

Prophet's Column

"It Is Grace To Know Him"

By J. M. Little  
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Salvation in Christ cannot be attained by any human efforts or merits. Salvation is all of Grace. Salvation is knowing Christ as your Lord and your Saviour. Salvation is not being converted to truths, doctrines, or even the Word of God. Salvation is Christ, Himself, revealed to your heart. If you don't believe that, I have no message for you, and the Bible has no message for you. The greatest thing in this universe is just to know Him, it is grace to know Him. God doesn't bestow the grace of knowing Christ upon everybody, just His elect. All these truths I am setting forth cut across the grain because you have been taught in the religious world that you can do something to save yourself. Listen to the beloved Apostle Paul; "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God; Not of works, lest any man should boast." (Eph. 2:8, 9). No language could be any plainer about salvation, being a work of Divine Grace in the heart. If you could save yourself, you wouldn't need Christ. How foolish it is to think that poor, blinded humanity, a prisoner and child of Satan, could enter into the portals of Glory on their own. We have drifted so far away from the truth in our churches today until the old path of Holy Spirit conviction is an ancient mystery.



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in trespasses and sin," (Eph. 2:1). The word, "quicken" means made alive, or awakened. The blessed Holy Spirit in His great grace and mercy, makes you alive and you see for the first time in your life that you are a lost sinner, you have missed Christ, and that you are a child of Satan. Have you ever seen that? If not, you are not saved.

Salvation is so far different from the concepts in our churches today until the religious world will not have a born again testimony and when a true believer visits in a lost church, the people don't recognize him, and that includes the present day ministry. I would that the Holy Spirit would awaken many today to their lost condition. Every sinner is in a state of total darkness. You have a darkened heart. There is no Divine light in a sinner's heart. But, oh, what grace when the command goes forth from the portals of glory; "Let there be light in that sinner's heart." How is this done? "For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give

the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ," (II Cor. 4:6). In salvation, God gives the command and Divine light is shone into the darkened heart of the elect sinner. When this light is shone into your heart, you see that you are a lost sinner. No one can reveal your lost condition to you. This is the sole work of the Holy Spirit. It was grace back there that day when the Lord gave the command for the light to be shone into the darkened heart of J. M. Little. When He shone the light in my heart, I saw I had never been saved. It's grace upon grace and mercy upon mercy when the Lord shines the light in and lets you see that you are lost. Without this Divine work in the heart by the Holy Spirit, the sinner dies and goes to Hell without warning. God awakens the sinner in order to save him, look at these gracious Words; "...to give the light of the KNOWLEDGE of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ." Right there is where Christ is REVEALED to your heart! Apart from the revelation of Christ to your heart, you

would remain lost forever and forever! If Christ has not been revealed to your heart, you are not saved. Salvation is the REVELATION of Christ to a sinner's heart. There is no other way you can be saved apart from the revelation of Christ to your heart. This is a Divine truth that is hidden from the multitudes in the religious world today. There are only a few preachers who can preach this truth to you today. Unless a preacher has been brought down under Holy Spirit conviction and Christ revealed to his heart, he is a total stranger to this truth. That is why you hear individuals say; "I led So and So to Christ." That is blasphemy against the Holy Spirit. If you could lead a sinner to Christ then there would be no need for Holy Spirit conviction and there would be four persons in the Godhead. What a tragedy it is for some poor, blinded soul to think that he can lead a sinner to Christ. You cannot awaken a sinner to his lost condition, much less lead him to Christ. Totally depraved man cannot shine the light of the Gospel into a dead sinner's heart. Are you beginning to see that salvation is of the Lord? And how foolish are these man-made methods of salvation. If you had anything to do with your salvation, then you are not saved! If there's one hair's breadth of works in your salvation, you are lost.

Before I left Denver as acting postmaster, a man came by one day and was talking about how he led a sinner to Christ. I went on to tell him very pointedly that it was the work of the Holy Spirit to lead a sinner to Christ and only the Holy Spirit can. I wish we could just keep straight on how the Lord saves a sinner. Then Paul said; "But we have this treasure (CHRIST REVEALED) in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us," (Verse 7).

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