

Prophet's Column

"Hide Pride From Man"

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The individual who has never been awakened to his lost condition (Eph. 2:1) and taught of the Lord (Isa. 54:13) cannot tell a sinner how God saves a sinner. That's why our preachers and Bible teachers don't know what to do with awakened sinners. You've never been there. Your pride hides these great truths from you. God doesn't reveal these truths I'm setting before you to the proud. A million times no! He reveals these things to babes. By that I mean those who are humbled under the awakening and convicting power of the Holy Spirit (John 16:7-11). No proud man can learn and know these truths because they are hidden from proud hearts. And in your blindness and spiritual stupidity you have to label the believer an awakened sinner crazy. Your proud heart makes you do that. Pride alienates you from the Lord. The Lord doesn't dwell with the high and lofty, but with the contrite. If your proud hearts knew the destruction that awaits you one minute after death, you'd cry for mercy and never quit crying for mercy until mercy was bestowed on a lost, guilty sinner. Have you ever seen yourself as a lost, guilty sinner? No, you are too proud to admit that you are a sinner. Then since you are not a sinner, Christ didn't come to save you. We are told that this Man, Christ Jesus, came to seek and to save that which was lost, lost sinners (Luke 19:10; Luke 15:1, 2). Yes, this Man receives sinners. He received me. Has He received you? Everywhere I go I hear the doctrine of acceptance. That doctrine of a sinner accepting Christ is not taught in the Bible. Christ does not stand before any sinner for the sinner to accept or reject Him. You stand before Christ for Him to accept you or damn you in Hell. Now, that's God's Word. Salvation in Christ is the greatest thing in all this universe. And you are so proud to think that you can accept Christ any time you want to! What a deceived heart! But I lay the blame for this deception right where it belongs; on the deceived hearts and emissaries of the Devil - the preachers and Bible teachers. It is you who are teaching the lie that a sinner can accept Christ if he wants to. A sinner is dead in trespasses and sins (Eph 2:1); a sinner is a



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captive of Satan (II Tim. 2:26), a sinner is a child of the Devil (John 8:44). All that being true, how in the name of High Heaven do you dare tell a sinner he can accept or reject Christ? It's because the Devil has you deceived on three points: 1) who you are by nature, 2) what you are by nature, and, 3) the judgment you are under with the Devil. The preacher or teacher who has not been taught those three things by the Holy Spirit is not saved and all you can do is lie to a sinner. If I have to stand alone, I'll stand alone. I know what I'm talking about. And when your preachers and Bible teachers come to press a dying pillow you'll wish you knew the Lord. I know the deceived state of all proud hearts. I know right where you are.

When I was over near Lake Gaston just recently, I warned a deacon again: "You are considering calling a pastor. God is going to send you the greatest curse or the greatest blessing He could a church." I warned him sharply and of the results if he calls a hireling. But then it was a joy to me to talk with some young folks while over there and they asked good questions. One acknowledged she was not saved. If you know the Lord, pray for me and pray for these young folks. Some don't know what to do, they are facing the crises of their lives. There is nothing I can do but declare the truth and leave the results in the Hands of the Lord. I sat up until about 11:30 of after

talking to some. My heart rejoiced in the Lord. The great thing that can happen to a natural and proud heart is to be awakened to his lost condition. You are going to be awakened here or in eternity. It is far better to be awakened here at a throne of mercy than there at a throne of judgment.

Every sinner who wants to know Christ can know Him. I don't care how proud you have been. When God saved me, He saved the proudest sinner that ever lived. But before He saved me, He hid all my pride. You sinners, you say you are not saved: LOOK TO CHRIST! Seek Him as One you must have or die. You have got to know Christ. Look only to Him!

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