

The Bishop's Corner

We Have a Responsibility

Praise the Lord Saints,

“Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: but made himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: and being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling (Philippians 2:5-12 JKV).”

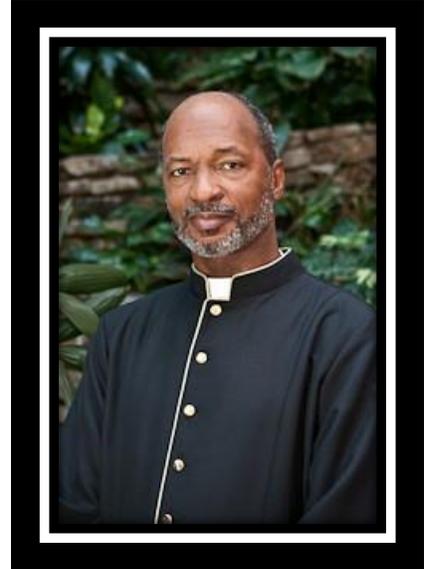
We have a responsibility for making it to heaven because God took care of cleansing us from sin and saving us; but we must work out our own salvation. We need the word of God and the Spirit to keep us because the devil provokes us to get angry and act in a way that's not pleasing to God, then tells us that God can't help us, and we believe him, and won't seek help from God. God gives us the power to stop doing those things that are not pleasing to Him but we must ask Him for it. The devil uses our arrogance and pride against us to keep us from coming to God and he lies to us about Heaven to make us not want to go there.

We must decide that we're going to believe God and go along with His plan and obey God as Jesus did. We need to ask God to give us a praying spirit and more love for Him. Additionally, we must figure out a way to stay in God because we have to keep ourselves in the love of God so we can make it to heaven (Jude 1:21 KJV). Coming to the House of God helps to keep us in God because when we come, we find comfort, healing, deliverance, strength, faith, love and fellowship with the saints.

Christ has done His part and now it's our responsibility to seek those things which are above so we can make it to heaven (Colossians 3:1-4 KJV). We need to have a strong desire for the Holy Ghost who brings the word of God back to our minds when we need it. We must learn to love God and ask Him to shed more of His love in our hearts to love Him with (Romans 5:5 KJV). Christ, who is our life, when He appears, we will go back to heaven with him, and receive a reward if we just continue to live holy (Colossians 3:4 KJV).

God bless you,

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