It is the emergence of gospel hip-hop at its finest. Mixture of club banggin' commercial hits, underground hip-hop, a taste of rock, and rhythmic beats to help get your praise on with the Lord. 15 MP3 Songs HIP HOP/RAP: Hip Hop, GOSPEL: Contemporary Gospel Details: Who Is TWyse? THEN AND NOW Tyrone Smack, aka "TWyse", born and raised in the heart of blighted and crime-ridden West Philadelphia could have easily been blinded from dreaming the dreams, living the life and experiencing the successes and fulfillment that so many others have been afforded. With an undying determination to become more than what his immediate surroundings offered him, he consciously pressed through adversity to become that which God had ordained him to be long before the foundations of the world were ever laid. Navigating through an environment typified by drugs, poverty and peer pressure, TWyse managed to maintain a certain demeanor about himself in spite of his adversities. Although, being in a situation far less than ideal for any child, TWyse refused to become what he hated. His dreams looked beyond his current situation and served to catapult him toward his destiny. Although unaware at the time, TWyse being directed by God's Spirit, became involved with a local Bible-believing fellowship where he would soon meet that special someone greater than his problems and circumstances - the man Christ Jesus. Hiding himself behind his faith and the cross of Calvary, Christ led TWyse on a journey to discover his true and ordained purpose in life. Through fellowship and discipleship, his personal relationship with God grew. By the age of 15, TWyse was rapping about the goodness of a God that had otherwise been foreign to his upbringing and situation. His dreams were more and more becoming reality...and ministry as a way of life was clearly a part of that reality. His love for God, His word and hip-hop music served to develop in TWyse a ministry like none other. Though there are many "gospel rap artists" today, the hybrid that is TWyse has yet to be duplicated or even closely rivaled. Being approached with various opportunities to go "secular", he has
committed himself to remain true to his first love - God's music and God's people. Resulting from this commitment and God's perfect timing, TWyse now enjoys a ministry to many: being a household name throughout Philadelphia and the greater tri-state area. Whether it is in the traditional Christian community or the environments where Christ is often sought but seldom brought, TWyse has purposed himself to serve others through the venue of music and the gift of exhortation. His encouraging, truth-laced lyrics wrapped around the musical compositions of Eric "Booty" Greene, Jr. and Irvin Washington, produce an electrifying and encapsulating listening experience for this generation. The music engulfs you rhythmically while the lyrics captivate your mental and emotional capacity to grasp more of God's truth. His burden for the lost and hurting is not only heard but also experienced through his music. The life of TWyse can serve as a living epistle of the scripture which encourages believers to "be not weary in well doing, for in due season, you shall reap if you faint not". God is not slack when it concerns His promises and if He can "do exceedingly and abundantly above all we could ever ask or even think", then He has conceivably done just that in the life of TWyse...a dreamer who dared to dream.