

Prophet's Column

# "Grace In The Fall"

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As the four seasons come and go, each testifies of the grace of God. Also, the passing of the seasons reminds us of the faithfulness of God.



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At this time our subject is "Grace In The Fall." I have enjoyed this fall more than perhaps any other fall in my life. I am enjoying the Lord and what He has done for me in salvation, are you?

Fall testifies of the withering work of the Holy Spirit. I don't know if you have ever seen it like that or not. Listen; "For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass, the grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: But the word of the Lord endureth forever. And this is the Word by which the gospel is preached unto you (1 Peter 1:24-25).

The Apostle Paul here compares man in his proud and natural state to beautiful grass when it is in full growth and very pretty. When fall comes, as we are having now, the grass withereth. Why? The cool blasts of air begin to wither the summer grass. The pretty summer grass is just for a season and cannot help but wither when a more powerful force blows upon it.

So if it is in the grace of God under Holy Spirit Conviction. When the Holy Spirit comes upon a sinner, the sinner is proud and boastful of what he is by nature because he really does not know who he is by nature. But as the Holy Spirit blows upon, and reveals to him his old adamic nature, his corruption and vile and depraved condition, that sinner begins to wither.

"But the Word of the Lord endureth forever..." As the gospel is preached to that sinner under Holy Spirit Conviction, he dies to his old life that he once gloried in. All the things you once gloried in begin to fade away, and the sinner himself dies to everything he ever loved. You boast before of your profession, now as the Holy Spirit opens your heart more and more, you see you had profession without possession.

As the Word cuts deeper and deeper in your heart, you wither as the grass under the cool fall blasts. In your heart you weep. Before a sinner can be saved, he has to release his hold on everything! You weep over your lost condition. You thought you were saved, but now you see that you are not. All the glory of your church life dies. You, too, are dying, you must die, and you will die to everybody and everything before you can be resurrected to new life in Christ and know Him as your Lord and your Saviour.

Under the convictions of the Holy Spirit you lose sight of the things you used to love. No one around you understands what is happening to you but those who are saved. Seeing your lost condition you despair of ever getting to Christ. Once you thought you knew Christ, now you know that you don't, and your cry night and day is: oh, that I knew Him! Where can I find Christ?

You read God's Word and pray, and you don't know what step may be your last. Your soul pants after Christ as the hart pants after the water brooks. I know it was so when the Lord was dealing with my heart for salvation. Day and night I longed to know Christ.

As the Lord dealt with my heart, I died to everything I had ever cherished. I cannot explain this precious work of the Holy Spirit in slaying a sinner in order that He may raise

that sinner to new life in Christ. But I know it. I know what took place in my heart and life, much of it I don't understand. But there was a definite time when I stood in eternity as it was, knowing the reality of my lost condition as a lost sinner. And you did, too, if you are saved.

If you are saved you know exactly what I'm talking about. If you are a stranger to what I am laying down here, then you are not saved. I'll be just that dogmatic! You will die to everybody! Man by nature is proud and puffed up. No proud man is saved! Some of our preachers are so proud, but you are just a proud jackass on the road to Hell; you are leading your congregation to Hell, too.

Man born by nature is a child of the Devil, according to John 8:44, and you are steeped in pride, the pride in your heart has deceived you. Every soul by nature is deceived!

You think you have some goodness in you that will make you acceptable before God. Therefore, there has been taught a doctrine in your churches, today; "there is some good in the worst of men." That's a lie out of Hell! God declares in His Word that there is no good in man, (Romans 3:10). I'm going to let my Lord be true and let you be the liar.

Many have said; "we are not hearing what Bro' Little is preaching in our churches." I realize you aren't. Our churches today are just as dead and lifeless as an old dead dog. That's right. Our churches today have rejected the Holy Spirit, therefore, you have not true spiritual light, you only have darkness. The world scene is growing worse and worse in the

midst of more and more churches being built.

From here at my home and before I can drive to the I-85 bridge, I pass about a dozen churches. The truth is not preached in a single one of them! Now you can get mad at this statement all you want to and I know many of you will. There is coming a day when you are going to wish you had heeded the Word of the Lord. "And this is the word which by the Gospel is preached unto you."

"Listen to the Word or perish: for I work and work in your days, a work which ye shall in no wise believe, though a man declare it unto you." (Acts 13:41). That is what the Lord is doing here in these simple messages we are bringing from week to week. You are despising the truth as we set forth Christ, you are wondering and perishing. Some of you reason like this: "I wonder if all that Bro' Little is saying is true about our being lost; my pastor said Bro' Little was crazy, all these people can't be lost like that." All right, just keep on sitting there wondering and you will wonder your way to Hell.

The greatest thing in all this world is just to know Christ. Do you know Christ? Now face that eternal question fair and square. Do you know Christ?

Then when the Holy Spirit brings you to know Christ, you can see the handiwork of the Lord in nature. You can see nature and compare the dying of the leaves to the things he once loved. When the leaves are withered, they no longer have their beauty. How is it between you and the Lord? Do you see the beauty in Christ?



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