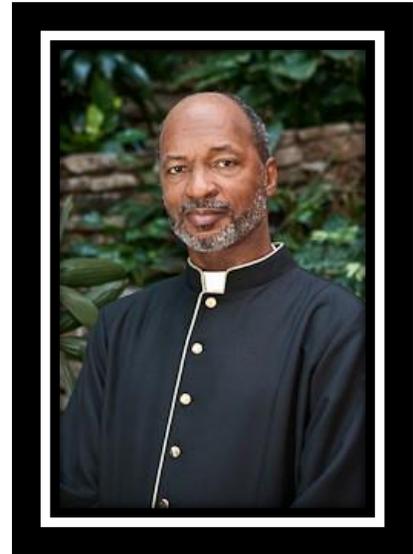


The Bishop's Corner

God Sent Us a Savior

Praise the Lord Saints,

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through Him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God” (John 1:1-13, NKJV).



Jesus is the Light of the world and God sent Him to us as a Savior, so why won't more people allow Jesus to save and deliver them? We who are saved need to hear and obey the word of God because when God sends us a word, it won't return to Him void; God's word will accomplish what He sends it to do (Isaiah 55:11).

The Jews didn't want to hear from Jesus because they didn't like the way Jesus came: through a poor family. “For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this is will be a sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger” (Luke 2:11-12, NKJV). Jesus is no respect of persons and He didn't come to just save the Jews, but everyone in the world (John 3:15-17). The Jews rejected Jesus, but those who received Him, He gave them power to become sons of God (John 1:12-13).

We need to keep ourselves in the love of God (Jude 1:21), and our body under subjection so that we're not drawn away by the world. “Therefore, I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus, I fight: not as one who beats the air. But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified” (1 Corinthians 9:26-27, NKJV).

God bless you,

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