

**Prophet's Column**

# "Grace Is In The Spring"

By J. M. Little

As the saying goes: "Spring has sprung." The trees, flowers, grasses, etc. that were killed in the winter by the cold wintry blasts are being resurrected now. And how beautiful is the handiwork of the Lord, in His resurrection of His earthly creation. The coming and passing of the seasons also testify of the faithfulness of God. God promised Noah there would be the coming and passing of the seasons (Gen. 8:22).

Spring testifies of the resurrection of Christ, and also the resurrection of a dead sinner. Yes, every sinner by nature is dead in trespasses and sins (Eph. 2:1). Man is a trinity; body, soul and spirit. In the fall, man died spiritually. Adam stood for us all, so when he died spiritually there in the Garden of Eden, we all died (Rom. 5:12). Man did not evolve as the infidel scientists teach, man devolved.

Every sinner is dead and polluted in his own blood, but God in His great love sends the Holy Spirit to breathe on that dead sinner and He says: "live." And that sinner is made alive in Christ (Ez. 16:6, Eph. 2:1). Now the question I am asking you: have you been made alive in Christ? Just as the warm winds of spring blew across the fields and made the plants spring up, new buds are seen, then the blossoms, and new blades of grass spring forth. So it is in grace. The blessed Holy Spirit breathes on dead sinners, awakening them to their lost condition. And then you see yourself in the face of the glory of God, that is, you are far from God, condemned to die and justly so. I am talking about the resurrection of a dead sinner under Holy Spirit Conviction (Jn. 16:7-11).



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You may have lived in religion and in your church all your life. You thought you were saved, now under the awakening power of the Holy Spirit you see that you are lost. You were lost all the days of your religious profession; but didn't know it. I remember one time when I was under conviction I made this statement to a godly soul; it seems that the gulf grows wider. And she replied, "It has been there all the time but you didn't know it." My friends, I realize it is not a pleasant thing to be awakened to your lost condition, seeing that you are out of Christ. But let me hasten to say this; it is blessed and most gracious thing to be awakened to your lost condition now in time. What if you had gone out unto eternity thinking you were saved and you were not? It

would have been the loss of your poor soul in Hell.

As in nature, some flowers and grasses spring up immediately, so it is in grace. Some winners are awakened and have a greater knowledge of their awful ruined condition than others. Some are very slothful as was Lot in leaving Sodom (Gen. 19). Some are hungering more after Christ, while others who say they are lost are dilly-dallying by the wayside with the thought; "If I belong to the Lord He is going to get me, so I'll go on and enjoy myself now."

What a tragedy! I know of such a soul who took that attitude several years ago, she is still lost today. Some of you here told me seven years ago almost that you knew you were lost. And after seven years you still are not saved! What is the

trouble, my friends? You said you knew you were lost, but you have gone away backwards. To what? What was there for you to turn back to?

You were warned not to trifle with your convictions, and I know some of you had impressions, but now you are hardened. I don't know if the Lord is going to save you or not. I told a man more than once; if you don't turn to the Lord, there will come a day when you will not let me talk to you about Christ. The last time I talked to that man he had joined a false cult. How sad.

A sinner's resurrection to new life in Christ begins with Christ and is completed in Christ (Eph. 2:4-5). The Lord Jesus Christ always takes the initiative in a sinner's salvation. You have heard all you life; "If you make one step, God'll make two." There is no such doctrine as that taught in God's Word! I know I'm cutting across your grain. If a dead sinner could make one step he could make a thousand. From start to finish salvation is all of Christ. Do you know Christ?

In order to go to glory you have got to know Christ. Do you know Him? Does He know you? If He doesn't know you, then you don't know Him. I don't care how long you have been a member of the church. Church membership has nothing in the world to do with salvation. I realize that makes you mad but you'll just have to scratch and get glad or go to Hell.

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