

An Open Letter

By J. M. Little

My dear friends,
Last week we concluded the series on "The Saddest Day In All The World." That judgment pictured there in the 20th chapter of the Book of Revelation is the last judgment. How is it between you and Christ? Are you safe in Him?

It'll do you no good to criticize the other fellow, the state of your soul and where you will spend eternity is what is all important. You and I are eternity bound. Where will you spend eternity?

Truly, we are living in the last days now. The coming of the Lord draweth nigh. I wonder how many of you heard Brother Shelton this past Sunday morning at seven over WAGI FM 105.3? You should tune in and hear those messages. I know, it has been said that the messages are too stiff.

Well, I praise the Lord they are stiff. It was messages like that, by my late pastor that the Holy Spirit used to awaken me to my lost and ruined condition as a soul on the road to Hell. It's no disgrace to be awakened to your lost condition. That is grace if you are awakened to your lost condition. That is the greatest thing that can happen to you as a sinner. My Lord said: "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." (Lk. 19:10) Are you lost? If you are, then Christ is seeking you. Have you ever been lost? If you have then you have been saved. That's right. If you have ever been lost, then Christ has saved you. I don't mean lost in the head, I mean lost in the heart. If you have ever been brought down in repentance, come to the end of your way with all hope gone, and there was no way out except Christ, then you have been saved. And you can say with me, Christ died for me, I'm His, and He is mine. Praise the Lord.

I'll never forget when God saved me. I don't want to forget it, and never will I get over it. I want to tell you friends. I was a lost sinner without hope. I had done everything under the sun to get God to save me and nothing had helped. I felt my condition worse and worse. I had prayed, read messages, studied the Word night and day, and everywhere I went I was crying; Lord, I am a lost sinner, Lord help me, Lord save me or I perish. I read in the Scripture that only a few would be saved. I cried; Lord, if only one will be saved, I want to be that one. I was resolved that if I had to wade through Hell to get to Christ I'd go. What difference did it make what others thought of me. I knew I was going to Hell anyway. But I was further resolved, Lord, if I go to Hell I'll go to Hell trusting you.

I knew God was omnipotent. Somehow I knew the Word of God was true. I couldn't believe Christ but I knew the Word of God was true. Now that may sound like a contradiction to you. And I cannot explain it. I don't have to, but I knew everything in the Word was true. And also the Holy Spirit convinced me there was no hope outside of Christ. I saw clearly that if God saw one hair's breath of J.M. Little, it would mean Hell for me. Either I would be put under the blood of Christ and be safe there, or I would go to



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Hell in my sins. I want to tell you friends, Holy Spirit Conviction is the closest thing to Hell and death because you are seeing yourself as God sees you. Now get this; there is no salvation in Christ apart from Holy Spirit Conviction. I'll stake my hope of Heaven on the truth I'm laying down here. The sinner who bypasses Holy Spirit Conviction dies in his sins and wakes up in Hell! I know what I'm talking about. Now you had better think seriously on your way. Conversion is made easy today, no pain, no parting with the world, no repentance etc. All this soap box derby religion is on the road to Hell.

If you are saved, why can't you talk to me about Christ? Who ever heard you tell how God saved you? As long as you can sit there and pick me to pieces, that is concrete evidence you are not saved. And you'll never be saved as long as you criticize me. A woman recently made fun of the messages and said I wasn't saved. She cut me to shreds and then said she was going to pray for me. I just looked at her and felt sorry for her. I wouldn't be in her place for ten thousand worlds.

But I know of a certainty that the greatest thing in all this universe is just to know Christ. I'm glad the Lord saved me. He is my hope and joy. Christ is my all in all. How is it with you? Do you know Christ? Do you? I'm not talking about making a profession and "joining" the church. What I want to know from you is; do you know Christ? Has He been revealed to your heart? Just because you are a Bible teacher is no sign you are saved. I was a Bible teacher for years before God saved me. You are not saved because you are a preacher either. You are saved only if you know Christ. Salvation is a Person, and that Person is the Lord Jesus Christ. Christ minus nothing, and Christ plus nothing. I am saved by a Person, not works! You cannot mix works and grace. Now you think seriously on your way.

This world is the preparing place for everyone, you are either being prepared for Heaven or Hell. Which are you being prepared for? Hundreds of thousands are dying every day, going out into eternity. One day you will be in that number. Since I sat down at the typewriter, thousands have

gone out under the cloud without Christ. It is a very rare occasion when a soul enters Heaven. You may try to resolve eternity with atheism, but you can't. You are going to die friend, and as Brother Shelton used to preach; "as death finds you, so shall eternity hold you." Think and consider these eternal realities. At death it'll be too late. It is too late for some of you now. Remember the rich man in Luke 16. That is a true story, not a parable as many preach. I beg you, turn to Christ before it is too late. Christ is coming soon.

Sacred Heart Sets

Annual Bazaar

November 10 has been set as the date for the annual Sisters of Mercy Bazaar at Sacred Heart College in Belmont. Hours are from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

The Sacred Heart bazaar is held for the benefit of the building and to supplement the many charitable works of the Sisters of Mercy.

The dinner served from 5 to 8 p.m. in the college dining room offers a choice of meats (ham, chicken and beef), vegetables, rice and potatoes along with hors d'oeuvres and a choice of desserts.

Unemployment

Rate Unchanged

Among Blacks

WASHINGTON - The unemployment rate for Black workers was 1.6 percent in September, reflecting little change from the previous month's 11.0 percent, the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics reported.

For white workers, the unemployment rate was 5.1 percent.

For Black adult males, the unemployment rate was 7.9 percent; for adult women, 9.6 percent, and for teenagers of both sexes, 31.5 percent. The unemployment rate for Black teenagers has been in the 30 to 32 percent rate in the last three months, down from the near 35 percent or more rate in previous months.

White adult males had an unemployment rate of 3.7 percent, adult women, 4.8 percent, and teenagers, both sexes 14.6 percent.

On the nationwide basis, the bureau reported that employment rose in September and unemployment declined.

The nation's overall unemployment rate was 5.8 percent, down slightly from 6.0 percent in August but little different from the rates which have prevailed over the past year.

Total Employment, as measured by the monthly survey of households, advanced by 610,000 in September to 97.5 million. Over the past year, total employment grew by 2.5 million, with nearly three-fourths of the increase occurring in the 6 months from September to March.

Nonfarm payroll employment, as measured by the monthly survey of establishments, rose by 135,000 in September to 89.9 million. Payroll employment has advanced by 2.8 million over the year; 2 million of that increase occurred prior to April.

The September unemployment rate, 5.8 percent, and the number of unemployed persons, 60 million, edged down from the levels of the previous month. Since August 1978, the jobless rate has fluctuated within the range of 5.6 to 6.0 percent.

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