

Prophet's Column

"Amazing Grace"

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God." (Eph. 2:8). Our subject is "Amazing Grace." But how many truly know what grace really means? How many have experienced the grace of God in your hearts and lives? It is one thing to sing the words of "Amazing Grace," but it is far different to know experientially the grace of God in saving a lost hell-deserving sinner. Unless you can tell when you were saved, what you were saved from and to, you cannot truly sing "Amazing Grace." If you do not know what it means to see your wretched lost condition under Holy Spirit conviction, (Jn. 16:7-11), then you know nothing of the grace of God in Christ. It is the grace of God that awakens a sinner to his lost condition. Before the Holy Spirit awakens you, you don't even know you have a lost condition to be awakened to. That is a truth hidden from natural hearts no matter how religious. When I was in the religious world, I led services singing this great old blood hymn. But I knew nothing of the grace of God in awakening me to my lost condition. But the Lord in His great grace, one day threw back the skylight of my soul and let me see I was lost. The question may arise in the mind of someone; "just what is grace?" The old stock definition is; "grace is the unmerited favor of God." That is true, but I like a stronger definition; "grace is the unlimited love of God toward a hell-deserving sinner." It was the unlimited love of God that brought me into this world; marked, and preserved me even before the day of effectual calling. I can go back to many instances when Satan tried to kill me before the Lord gave me the effectual call. Satan knows every elect sinner on the face of this earth. He'll try to kill you to stop you from coming to Christ. You won't find these truths I'm laying down from week to week taught in the seminaries, Sunday Schools, and the pulpits of the religious world. Satan is not going to let those blind guides teach these truths. When the truth is preached, Satan is there to snatch the truth back from your heart. He doesn't care how religious



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you are seeing, but these things are hidden from them. I plead with you to turn to the Lord. He, alone, can be your salvation. Many church members, preachers included, will stand and sing Amazing Grace on Sunday morning. Yet, during the week you couldn't get your fill of it. I know what I'm talking about because one day I lived right there. Now, think with me just a little; here is an old buzzard who has been feeding on the filthy rotten carcasses of the world all week long. Just having his fill of the corrupt flesh. He flies into church on Sunday morning, takes a seat in the choir and begins to sing Amazing Grace. With every note, out comes a stench in the nostrils of all those close to him. Why? He has been feeding on the rotten filth of the world all week long. How could a sweet odor proceed from his mouth? It could not. That is you on a religious profession without Christ. All week long you feed on the corruption of the world. Then on Sunday you sit in the choir and try to sing Amazing Grace. What a tragedy! All you can do is croak just like that old buzzard. Now, you may ask; "Bro. Little, are you calling me a buzzard?" God calls you a buzzard. Since you love the things of the world, which are corrupt before God, you are just a buzzard feeding on this world. I lived there before God called me out of the world.

600 JCSU Students Involved In Workstudy Program

By Karen Parker Post Staff Writer
If you're packing up for college, worrying about paying different expenses can strip some of the excitement.

One way to lessen the burden is to check with your college's financial aid center about college workstudy. It's a dependable job program that's based around your class hours, study time, and sometimes even your major.

At Johnson C. Smith University, Mrs. Carolyn Smith, the assistant financial aid director, explained she often tries to provide students with jobs related to their major. "If I have a student who is a business major, I place him or her in a job within the business department," Mrs. Smith noted.

Of course, the increase in the number of students who need to participate in the work-study program to pay their tuition prevents some students from such placement. At JCSU, nearly 600 students were on the work-study program for the 1983-84 school year.

Mrs. Smith admitted a student may not make as much money as could be obtained working off campus in a community business. However, the advantages of the program are usually worth the minimum wage salary that most colleges and universities pay.

Here at Smith, the student meets with the employer and they work out a schedule," Mrs. Smith noted. "Some days the student's supervisor doesn't have much that needs to be done. Then the student is expected to study during that time in the workplace. That's why the program is referred to as work-study."

Applying for work-study operates differently from campus to campus. However, it is a financial assistance program; therefore, the student must submit an "application of need" before being hired. Sometimes this is handled on the college's standard financial assistance form provided by the financial aid department.

A student can apply for workstudy at JCSU at the beginning of each semester. Some schools only allow the student to apply at the beginning of the school year. Larger schools often allow the students to apply anytime during the school year.

The workstudy program can develop young men and women into more responsible people. When they receive their workstudy compensation each month, some schools give them a choice. The employee can apply the money toward the account, or keep the money for other purposes.

The students know they have a bill to pay," Mrs. Smith stated. "If they feel they can manage to get it paid on time and keep a portion of their salary, they are free to do so." She was pleased to reveal that most students at JCSU will apply at least a large percentage of their salary to their bills each month.

Colleges that automatically deduct from the students' paychecks usually

reserve the right to apply about 90 percent of the account each month or until the balance is paid in full.

If you've been awarded workstudy, you should always communicate with your supervisor. Some-

times he or she can inform you of internships or jobs that you'd like to have during the school breaks. Don't wait until you've started a full-time career to take initiative in the workforce. Start now and you'll climb the ladder much faster.

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