

Prophet's Column

# "Salvation Comes By Revelation"

By J. M. Little

We saw in our last study that as Cleopas and his fellow disciples were on the road to Emmaus on the third day following the crucifixion of Christ, the Lord joined Himself to them and they told Him why they were sad. And we saw that their eyes were "holden" or veiled and they didn't even recognize the resurrected Christ as He walked along the way with them expounded on the Scriptures concerning Christ beginning from Moses and going all through the prophets. Now, you may say; "Bro. Little, I wish I could sit at the feet of Christ and have Him teach me as He did to the two on the road to Emmaus." Well, that is what happens under Holy Spirit conviction (Jn. 16:7-11). If you reject Holy Spirit conviction now, you would have rejected Christ then, your old natural heart hates Christ.

Let's continue as we see the Lord and the two near- ing Emmaus; "And they drew nigh unto the village, whither they went; and he made as though he would have gone further. But they constrained him, saying, Abide with us: for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. And he went in to tarry with them. And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, he took bread, and blessed it, and brake, and gave to them." (Lk. 24:28-30). Even though the two did know this was the resurrected Christ, His teaching them and opening their understanding that they might understand the Scriptures. But His teaching was so powerful and convincing that when He made as if He would go on, they constrained Him to have supper with them, and the Lord went in and sat at the supper table and took some bread, broke it, giving His blessing upon it. And now I want you to listen and open your eyes, if you can, ask the Lord to open them. Listen and look at a truth that will bless you for all eternity; "AND THEIR EYES WERE OPENED, AND THEY KNEW HIM; and he vanished out of their sight." (Lk. 24:31). Right



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here is where Christ, the resurrected Lord of the Cross and of Glory was REVEALED to their hearts. They did not know who He was until He REVEALED Himself to them! The only way you can know the resurrected Christ is for Him to be revealed to your heart! You can read, talk, and think about Christ, but you'll never know Him until He is revealed to your heart. They had listened and their hearts burned for joy as He had expounded on the prophecies concerning Christ from Moses through the prophets. But they could not know Him as the resurrected Christ until He revealed Himself to them at supertime. Now, has Christ been REVEALED to your heart? If He hasn't, then you do not know Him, you are not saved.

When I was under conviction, I read, prayed, studied, until I burned my brains out trying to get to Christ. It seemed as if I became worse as the days went by. But, oh! What a blessed moment when Christ was revealed to my heart. I was glad as was the two in Emmaus. The great religious professors of our day have missed Christ altogether. They have intellectual knowledge of the Lord. But intellectual knowledge of the Lord is not sufficient to get you to

have a profession? Mary Magdalene was the first one Christ revealed Himself to after His resurrection. She would not leave the tomb but stood outside weeping. Mary loved the Lord and could not leave. This was the same Mary the Lord cast seven demons out of. As Mary wept (read Jn. 20), she stooped down and looked into the sepulchre and saw two angels, one at the head of the tomb and one at the foot where Christ had lain. They asked her why she wept and she told them it was because they had taken away her Lord. And when she said that she turned herself back and saw Christ standing but didn't know it was Christ.

And the Lord asked her, "Woman, why weepest thou?" She thought he was the gardener. And Mary said to Him; "...Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away." (Jn. 20:15). Now you listen again as for eternity: "JESUS SAITH UNTO HER, MARY. She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say, "Master." (vs. 16) Right here is where Christ was REVEALED to Mary as her resurrected Lord and Master, praise the Lord. Like the two on the Road to Emmaus she did not know the Lord until He was REVEALED to her. Mary thought Christ was the gardener at first. But as her heart yearned for Christ above everything and everybody, Christ re-

vealed Himself to her. What grace! Yes, it's grace upon grace when Christ is revealed to any sinner. Has Christ been revealed to you? He has to me and I'll never cease to thank Him and I'll never forget it.

Mary reached out to touch the Lord but He told her; "...Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascended unto my Father, and my Father, and am with my God, and your God." (vs 17) That's the shouting ground. Praise the Lord. Here was the resurrected Christ who had forgiven Mary of all her sins.

Heaven, my friend. You must be brought to Christ Himself, He must be revealed to your heart or all is in vain and lost with you. You cannot know Christ until He is revealed to your heart. Now you let that soak in.

The greatest thing in all the universe is just to know the revealed Christ. Do you know Him? I am glad the Lord revealed Himself to me.

And the things I know about myself, I neither learned them from man neither was I taught them from man, I learned them by revelation. The blessed Holy Spirit opened my understanding as He did the disciples there in Lk. 24:25 that I might understand the Scriptures. When the blessed Holy Spirit opens your understanding of the Scriptures, He reveals your heart and adamic nature to you. You come to see and acknowledge just what a wicked, low-down, hell-deserving sinner you are. And you realize that if the Lord doesn't have mercy on you you'll go on to Hell where you belong. When you take your place before God as a lost sinner, a guilty sinner, then you free the Hand of mercy of God to save you.

If you didn't come to Christ the way I've laid out in these messages on "Salvation By Revelation," then you didn't make it to Christ. Did you make it to Christ? Or do you just

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## 81 Churches Compete For Top Prize

Continued from Page 1 and a member of the Senior Choir.

Employed by Stanley Products, Miss Kiser enjoys sewing and working with young people. Her mother is Mary Lee White.

The remaining churches in Concord that have not selected their candidates and their pastors are: Grace Lutheran Church, Rev. Fred Hect; Price Memorial Church, Rev. A. E. Martin; First Church of God, Rev. Thomas Clawson; First Christian Church, Rev. Fred Parker; Mt. Sinai Baptist Church, Rev. Paul Mosley; Macedonia Baptist Church, Rev. Sampson Long; Rock Hill A.M.E. Zion Church, Rev.

James Thompson; Liberty Primitive Baptist Church, Rev. John Blake; Grace Memorial A.M.E. Church, Rev. Felix Bailey and Holly Grove Baptist Church, Rev. Fred Thompson.

Here in Charlotte new churches have been added to the contest. The committee women the churches they represent and their pastors are: Shirley Lewis, Cathy Memorial A.M.E. Church, Rev. Culp; Bethel Baptist Church; First Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, Rev. Marion Clowney; Macedonia Baptist Church, Rev. L. J. Wallace; Morning Star Baptist Church, Rev. R. M. Lockhart; New Pleasant Valley Baptist Church, Rev. Donald L. Gray; New

Hope Baptist Church; Clement Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church, Rev. H. L. Jackson; Rockwell A.M.E. Zion Church, Rev. K. W. McGill; Greenville Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church, Rev. A. C. Honey cutt; Beatties Ford Trinity Baptist Church, Rev. Robert Miller; and Torrence Grove A.M.E. Church, Rev. S. B. Turner.

Coordinator Tawanna Taylor has added the following churches: First Corinthian Missionary Baptist Church, Rev. Crank; Shiloh Institutional Baptist Church, Rev. Tommie Davis; Tabernacle Baptist Church, Rev. W.A. Rorie; Temple Chapel Baptist Church, Rev. Gene Gilmore; St. Mark's Baptist Church, Rev. William Alexander; Bethany Baptist Church, Rev. S. E. Hinson; Faith Memorial Baptist Church, Rev. Wilch Caldwell; Hopewell A.M.E. Zion Church, Rev. Higgins Jr.; and Parkwood C.M.E. Church, Rev. Allen.

Cannon's Cathedral, Rev. E. C. Cannon; Nazarene Primitive Baptist Church, Rev. James Frieson; Logan Chapel C.M.E. Church, Rev. O. J. Porter; and the Independent Church of God, Rev. Odell Beasley are under the direction of coordinator Yvonne Walker.

The names of the contestants for the above churches will be listed at a later date.

Previously reported to be participating in this year's contest - Grace Memorial Missionary Baptist Church, Grace Christian Center, Greater Mt. Sinai and South Tryon Presbyterian Church - will not take an active role this year.

Next will begin the official count of the contestants. With so many qualified and hard-working churchwomen entered, the following eight weeks should prove exciting.

## Low Income Families To Benefit From Bond Issue

By Mac Thrower Post Staff Writer

Low to moderate income families in Charlotte will benefit from the N.C. Housing Finance Agency's approval of the sale of \$52 million of revenue bonds to finance housing for over 1,400 families and individuals.

The Multifamily Bond Issue, authorized by the Agency's Board of Directors, will fund 29 apartment complexes in locations across the state, including Grier Park and Westside in Charlotte. Twenty-seven of the projects will be new construction and two are rehabilitations of existing structures; the bond issue should generate approximately 800 new jobs and over \$125 million for the North Carolina economy during the next two years.

The Bond sale will enable the NCHFA to provide just over 11 percent interest loans to developers. The projects are eligible for Section 8 rent subsidies and are designed to aid low and

## moderate income persons.

The low interest rate was made possible because of innovative partnership with Wachovia Bank, which provided a Letter of

Credit that allows investors to turn in their bonds at their original purchase price after the fifth year. The permanent mortgage interest rate is just over 11 percent on the 40-year mortgages, two to three percent lower than the tax exempt interest rate that would have been possible without the bank's participation. This helps provide lower rents to tenants and reduced need for federal subsidy funds, according to Gary Paul Kane, Executive Director of the Agency.

Construction is scheduled to begin in 60 days. Projects, locations and developers in Charlotte are: Grier Park, a Limited Partnership--50 units-Family and Westside Apartments--Westside Associates--50 units-Family.