighting. God's grace is sufficient. Victory can't be kept with a loose tongue. Let's take our hands off of other people and keep our hands to ourselves, then ask God to do a thing in our life. Ask for love enough to love those who hate us. Love enough to be faithful to God and obey His word. Remember that paying tithes and offerings must be done with love, faith and honesty. Look in a mirror and ask yourself if you and God are the same person.

Benediction ended the service. Church reporter is R. LaSane.

**WORD OF GOD**

**9th Commandment**

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

Exodus 20:16

# KALEIDOSCOPE

BY RUTH HEINER

"The secret of being happy is not in doing the things which make us happy, but in being happy in doing the things we have to do." Alfred A. Montapert.

We live in a world of double standards when white is made to look bad, and black is made to look popular.

The confused media in our world today need to go back to the basics. Lo here, lo there, and shocking people is the name of the game that sells papers and magazines. There appear to be no holds barred. Where will it stop, and when?

Some days we want to say "Stop the world, I want to get off!" The message the world needs most is to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The message of peace and love. We want our children and grandchildren to grow up in a world where peace and love are the norm, not where the garbage that comes in the media and the press, the TV and the books which glorify that which is debased and of the devil is the norm.

I want to live where the message of hope for all men is that there is a place prepared for people who love the Lord and will eventually live in a society where God and Christ dwell.

We cannot conceive that God is pleased with much that goes on in our world today, nor the media which flaunt it.

Surely there are a few listening ears who want to hear good things.

Because we all die and because of Christ's resurrection, we know that all must come forth from the grave. It will be as Ezekiel described it. Bone will come to its bone, and flesh and sinew will cover the skeleton, and at the Lord's bidding breath will enter the body, and we shall appear, many of us, a marvel to ourselves.

There are those who believe that all parts of the body cannot be brought together, for the fish probably have eaten them up, or the whole may have been blown to the four winds of heaven, etc.

It is true that the body, or the organization may be destroyed in various ways, but it is not true that the particles out of which it was created can be destroyed. They are eternal. They never were created. (John Taylor, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints). This has always existed.

This is not only a religious principle, but it is in accordance with acknowledged science.

"You may take for instance a handful of fine gold, and scatter it in the street among the dust. Gather together the materials among which you have thrown the gold, and you can separate one from the other so thoroughly, that your handful of gold can be returned to you, yes, every grain of it!"

"You may take particles of silver, iron, copper, lead, etc., and mix them together with any other ingredients, and there are certain principles connected with them which these different materials

can be eliminated, and every particle cleaving to that of its own element" (Bruce McConkie).

Truths are eternal. Truths do not change. God does not change. We believe that Jesus Christ is the Firstborn Spirit Child of Elohim who is God, our Heavenly Father. We believe that while Christ lived in the pre-existent world, by virtue of His superior intelligence, progression, and obedience, He attained the station of God, and is the earthly Son of the Most High God. Thus, God the Father of us all, including His Son Jesus Christ who attained the station of a God before He came to earth and suffered and died for us.

We believe that Jesus Christ then became under the Father, the Creator of this world and all things that are in it, and the Creator of worlds without number. "World without number have I created; and I also created them for mine own purpose; and by the Son I created them, which is mine only Begotten" (Moses 1:33 in the scripture of the Pearl of Great Price).

We believe that He was the Jehovah of the Old Testament and it was through Him that God the Father dealt with all the ancient Prophets, revealing His mind and His will and the plan of the salvation to them.

Christ gave the Gospel to the ancients beginning with Adam and going on down the dispensations until this the present time. We have a Prophet today who is head of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, being President Ezra Taft Benson.

Everything that has been given in the Gospel and everything that has been in any way connected with the Gospel has been designed for the express purpose of bearing record of Christ and certifying as to His divine mission.

From Adam to Moses, and from Moses to Christ, God's prophets and priests offered sacrifices. These were in the similitude of the sacrifice of the Only Begotten of the Father who was to come.

When Moses lifted the serpent on the pole in ancient Israel and told the Israelites that those who would look would live when they were bitten by poisonous serpents, it was in the similitude (likeness) of the fact that the Son of God would be lifted up on the cross, and that all who would look to Him might live eternally.

This great message is the really important one the media needs to bring to the world. The time is growing short for the coming of the Lord. We need to prepare ourselves for His coming.

"The secret of being happy is not in doing the things which make us happy, but in doing the things we have to do."

It should bring us happiness to know that we are preparing for His coming, and we do not have to put up with the garbage the media grinds out. We can be happy with what we need to do to be ready to meet our Maker.

## Youth Leadership Group Plans Statewide Forum

A youth leadership training conference focusing on cultural diversity will be held on Saturday, June 6, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Dorothy Gilmore Teen Center in Fayetteville. This statewide conference is sponsored by North Carolinians Against Racism and Religious Violence and the Fayetteville Cumberland County Youth Council. There is no cost to register for this conference, but teenagers interested in attending need to contact NCARRV at 1-800-253-4812 to obtain registration information.

The conference is open to all teenagers in North Carolina. Conference topics include Adolescent Self-Esteem, Teenage Health Issues, Diversity Exercises, and a Youth Panel focusing on development of leadership skills.

Lunch will be provided to all youth participants. For information on car-pools and transportation from your area, please contact Linda Shealey Williams at 1-800-253-5812 or write c/o NCARRV, Box 240, Durham 27702.

## Cardinal Appeals For Haitian Relief Plans

WASHINGTON, D.C.—In a letter delivered to the White House last week, Cardinal Bernard Law urgently pleaded with President Bush to make provisions for persons fleeing Haiti to be received aboard U.S. vessels and brought to a processing center either in this country or in some Caribbean country.

"In the name of all that is decent, we cannot turn our backs on poor Haitians willing to take heroic measures in order to escape a hopeless situation which is made worse by a failure of resolve on the

part of the international community," the cardinal wrote.

"As our government and other governments strive, and I would hope to greater effect, to help resolve the political crisis within Haiti and to harness international cooperation in the rebuilding of the economy of that land, it is imperative that we do what we are well able to do, and that is extend a welcome to children, men and women who are proving themselves willing to make a heroic effort to achieve a better life in a free society."

## TWO MINUTES

WITH THE BIBLE  
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**THE SPIRIT OF PROMISE**

"Having also believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise" (Eph. 1:13, R.V.).

Of all the wonderful Scripture passages on the eternal security of the believer in Christ, this is perhaps the most blessed of all.

"Having heard the Word of truth, you believed," says the apostle, and "having believed, you were sealed."

Now a seal speaks of finality and permanency, whether it be the official seal on an electric transformer or the seal on a jar of preserves.

But the most blessed fact of all is that the believer in Christ is "sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise." Mark well, he is sealed not by, but with the Spirit; the Spirit Himself is the seal.

Here, let us say, is a woman sealing jars of preserves with wax. The jars are sealed by the woman, but with the wax. Thus the humblest believer is sealed with the Spirit. It is He Himself who keeps us safe in Christ through all eternity.

And this is but the "earnest," the first installment "of our inheritance" (Ver. 14), for the Spirit keeps us secure in "this present evil age" only that "in the ages to come He [God] might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us through Christ Jesus" (2:7).

Little wonder the apostle closes this passage on our security with the appropriate acknowledgement: "TO THE PRAISE OF HIS GLORY!"