

"The Helplessness Of The Sinner"

By J.M. Little

"No man can come to Me (Christ), except the Father which hath sent Me draw him..." These were the words of our Lord in John 6:44 when a group of Jews began to murmur at many things which He spoke.

Our subject is, "The Helplessness of the Sinner." The Lord Jesus Christ said in very clear terms that you, as a sinner cannot come to Him unless God the Father draws you. This sets forth that every sinner in his natural condition is helpless to come to the Lord Jesus Christ. Christ is salvation, but you are helpless to come to him on your own. In fact the Lord said in John 5:40 "And ye will not come to Me, that ye might have life."

As a sinner you are just as helpless to come to Christ as you are helpless to make a new world. We hear so much about "commitment" and "decision" today. A man told me several weeks back that he had given himself to Christ that previous Sunday when the "altar call" was made. Now, that is a very great thing in the eyes of the religious world. If a sinner walks down the aisle and gives the preacher his hand saying he is giving himself to Christ or rededicating his life to Christ, the preacher will holler "Amen" and take the poor-soul on into the fellowship of the church as a saved soul. But I declare unto you on the authority of God's Word such a soul has not gotten to Christ!

I invite you to just listen along with an open mind because I am cutting across almost everything you have been taught in the religious world today.

Now just why is a sinner helpless? In Eph. 2:1 we find these words: "And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins." Every sinner is DEAD IN TRESPASSES and sins. That is why you are helpless to come to the Lord Jesus Christ. Being dead in sin, you do not even know that you are DEAD, how could you know you need Christ? You cannot as long as you are DEAD in your sins. You are spiritually dead and have no desire for Christ in your natural state. The Lord told the woman at Jacob's Well that they that worship God must worship Him in Spirit and Truth. Then Paul said that as many as are led by the Spirit of God are the sons of God. The Holy Spirit leads the believer to worship Christ in spirit and in truth. But the sinner being dead spiritually knows nothing about worshipping the Lord Jesus Christ.

Another reason the sinner is helpless is because you are a captive of Satan. "And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will." (II Tim. 2:26) This verse not only sets forth that the sinner is helpless to come to Christ, it also sets forth that YOU as a sinner have no "FREE WILL." Every sinner being a captive of Satan is in the will of Satan! Have you ever seen that you were a captive of Satan, taken at Satan's will? You will if the Holy Spirit ever awakens you to the fact you are a lost sinner. The word "recover" here means the same as "quickened" in Eph. 2:1. It means to be awakened, or made alive. To what? To the fact you are a lost sinner, a child of the Devil and are bound in the clutches of Satan. According to John 8:44, every unsaved soul is a child of the Devil.

Then another reason for your helplessness to come to Christ is that you hate God. "Because the carnal mind is enmity against God..." (Rom. 8:7) The Word "enmity" means a deep seated hatred. You hate God so that keeps you from coming to Christ. If you hate someone you will not go to them. Again in Rom. 1:30 "...haters of God..." So your hatred of God keeps you away from the Son of God. Have you ever seen your hatred for God? You will before you are saved if you are ever to be saved friend.

Then another reason the sinner is helpless to come to Christ is his wicked heart. You have heard it taught and preached down through the years that there is some good in the worst of men. That my friend is a lie out of Hell! If there were some good in man then God would have to deal with it. If there were some good in man Christ would not have come and died for sinners. Now you think on that. You preachers have preached the lie that there is some good in the worst of men.

Listen to the Word of God;



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"The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately (incurably) wicked: who can know it: I the Lord search the reins, even to give every man according to the fruit of his doings." (Jer. 17:9,10) Your old wicked heart lies to you by telling you that you are alright, you are a nice fellow. Then your old heart lies to you about eternal destruction. When I was under Holy Spirit Conviction my old wicked heart lied to me this way: "Hell is not all that bad after all; you are alright." Is your heart lying to you like that? Don't listen to it my friend. Then if you do get disturbed under the preaching of the Gospel your lying heart tells you that you have plenty of time to get saved later on. So you are helpless as long as you are listening to your heart. As a sinner you are in a most awful fix, you are doomed for Hell as long as you remain in your natural state.

Now you may be asking the question: Bro. Little, since you have set forth the awful ruined and totally depraved state of sinners, what is our hope? Who then can come to Christ? Alright let's go back to our Text: "No man can come to Me, except the Father which hath sent Me draw him." You can't come to Christ unless the Father draws you to Christ. Before we answer how you are drawn to Christ let's answer "whom" Christ speaks of as coming to Him. John 6:65. And He said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto Me, EXCEPT IT WERE GIVEN UNTO HIM OF MY FATHER.

You cannot come to Christ unless it was given to you by the Father. In other words, only the elect can come to Christ. If you are not one of God's elect, you will never be saved. According to Eph. 1:4, the elect were chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world.

So we have answered the question, "Who can come to Christ?" Only those chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world. Now, how do they come to Christ? First there must come the awakening by the Holy Spirit (Eph. 2:1), wherein you are made alive to see that you are a LOST SINNER. Preachers are a-

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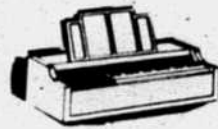
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