## Page 18A - THE CHARLOTTE POST - Thursday, January 28, 1984 **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 Christ learns directly from the Holy Spirit that the human heart is totally cor-rupt with no goodness in any human being! Take issue with that but when you meet God at the Great White Theorem 1990 White Throne Judgment, you won't tell Him, there that you have some good in you. You'll see that what you. You'll see that what every lost, awakened sin-ner 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 Seabord folks have called me creasy for tagehing Seabord 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 be-fore He saves you. Let those who haugh and make fun go on. I weep for them. 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 con-

ewakened to my lost com-dition, I tokked around me and saw to one was saved. be was preaching and There was not a saved quoting from Timothy. And person around me whom I be said he didn't know why could talk to that was be was bringing that pat-

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saved. And seeing that I was under judgment wasn't a pleasant thing; Holy sparse convection is the 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 your-self as God sees you. If you are a lost sinner seeing these things I'm setting forth, then I say to you: forth, then I say to you: take courage and look to Christ. The Lord didn't 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 te, and before my late astor, L. R. Shelton, went let the Lord deal with him; you've got to put your two cents in it. that par-At the same time the

to a growing a burger our heart for Christ. evenis to you that Christ lone can be your salt ion. You come to we above everything the san. You want nore than your job. oney, or even your own mily. He shows you that family. He shows you that, you cannot put anyone be-fore Obrist. And when you are brought down to the end of your way, COM-PLETELY LOST, and you ve repented of ev hive repented of every-thing the Holy Spirit has shown you, in the quietness of that moment, unsuper-tedy, 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 lay hold of Christ as your Lord and your Saviour. Then He makes you to see that Christ elected you even before the foundation of the world. You are made to rejoice in Christ. Fve lived the empty religious in that our preachers and church members live. YOU DON'T HAVE ANY-THING. Fve lived where you live, but you haven't fived where I live. It has been said many times: "Bro. Little thinks he's the only one saved." Well, I ticular message. He hadn't been preaching very long before I knew why he was bringing that message. bringing that message. "Some men's sins are open beforehand, going before to judgment; and some men they follow after." (I Tim. 5:24). When the pas-tor 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 beart, but the Lord didn't save me then. It was a few months "Bro. Little thinks he's the only one saved." Well, 1 know what God saved me from and what He saved me to. Do you? If you are saved, why can't you and 1 sit down and talk about our Lord? Why do you ahy away from me? How about if, preacher? 1 know es-actly what Fm talking about in these messages from week to week. I know what God showed me be-fore He saved me and since but the Lord didn't save me then. It was a few months later when Christ was re-vealed to my heart. Now most preachers would have stopped right there and told me I was saved when I saw that great truth. But see-ing 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 fore He saved me and since He saved me. If you are saved you know I'm set-ting forth how God saved you. But your running away from the Lord's peoleast bit, some religious leader will try to wring a profession out of him. You don't have sense enough to leave the sinner alone and ple is concrete evidence you are not saved. May each, one of you who claims to be lost turn to the

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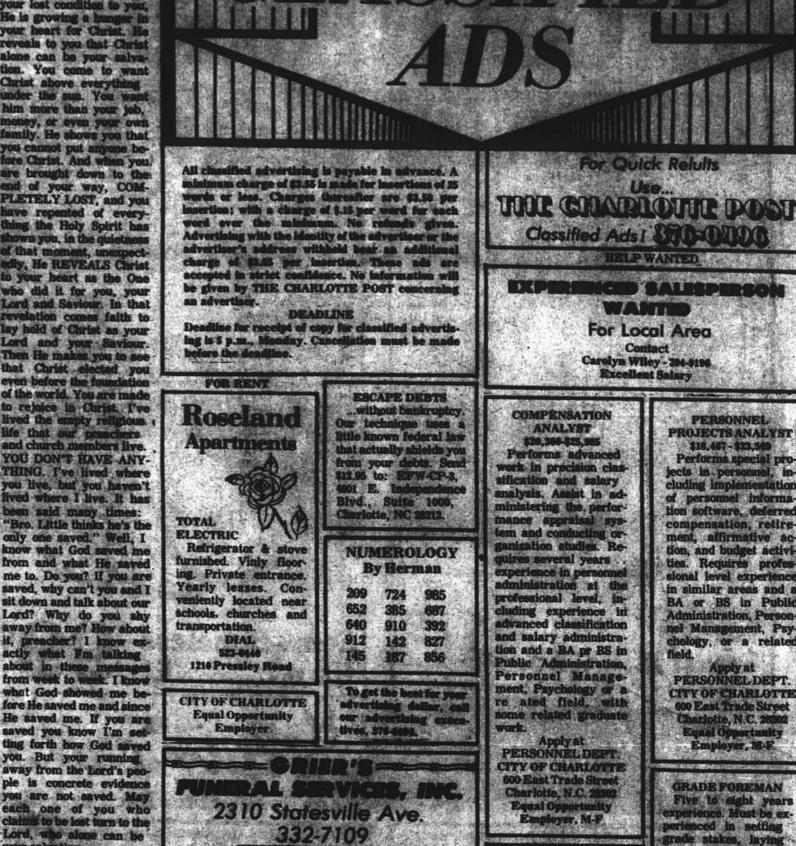
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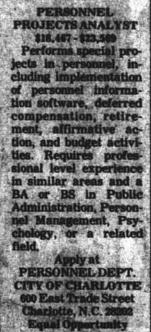
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