

ALTAR CALL

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OF DEATH AND RESURRECTION

The approach of Good Friday and Easter for the past two or three years, for me, has had a different meaning. I shall be eternally indebted to William Stringfellow, an Episcopal layman, attorney, author, and one who has known and felt the pangs of life in a Negro ghetto. It was his book, "My People Is The Enemy" (Holt, Rinehart, Winston, 1964), that posed a new focus.

THE CONCLUDING chapter of the book tells of the death of a New York City Youth Board gang worker, a Negro, beaten to death by an East Harlem gang in January, 1963.

To tell the story as he tells it would require too much space for this column. Not to tell it as he told it would rob it of its theological essence. To miss the opportunity of another Holy Week without sharing with my readers would be unfair.

LOU MARSH, the victim, after struggling with his own self-image, "gave" himself to his job--a job which placed him in the constant presence of death.

Of him, Stringfellow says, "he was so pre-occupied in caring for the kids in his gang that he forgot himself, so fulfilled in his love for others that he lost his self-interest, so confident that he was now secure in God's word that he was not afraid of death."

The writer goes on to explain that although Lou did not seek death, death came as no surprise to him, because he was ready to die and was without fear of death. "He was no longer in bondage to the alienation of men from each other."

THERE IS much meaningless ceremony in Christendom around this time of year--Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Day of Resurrection. But, these events are reenacted, almost daily, as men continue to give their lives, as Wharlest Jackson, of recent days.

As we think of the Man of Calvary's death, we can well include the Jacksons, the Marshes. This not being irreligious.

As Stringfellow says of Lou Marsh; as Christians say of Jesus ben Joseph; as we ought Wharlest Jackson... "that is the only way to die, which at the same time means that this is the only way to live." Those who have died to self and have given up their self-interest for others find "the freedom the Resurrection bestows upon men."

THERE IS an Altar of Death and Resurrection that most people shun, and so miss the Altar of Reconciliation that the Nazarene, Marsh, Jackson, et al, found.

The Saints Go Marching In



With joy and thanksgiving in their hearts, members and friends of St. Paul Church of God in Christ paraded from corner of 'D' and Monroe, location of the former church building to new headquarters at corner of 'G' and Washington (former Zion Methodist Church). Leading the "March" are Nevada State Bishop C. C. Cox, visiting Evangelist David H. Dunlap (from Virginia), Church Pastor, Supt. Carruth Hall; Elder Melvin Sanders, Evangelist L. Daniels, Ministers John Daniels, James Cox, John Brown, Frank Henderson, Jodie Cannon, Jr., and David Walker; Bro. Samuel Coleman and Deacon Eddie Wright, Sr., followed by State Mother Sweetie Porter, District Missionary O. Crisp, and District Missionary A. Johnson. Also seen are the St. Paul Mothers' Board, Church Chorus along with Sister Loyce Hall, Bro. T. Johnson, Sister Geneva Clark. The triumphant march included the Usher Board, Junior Ushers, the Sunshine Band, saints of various churches, visiting friends and a caravan of cars.

Pastor's 8th Anniversary Program



The Rev. I. W. Wilson, Pastor of Bethel Baptist Church, and Mrs. Wilson have expressed themselves as being overwhelmed and deeply touched at the four-day commemorative program the Church membership presented March 8-12 honoring the Pastor and his wife on the occasion of 8th Anniversary of the minister's stewardship of the Bethel Baptist Church.

A series of inspirational services marked the celebration beginning with the initial program on Wednesday evening when the Second Baptist Church participated as guest church with its Pastor, Rev. V. C. L. Coleman as guest speaker... On Thursday, New Hope Baptist Church was the guest church and its church pastor, Rev. J. C. Coleman served as guest speaker... St. James Baptist Church was honored as guest church on Friday with Pastor Rev. J. L. Simmons officiating in the guest speaker role. On Sunday at the 11 a.m. Services, the guest church was Mt. Zion Baptist Church with Rev. H. A. Green of Bakersfield, California presented as guest speaker, and Bishop C. C. Cox, Pastor of The Upper Room Church of God in Christ No. 1 was guest speaker and his membership the guest church at Sunday evening's services.

Rev. and Mrs. Wilson wish to acknowledge their deep gratitude for all the wonderful services rendered and the beautiful gifts they received, and asked God's blessings to each and every participant of the highly successful event.

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