

Prophet's Column "Oh So Great Salvation"

By J.M. Little

The greatest thing in all this world is just to know Christ as your Lord and your Saviour. Do you know Christ? I'm not talking about "joining" the Church, living the best you can, being baptized, or turning over a new leaf. I'm talking about UNION WITH THE RISEN CHRIST.

Paul said: "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the LORD, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard Him;" (Heb. 2:3) Yes, the Lord Jesus Christ Himself was the very first one to preach the Gospel of our salvation. He preached the Gospel there in the Garden, eastward in Eden (Gen. 3:15).

The soul who is truly brought to know Christ never, no never, never gets over it. You never get over the Lord saving such a wretch. And when the Lord saves you, then you know what that old divine John Newton meant when he said: "Amazing grace how sweet the sound, that saved the wretch like me, I once was lost but now am found." Can you say that? It's personal: "I once was LOST." Do you know what it means to be LOST? Many of you tell me you are saved but when I talk to you I find that you know nothing about being LOST. Listen to our blessed Lord: "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was LOST." (Luke 19:10) Note that the Lord said "that which was LOST." Some of you think it is a disgrace to be lost, no, it's grace upon grace for the Lord to awaken you to your lost condition. YOU dear friend have got to be awakened to your LOST condition before you can be saved. Can you go back to the time you were awakened to the fact you were LOST? If not then you are not saved, and you cannot say that gracious number "Amazing Grace." No, you cannot. Before you can be saved you have got to be LOST.

If you cannot go back to the definite time and place you took your place before God as a lost sinner, then you are not saved. You may be a preacher in the pulpit, but if you don't know when you took your place as a lost sinner before God, then you are not saved. I'll stake my hope of Heaven on the truth I'm laying down in these messages on how God saves a lost hell-deserving sinner. I know what God saved me from and I know what God saved me to. Do you? Well, if you are saved like you profess to be why can't you see eye to eye with me on how God saves a sinner? If you are saved why do you get angry when I tell how the sinner has to be awakened to his lost hell-deserving condition? There's something wrong my friend. You had better ask the Lord to show you your true condition. If you were saved you could just keep talking about Christ and not be embarrassed. **Do you now?** Christ? Now you think on that. I ask you if you know Christ and you are embarrassed. I ask you if you know Christ and you talk about experiences. An experience is [not salvation] Christ is salvation! You can get all the experiences you want, they won't save you.

If you know Christ you were brought down under Holy Spirit Conviction where you saw and acknowledged your true condition, ruined, and helpless condition. You saw there was nothing you could do to save yourself and you lost all hope in yourself and everybody else. You saw that salvation is of the Lord through and through. **Did you now?** The Lord awakened me to my lost condition I saw



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what the trouble had been all the time. I had been lost all the while and didn't know it.

It was a great surprise to know I was lost. Even though I had joined the church and had been baptized at a very early age, there I was seeing that I was lost. I had been a deacon in the church. You say; Brother Little that must have been embarrassing. Of course it was embarrassing. But what did it matter about being embarrassed? I was a lost sinner on the road to hell. What did it matter what folks said or thought about me? I remember very clearly I told a soul there at church I was not saved. The soul asked; you made a profession didn't you? I said; yes, but I'm not saved. The soul was astonished, did not know what to say. When the Holy Spirit awakens a sinner to his lost condition, the religious world doesn't understand it. No, you don't. When God awakens a sinner, especially a religious sinner to his lost condition it scares those around him to death.

My brother is a deacon up there in his church in Virginia, if the Lord should awaken him and his wife to the fact that they are lost sinners, their church friends would be scared to death. I tell you something else, if the Lord awakens you, the church will kick you out. You will also come to find that the greatest enemies you have in the flesh are those around you who have been on a religious profession for years. You think they are your friends now but you just don't know. You just wait until you are awakened, if you ever are, and if the Lord never awakens you in His great mercy then it can be said of you as it was of Judas; it were better for that man that he had never been born. That's right, if you go through this life and never are brought under Holy Spirit Conviction and come to know Christ, it were better for you that you had never been born. Most of you that read these messages from week to week in the POST have already been added to the number that will spend eternity in Hell. You can call me judging all you want to preach. But when you wake up in Hell with your congregation you'll wish you had listened. One of the saddest things in this day is the blindness of the ministry. The present day ministry, as a whole does not know the way to grace. Do you know the way of grace without a shadow of doubt? When was the last time you told how God saved you?

You ask the preacher today if he knows Christ and he is ashamed and embarrassed. Just because you are a preacher is no sign you are saved no. Now I realize that makes you preachers mad, but then I don't mind making you mad. Let me tell you something else; if the Lord awakens you, you will have to give up your

church before you can be saved. You didn't know that did you? I was talking to a soul and told her that. She let me know she was not going to give up her church. You'll give it up or go to Hell. A woman said to my late pastor one time; You mean I'll have to give up my church before I can be saved? The pastor told her she would, and she said; then I'll go to hell then. She went to hell. How many of you church members are going to hell in that same condition. You will forsake all for Christ or never know Him my friend. I realize it has been said that I major on how the Lord saves a sinner, and you are tired of it. That is a dead giveaway that you are not saved.

Then it's been said; that fellow Little thinks he knows so much about this or that. I beg your pardon. I don't claim to know but one or two things; I know what a sinner J.M. Little is, and what a great Christ I have. I know just enough to get to heaven. I have been a staff writer on the Charlotte Post for a little over a year and I thank the Lord for opening this door. When the Lord opens a door no man can shut it, when the Lord closes a door no man can open it.

The greatest thing in all this life is just to know Christ. Do you know Christ? Is He yours? Do you walk and talk with Him daily? I do.

Mental Health

Service Plans

Workshops

By Cynthia Bell
Post Staff Writer

Five workshops will be held by Mental Health Services during the month of November, and part of December.

TROUBLESOME FEELING, a workshop offered in two separate sessions, concerns the stress and tension encountered in daily living. It will suggest ways for an individual to relieve anxiety, confusion, anger, or any other critical feeling. These workshops can be attended on Wednesdays, November 2, 9, 16 at 10 to 12 a.m., or November 30, December 7 and 14 from 7 to 9 p.m.

CHANGE AND LOSS is the second workshop dealing with the feelings and fears experienced when loss or change occurs. This particular workshop is designed to strengthen the individual and help him cope more effectively and creatively with those types of problems when they are encountered. **CHANGE AND LOSS** workshops can be attended on Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m., on November 22, 29, and December 6.

Women who view themselves as being trapped or stuck can attend the **FEELING STUCK** workshop on Tuesdays during the month of November from 9:30 until 11:30 a.m. This workshop will suggest ways to make the changes or even suggest possible changes.

ASSERTIVE BEHAVIOR, the fourth workshop deals with how to stand up for yourself and knowing and using your own rights. This workshop also helps a person develop a more positive feeling about himself and his relationship with other people. **ASSERTIVE BEHAVIOR** workshops can be attended on Thursdays - November 10, 17, December 1, and 8 between the hours of 7 and 9 a.m.

The last workshop included in the November Workshop is **GETTING COMFORTABLE WITH ONE'S SEXUALITY**. This is a short workshop including factual information on female sexuality. It can be attended on Mondays, November 14, 21, 28, and December 5 at 9:30 until 11:30 a.m.

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ACROSS

- Large mammal
- Gaelic
- Informal
- Stringed instrument
- Fruit drink
- Greek letter
- Dread
- Speed
- Prefix: not
- Chinese measure
- Apportionment
- Cold symptom
- Chair
- Stringed instrument
- Possesses
- Contaminate
- Dawn goddess
- Exhausting
- Dispatched
- Abstaining from food
- Now
- French "and"
- Bone: anat.
- Sea eagle
- Wander
- Halo
- Sea inlet
- Now
- French "and"
- Poker stake
- Water
- Incline
- Makes crooked
- Endures
- Taking court action
- Denied
- Three
- Night before
- South American Indian
- Hebrew letter
- Pen
- Custom
- Pronoun
- On the sheltered side
- Child
- Wild
- Seize
- Expiate
- Educating
- Characteristic
- Sprite
- Goes astray
- Put off
- Sweetstop
- Weird
- Males
- Not cold
- Swiss canton
- Catcher's glove
- Prohibit
- Siamese coin
- Affirmative
- Meadow
- Depart

Answer to Puzzle

1. Bear 2. Gaelic 3. Informal 4. Stringed instrument 5. Fruit drink 6. Greek letter 7. Dread 8. Speed 9. Prefix: not 10. Chinese measure 11. Apportionment 12. Cold symptom 13. Chair 14. Stringed instrument 15. Possesses 16. Contaminate 17. Dawn goddess 18. Exhausting 19. Dispatched 20. Abstaining from food 21. Now 22. French "and" 23. Bone: anat. 24. Sea eagle 25. Wander 26. Halo 27. Sea inlet 28. Now 29. French "and" 30. Poker stake 31. Water 32. Incline 33. Makes crooked 34. Endures 35. Taking court action 36. Denied 37. Three 38. Night before 39. South American Indian 40. Hebrew letter 41. Pen 42. Custom 43. Pronoun 44. On the sheltered side 45. Child 46. Wild 47. Seize 48. Expiate 49. Educating 50. Characteristic 51. Sprite 52. Goes astray 53. Put off 54. Sweetstop 55. Weird 56. Males 57. Not cold 58. Swiss canton 59. Catcher's glove 60. Prohibit 61. Siamese coin 62. Affirmative 63. Meadow 64. Depart

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MOTHER REMEMBERS YOU IN HER LETTER... ...AND ADDS HER USUAL "I TOLD YOU SO"!

by N. T. ELMO

PUGGY

WIPE THAT GRIN OFF YOUR FACE OR I'LL... I'M NOT GRINNING! THAT'S MY NATURAL LOOK!

Y'KNOW WHAT I DO TO SMART ALECS? I PUNCH THEM RIGHT IN THE NOSE... LIKE THIS....

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