## Page 14 - THE CHARLOTTE POST - Thursday, December 9, 1982 **Prophet's** Column

# "The Tragedy Of Free Will"

By J. M. Little All of us were represented in the loins of Adam when he fell from a state of innocency and true fellowship with the Lord. Listening to the voice of the Devil, through his wife, he became a child of the Devil. Adam was the only man who became a sinner by sinning. You and I are sinners by birth; "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me," (Ps. 51:5). Every soul born of woman is a sinner by birth, sin is hereditary. When Adam died, death passed upon all men. When he fell he became a devilish being. You can deny the fall of man all you want to, but before you are ever saved, you are going to acknowledge to the Lord that you are a fallen child of the Devil.

But free-will sets aside, also, the TOTAL DEPRAV-ITY of man. "From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and putrefying sores; they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment," (Isa, 1:6). The Prophet Isaiah there gives us a commentary on the TOTAL DEPRAVITY of man. He who denies the TOTAL DEPRAVITY of man, goes astray on all other teachings of the Word of God. Do you know what the word "putrid" means? It means, stinkingly, rotten. So man is a stench in the nostrils of God. Then listen to Isaiah 64:6, "But we are all as an UNCLEAN THING, and all our righteousness are as FILTHY RAGS...." Do you know the literal interpretation of



be awakened to.

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FILTHY RAGS? It means MENSTRUOUS RAGS. YOU are going to see and acknowledge your rotten, depraved condition to the Lord, long before you are ever saved. As long as you deny the TOTAL DEPRAV-ITY of man you will never be saved. But free-will says; "There is some good in the worst of men." The Bible teaches no such doctrine. As long as you hold on to one thread of selfrighteousness, you will not be saved. This thing of getting saved is not left up to man, if salvation were left up to

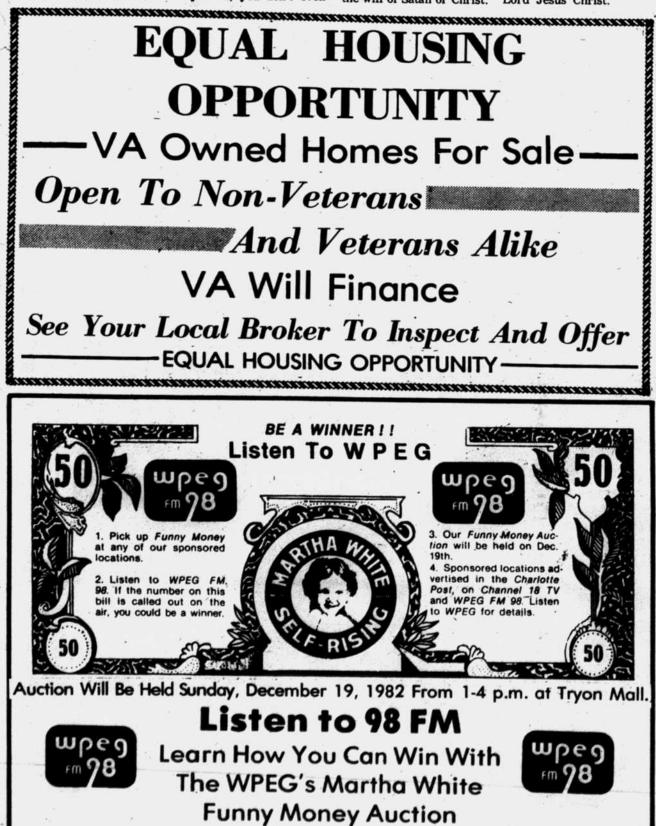
"And that they may RE-COVER themselves OUT OF THE SNARE of the Devil, WHO ARE TAKEN you, then you'd never be saved. The only thing God has to do for you to go to CAPTIVE BY HIM AT HIS Hell is just leave you alone. WILL," (II Tim. 2:26). Have you ever thought Every sinner is taken capabout it like that? God tive by Satan, at Satan's doesn't have to save you. will, literally, you have no Friend, you are dead and depraved, you don't even

that you are in the PRI-SON-HOUSE OF SATAN. Satan has you chained there. You can loose yourself from Satan's prisonhouse just as easily as you can make a new world. The word "recover" means "awakened." You must be awakened before you can know Satan has you bound. Friends, I'm talking about the eternal realities you are going to face before you can know Christ as your Lord and your Saviour. I realize what I'm teaching is not popular doctrine; I'm not running a popularity contest. You are going to face your total depraved condition here and acknowledge it, that you are wrong know your need of Christ, and God is right, or go to you don't even know you Hell for all your trouble. Someone said recently have a condition you must

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that the word in the Greek Then free-will sets aside "Metanoia," means a turnthe fact that every sinner is ing, but, oh, the turning that takes place in your in the "prison-house" of Satan. Have you ever heart and life when God heard that before? They begins to work repentance don't teach that in the or metanoia in your heart. This title "easy-beliving-ism" and "free-will" are seminaries. Why? Satan is not going to let the Bible professors there in the sending multitudes to Hell seminaries teach these every day. I lived there for truths I'm pointing out to years before the Holy Spirit you. Ask your pastor how awakened me to my lost long was he in the prison condition, I know what I'm house of Satan. He won't talking about, and I'll stake know what you are talking the destiny of my soul on about. Now you listen to the the truth I've been setting Word of God if you can; forth in print over the last ten years. Satan has fought me tooth and nail ever since I began to give out my testimony of redeeming grace. Salvation is not a little flimsy profession of faith in Christ, brother. Salvation is a deliverance from the kingdom of Satan free-will, you are either in into the kingdom of the the will of Satan or Christ. Lord Jesus Christ.





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### DAVID BLYTHE RICHARDSON.

Petitioner.

.....against

#### KYLA SIZEMORE RICHARDSON.

#### **Respondent.**

TO THE DEFENDANT(S) ABOVE NAMED: .. You are hereby summoned and required to answer the Complaint in this action a copy of which is herewith served upon you, (which was filed in the Office of the Clerk of this Court on the day of November 19, 1982) and to serve a copy of your answer to the Complaint upon the subscriber at Federal Station Drawer No. 10193, Greenville, South Carolina within twenty days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service. If you fail to answer the Complaint within that time, the plaintiff(s) will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

#### TO INFANT(S) OVER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE (AN IMPRISONED PERSON):

You are further summoned and notified to apply for the appointment of a guardian ad litem to represent you in this action within twenty days after the service of this Summons and Notice upon you. If you fail to do so, application for such appointment will be made by the plaintiff(s) herein.

TO INFANT(S) UNDER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE (INCOMPETENT OR INSANE) AND TO (GENERAL OR TESTAMENTARY GUARDIAN) (COMMITTEE) WITH WHOM (S)HE (THEY) RESIDE(S):

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Greenville, South Carolina November 4, 1982

> Plaintiff's(s') Attorney(s) Margaret M. Mills

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Charlotte will hold a public hearing on January 6, 1983 at 7:00 p.m. to consider two route changes for the Charlotte Transit System. The hearing will be in the Second Floor Council Chambers at City Hall, 600 East Trade Street, Charlotte, North Carolina 28202. Changes are proposed follows:

1. 72X Tom Hunter Express Route - Discontinuing service effective February 28, 1983. Route 11 - Hidden Valley could be extended to Tom Hunter Road between White Plains Road and Banker Road to compensate for this service reduction; and

2. 50X Freedom Drive Express - Discontinuing service effective February 28, 1983.

Interested persons may present oral or written comments on the proposed changes at the hearing. If you have a question, comment, or wish to speak at the hearing, please contact Mr. Randy Greene at (7/804) 374-2261 or write c-o the Charlotte Department of Transportation, City Hall Annex, 600 East TradeStreet, Charlotte, North Carolina 28202.

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