

Prophet's Column

"A Lost Sinner"

You come to see that God alone is good and all mankind is totally depraved, and that you have no righteousness to get you to Heaven or gain favor in God's sight. I want to make a statement here just as boldly as I can. "Any soul who has never been taught the total depravity of the human heart under Holy Spirit conviction, IS NOT SAVED! I don't care who you are or how long you have been preaching. Every soul brought under conviction for salvation in Christ learns directly from the Holy Spirit that the human heart is totally corrupt with no goodness in any human being! Take issue with that but when you meet God at the Great White Throne Judgment, you won't tell Him there that you have some good in you. You'll see that what every lost, awakened sinner sees here, that you have no righteousness at all. Such a sinner seeing his vile and wretched condition, longs for the righteousness of Christ. All up and down the Eastern Seaboard folks have called me crazy for teaching these truths but I know what I'm talking about and every awakened sinner is learning these truths. Every bornagain believer knows them. The Lord is going to teach you these things I'm laying down before He saves you. Let those who laugh and make fun go on. I weep for them. Then the lost sinner is convicted of the judgment he is under with his father, the Devil: "Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged." Satan is the prince of the world; Paul called him the god of this world. When the Holy Spirit awakens you to your lost condition you realize the whole world is under judgment. When I was awakened to my lost condition, I looked around me and saw no one was saved. There was not a saved person around me whom I could talk to that was



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saved. And seeing that I was under judgment wasn't a pleasant thing; Holy spirit conviction is the closest thing in this world to Hell. Why? You are seeing yourself as a thrice Holy God sees you. That's right! Under Holy Spirit conviction, you see yourself as God sees you. If you are a lost sinner seeing these things I'm setting forth, then I say to you: take courage and look to Christ. The Lord didn't awaken you to damn you in Hell. You, my dear heart, are a blessed one. For you have been given heavenly knowledge that all the great men of the world could not give even if they wanted to. God has set His love upon you by opening your heart before hand.

Before the Lord saved me, and before my late pastor, L. R. Shelton, went home to be with the Lord, he was preaching and quoting from Timothy. And he said he didn't know why he was bringing that par-

ticular message. He hadn't been preaching very long before I knew why he was bringing that message. "Some men's sins are open beforehand, going before to judgment; and some men they follow after." (1 Tim. 5:24). When the pastor quoted those words, the Lord took it home to my heart that He was opening my sins beforehand in this life that I might be saved. That encouraged my heart, but the Lord didn't save me then. It was a few months later when Christ was revealed to my heart. Now most preachers would have stopped right there and told me I was saved when I saw that great truth. But seeing a great truth is not salvation. Seeing that my sins were opened before hand was not salvation. In our churches today, if a sinner is convicted the least bit, some religious leader will try to write a profession out of him. You don't have sense enough to leave the sinner alone and let the Lord deal with him; you've got to put your two cents in it.

At the same time the

Holy Spirit is revealing your lost condition to you. He is growing a hunger in your heart for Christ. He reveals to you that Christ alone can be your salvation. You come to want Christ above everything under the sun. You want him more than your job, money, or even your own family. He shows you that you cannot put anyone before Christ. And when you are brought down to the end of your way, COMPLETELY LOST, and you have repented of everything the Holy Spirit has shown you, in the quietness of that moment, unexpectedly, He REVEALS Christ to your heart as the One who did it for you, your Lord and Saviour. In that revelation comes faith to lay hold of Christ as your Lord and your Saviour. Then He makes you see that Christ elected you even before the foundation of the world. You are made to rejoice in Christ. I've lived the empty religious life that our preachers and church members live. YOU DON'T HAVE ANYTHING. I've lived where you live, but you haven't lived where I live. It has been said many times: "Bro. Little thinks he's the only one saved." Well, I know what God saved me from and what He saved me to. Do you? If you are saved, why can't you and I sit down and talk about our Lord? Why do you shy away from me? How about it, preacher? I know exactly what I'm talking about in these messages from week to week. I know what God showed me before He saved me and since He saved me. If you are saved you know I'm setting forth how God saved you. But your running away from the Lord's people is concrete evidence you are not saved. May each one of you who claims to be lost turn to the Lord, who alone can be your salvation.

A LOST SINNER.

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