

Prophet's Column

"A Stumbling Stone"

"Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner, And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed." (1 Pet. 2:7-8). The Apostle Peter plainly declared that Christ is precious to every believer. If Christ is not precious to you, you don't know Him. Christ fills the horizon of every believer's life. He is All in All. He is precious to me because He is the One who redeemed me. No one else could have or would have redeemed me. Christ died for me. You wouldn't die for me. The One who died for me would have to be precious to me. His dying in my place means He suffered all the punishment for sin that I would have had to endure throughout the ceaseless ages of eternity. Only my Lord would have done that. Several years ago I told a man; "I wish I could just bear your pains for a week and let you rest from them." But that wouldn't be a drop in the bucket contrasted with what my Lord suffered for me. Let me ask you a question; how much compassion do you have? Do you have compassion for others that makes you want to relieve them of their suffering? Do you have such compassion that you would go to Hell if it would mean the salvation of others? Do you have such compassion that you'd willingly be crucified if that meant the salvation of others? Do you? Almost 100 percent of our church members, including preachers, know absolutely nothing about having compassion for others like that. Most of you wouldn't know compassion if she was walking down the street in box car letters. That's how selfish and hard hearted you are. I'm just stating facts, you can get mad and go to Hell for your trouble if you want to. The world is gone, and I mean the religious world. We are living in a time when men care nothing about the claims of Christ on their hearts. What about you? How is it between you and the Lord?

This Stone which the Apostle Peter was talking about is Christ. The builders represent the religious professors. Christ is the head of the corner, or the Corner Stone. And He is a Stone of stumbling. You religious professors are stumbling over Christ. That simply means you refuse to bow to Christ as Lord. You will not bow to Him! You will not have the Man Christ Jesus to rule over you. You want to work your way to Heaven. It'll never happen, dear friends. You can't work your way into the kingdom of God. The only way into the kingdom of God is through the Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. You will bow to Him as Sovereign and Despot over your life or go to Hell. Note that Peter said: "which stumble at the word." Multitudes today try to make much of Christ, but refuse the Word of Christ. I can just quote Scripture without any explanation and it makes folks so mad they could shoot me. You are stumbling over the Word. Why? You are disobedient to the Word of God. Why? You were appointed; "whereunto also they were appointed." But you had better not be so foolish as to charge God with the responsibility for your rebellion. You are responsible and no rebellious soul will stand at the Great White Throne Judgment and charge God with his sins. Before any sinner can be saved, he will take all responsibility for his sins upon himself and not even blame the Devil for his sins. When you do this, and God is right and you are wrong, that is repentance and frees the mighty Hand of God to save you. When the Holy Spirit convicts a sinner of his lost and undone sinful condition, you see just what a helpful rebel you are, and only Christ can save you. You need to see yourself as a sinner, object of mercy. Only Christ who sees them

self as such ever get saved. As long as you think you can do something or make yourself presentable to God, you'll never be saved. Then every believer today is a stumbling stone. Every believer is in Christ. The world hates Christ so they have to hate the believer. I know souls who have been carrying hatred for me in their hearts for over 20 years. They don't know why they hate me. It's simple, I represent my Lord whom you hate. You cannot get to Christ to take your hatred out on Him, so you take it out on me. That is why some of you will never be saved. You have your eyes on God's servant, hating him. Peter also said; "Love the brotherhood," (vs. 17). You cannot love Christ and carry hatred in your heart against the children of Christ. I know, you'll come back and say that I am not your brother. Thereby trying to excuse yourself from loving me so you can go on hating me. I pity you. There are multitudes of deceived hearts like that plunging into Hell this very second. One day that will be you if you don't repent and turn to Christ. Many

stumbled over my late Pastor, L. R. Shelton. Many here who hated him have gone the way of all flesh. I would not exchange what I have in Christ for ten million worlds of gold and silver. My late pastor is with the Lord face to face and praising Him. Are you going to continue to stumble over God's servants and miss Christ? Beg the Lord to grant you repentance that you may be saved before He comes. I invite each of you to continue to listen to my late Pastor, L. R. Shelton, with THE VOICE OF TRUTH over WAGI FM-105 at 7:30 and over WAGL-AM at 8:00 each Sunday morning. May our Lord turn you unto Himself.



By J. M. Little

Birthday Party Surprises Miller!

Hosea Miller Sr., was supposed to be surprised by his family. But the surprise was almost on them.

As the day of the party came Miller took a day off from work. His wife, Lessie, and their four children almost became frantic. How could they get the invited guests inside the house and surprise him now?

All seemed to go well, however. Miller had to attend another family gathering, thus giving time for his loving family to complete their plans.

When he returned home more than 50 relatives and friends had arrived. Other frills and a beautiful birthday cake were set before him. The surprise of the day had gone through rather smoothly after all. It was even more fulfilling for Miller for this was the first birthday party he ever had.

He received a joyful hug from his son, Hosea Miller Jr., now a resident of Atlanta, Ga. Miller was also flanked by his three daughters: Lorene Richardson, Gloria and Barbara. Miller's granddaughter, Sharron Richardson, a student at Greensboro College, was also present. Also present were Rev. and Mrs. Richard Graham of James Chapel Baptist Church, Fort Mill, S.C., and other friends who shared in an evening of fellowship.



Surprised Hosea Miller Sr. (center), embraces his family who planned his first birthday party, from l-r include: Lorene Richardson, Gloria Miller, Hosea Miller Sr., Lessie Miller, Hosea Miller Jr. and Barbara Miller.

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