

Prophet's Column

"The Way Of Grace"

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We praise the Lord for this hour, for the opportunity to come and be with you at this time. Our subject: "The Way of Grace."

You may ask the question, what is meant by The Way of Grace. When I say The Way of Grace I simply mean how God saves a sinner. Let me begin by asking you some questions. Do you know the Way of Grace? Do you know Christ? Are you saved?

The Way of Grace is set forth very plainly in the Scriptures from Gen. through Revelation. In Genesis 1:2 we find these words: "And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep." Just as the earth was in darkness so is a sinner in darkness. This verse gives us a picture of man in his totally blinded and depraved state out of Christ. Just as the earth was in total darkness in Gen. 1:2, so is every sinner in darkness. As a sinner you have no light, you live and every move of your entire being is in darkness. But listen to the last part of verse 2 "And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters." And what did God the Holy Spirit do? Vs. 3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. Just as the Holy Spirit shed light upon this Earth and brought it out of darkness, so it is in the Way of Grace, or in saving a sinner.

We have stated that every sinner is in total darkness. Why is that so? In John 8:44 who find these words: "Ye are of your father the devil." Every sinner by nature is a child of the Devil. There is a teaching abroad in the land today that "all of us are God's children." Well, Paul said let God be true and every man a liar. This teaching that all of us are God's children is just a doctrine out of Hell. If everyone is a child of God, why are men at each other's throats like bull dogs? If you have any spiritual sense at all you won't believe this lie that everybody is a child of God. That is a teaching of the Antichrist.

Since a sinner is born a child of the Devil and in blindness, how can he be saved? Now I want you to listen with an open mind. I want you to listen as for eternity for your soul is at stake. If you make a mistake about how God saves a sinner, then that means the loss of your poor soul. I want to bring this message as though it were my last message, it may be my last message. It may be the last message you will ever hear so you listen. I'm going to lay down some things you are going to know experimentally before you are ever saved, if you ever are to be saved.

In Eph. 2:1 "And you hath He quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;" The word "quickened" in this verse means "made alive." As every sinner by nature is dead in trespasses and sins, it is the Holy Spirit who comes and sheds light in the darkened sinner's heart, awakening him or making him alive to the fact he is a lost sinner. This is the Effectual Call to the sinner's heart. Just as the Holy Spirit said Let there be light in Gen. 1 verse 3 and He shed light upon this dark Earth, so it is in the salvation of a sinner. The command comes from God on high; Let there be light in that sinner's heart. And the Holy Spirit sheds the light of the glorious Gospel of Christ into your heart and you see for the first time that you are a lost sinner. Has this ever happened to you? If not then you are not saved. If the Holy Spirit has never shed light into your darkened heart you know nothing about Christ. You may have an intellectual knowledge of Christ, but that won't get you to heaven my friends. After the sinner is awakened, or Effectually Called, then he has to be convinced of Sin, of Righteousness, and of Judgment. In other words you must be brought through Holy Spirit Conviction. I realize there are a lot of preachers, Bible teachers, and deacons who say they are saved but they don't know what I'm talking about when I use the terms Effectual Calling and Holy Spirit conviction. Most of our preachers and Bible teachers have gone through the Bible schools and on through the seminaries and have missed Holy Spirit conviction. That is one of the reasons they don't know where to put this and they don't know where to that. They will read somethings in the Word and burn their brains out trying to figure where to put it. There are seven basic doctrines of the Word. If you know those seven basic doctrines you know where to put the things of the Word that Holy Spirit teaches you. At this time I'm not preaching on the seven basic doctrines, if you want

me to set forth before you the seven basic doctrines of the Word you'll have to invite me back another time. Some of the things I am setting forth are included in the seven basic doctrines however.

Now let's go on and see some of the things that take place under Holy Spirit conviction after the sinner is awakened. In John 16:7-11 "Nevertheless I tell you the truth: It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send Him unto you. And when He is come, He will reprove (convict) the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: Of sin, because they believe not on Me; Of righteousness, because I go to My Father, and ye see Me no more; Of judgment, because the prince (Satan) of this world is judged."

When the Holy Spirit makes a sinner alive the sinner sees for the first time that he has never believed on the Lord Jesus Christ. Before that you boasted of your belief in the Lord or in His Word. Now you come to see under the revealing work of the Holy Spirit that you did not have true saving faith. You come to see that your entire being is governed by unbelief. You come to see that your whole nature is just one mass of sin. What is your nature? Your nature is unbelief, hatred, meanness, pride and rebellion. The more you see your unbelief the more you try to believe, and the more you try to believe the more you find yourself tangled in unbelief. Every soul, every living soul sitting before, as you sit before me you are a living soul, out of Christ you have a hard heart of unbelief. Under the brooding work of the Holy Spirit you come to feel your heavy heart of unbelief. Have you ever felt the weight of your heavy heart of unbelief? If not, then you are not saved. Now you may trot down a church aisle and give the preacher your hand and say, yes preacher, I believe. But if the Holy Spirit has never revealed to you your unbelief then you know nothing about believing on the Lord Jesus Christ to the salvation of your soul. Can you go back to the time when you were awakened to the fact you were lost and saw your heart of unbelief? If you cannot go back to the time you admitted in your heart to God that you were lost, then you cannot say you are saved. If you cannot go back to the time you took your place before God as a lost sinner and tell what God saved you from and what God saved you to, then you are not saved.

Of judgment, when the Holy Spirit awakens the sinner He shows that sinner the judgment he is under with his father the devil. By nature you are a child of the Devil. When man sinned in the Garden of Eden by eating of the forbidden tree, he, in disobeying God gave allegiance to the Devil and became a child of the Devil. Now, are you a child of God or a child of the Devil. It was the woman who first disobeyed God. A woman led the human race into slavery. Women were first in the Fall, and first in the Resurrection. Now, men are just as bad as women, but a devilish woman is a spitefire. Women are silly, so says the apostle Paul. Now, I'm not preaching on a woman's place today but you women would be much better off if you were in your place.

The awakened sinner being convinced of judgment sees that unless God saves him, his doom and final end is the same as that of his father the Devil. The Lord made no redemption for the Devil and fallen angels. You see that unless you get to Christ your part will be with the Devil and his angels in the fire. In Matt. 25:41 "Then shall He say unto them on the left hand, depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels." There are two souls who know there is a Hell, one is the

hell like this, "you show me in the Bible where hell means fire, preachers don't preach hell-fire no more. Well, when she wakes up in hell she'll know there is a hell because she is going to feel those flames. You may think you are smart by denying Hell, that just shows that you don't believe the Word of God. You'll never get saved calling God a liar. Every soul out of Christ sitting here before me, you are calling God a liar every time you speak to a friend. Since you do not believe the record God gave of His Son you are calling Him a liar. The same God you are calling a liar is the same One keeping you out of Hell.

The awakened sinner, being convinced of judgment sees that only a cob-web of mercy is holding him out of hell. You can't tell a sinner under Holy Spirit conviction there is no hell because he knows there is one and unless God pardons him he knows he's going there.

Of righteousness, the Holy Spirit shows the awakened sinner he has no righteousness that will get him to heaven. Man in his natural state is proud and self-righteous. It is Satan's business to give a sinner the false idea he is good, or has some good in him even though he may have some bad in him. From that has come the false teaching that there is some good in the worst of men. This doctrine that there is some good in the worst of men is a lie out of hell.

You listen to the Word of God. God's Word settles everything. Isa. 64:6 "But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and out iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away." Man comes before God as a filthy rag.

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Statement of Resources and Liabilities	Thousand of Dollars
Cash and due from banks	847
U.S. Treasury securities	2,053
Obligations of other U.S. Gov't agencies and corps	1,901
Obligations of States and political subdivisions	0
Other bonds, notes, and debentures	0
Federal Reserve stock and corporate stock	41
Trading account securities	0
Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell	0
Loans, Total (excluding unearned income)	5,718
Less: Reserve for possible loan losses	(37)
Loans, Net	5,681
Direct lease financing	0
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Real estate owned other than bank premises	0
Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies	0
Customers' liability to this bank on acceptances outstanding	0
Other assets	55
total assets	10,827
Demand deposits of individuals, prtshps., and corps	2,482
Time and saving deposits of individuals, prtshps., and corps	3,240
Deposits of United States Government	199
Deposits of States and political subdivisions	1,415
Deposits of foreign govts. and official institutions	0
Deposits of commercial banks	0
Certified and officers' checks	143
TOTAL DOMESTIC DEPOSITS	7,479
Total demand deposits	2,824
Total time and savings deposits	4,655
Total deposits in foreign offices	0
TOTAL DEPOSITS IN DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN OFFICES	0
Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase	1,550
Liabilities for borrowed money	0
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Acceptances executed by or for account of this bank and outstanding	0
Other liabilities	32
TOTAL LIABILITIES (excluding subordinated notes and debentures)	9,062
Subordinated notes and debentures	0
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Common stock a. No shares authorized 97,500	0
b. No shares outstanding 87,500 (par value)	875
Surplus	500
Undivided profits	403
Reserve for contingencies and other capital reserves	0
TOTAL EQUITY CAPITAL	1,765
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Average for 30 calendar days ending with report date:	
Cash and due from banks	706
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Total loans	5,354
Time deposits of \$100,000 or more in domestic offices	2,145
Total deposits	8,285
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Liabilities for borrowed money	0
TOTAL ASSETS	11,012
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