

The Bishop's Corner

It's All About Jesus

Praise the Lord Saints,

“That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God has raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, ‘Whosoever believeth on Him shall not be ashamed.’ For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon Him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved (Romans 10:9-13 KJV).”

Until we believe Jesus is God's Son and that He lives and until we ask God to forgive our sins, we can't be saved. God keeps sinners alive so they have a chance to turn to Him and ask to be saved. God won't save unless we ask Him. The first thing we need to preach to sinners is salvation because they need salvation more than they need anything else on earth. Whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved (Romans 10:13-17).

God's purpose is to get man to serve Him of his own free will; we can't make people be saved.

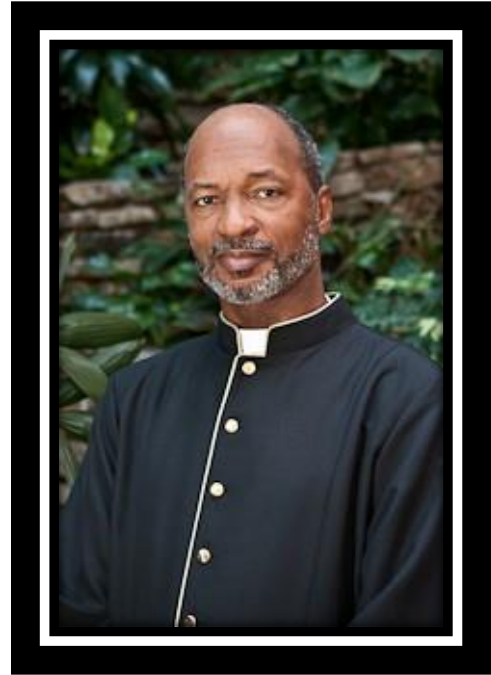
Our life has to represent Jesus in order for the power of God to move in us. We don't want any power that doesn't come from God, and God is very specific about who He gives His power to. The first power we want is the power of the Holy Ghost we get when God saves us (Ephesians 1:13-14). Therefore, we must work out our own salvation so that earth doesn't destroy us (Philippians 2:12). Christ is our savior, and He salvaged us from the earth. Anybody in the earth who doesn't have Christ is lost. The thing that separates believers from nonbelievers is the belief that God raised His Son Jesus from the dead.

The Holy Spirit is the comforter Jesus told the disciples He would send to them when He got back to heaven (John 14:15-17). The Holy Ghost is the spirit of truth and He comes to testify of Jesus Christ and glorifies Him. The Spirit guides us into all truth, and He moves in the church when Jesus is preached. He is also our keeper and speaks to our conscience to let us know what's right and wrong and to remind us of God's judgment when we don't get right with God (John 16:8-15).

“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, ‘All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth (Matthew 28:18 KJV).’” Everything we get from God must come by Jesus Christ. Jesus is the only power that God recognizes, and all of our prayers must be prayed in the name of Jesus. “And in that day ye shall ask Me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in My name, He will give it you (John 16:23 KJV).”

God bless you,

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