The Revealed Son Of God

By J. M. Little Special To The Post

.Now, let's view the spiritual application. The heart of every sinner is void and in total darkness just as the earth was. Every soul out of Chirst moves and lives in total darkness, I don't care whether he is a preacher in the pulpit or a drunkard in the gutter. Listen to the Word of God; "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). When God gets ready to save a sinner, He doesn't move upon the sinner to make a profession, clean up his life, turn over a new leaf, quit this sin or that sin, pray through until the burden is lifted, make a profession of confession, walk down the aisle and give the preacher his hand. or any such like. When God gets ready to save a sinner, the Holy Spirit comes and broods over the sinner and God gives the COMMAND: LET THERE BE LIGHT IN THAT SINNER'S HEART!

What is the first thing that the blessed sinner sees when the Holy Spirit shines the light of the glorious Gospel of Christ into that heart? The sinner sees for the first time that he is lost and has missed Christ. Have you ever seen that you were a lost sinner? Apart from this revelation you would have died and woke up in Hell to your lost condition.

When the Holy Spirit shines the light into that darkened heart, you see the judgment you are under. An alarm is set off in your heart. You see that you are condemned to die and spend eternity in Hell with your father the Devil unless the Lord saves you. When the Holy Spirit shines this light in your heart, you see that you are cap-

tive or slave of the Devil according to Tim. 2:26: "That they may recover of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will." The Holy Spirit shows you that you have no will of your own. A slave has no will of his own. He belongs

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to his master and will and must do the will of his master. The more light the Holy Spirit shines in your heart, the more you find yourself entangled in Satan's snare.

You've been in his snare all your life from the time you were born but you just didn't know it. Just as this earth was helpless to bring itself out of the darkness it was in after Satan's fall, so is the sinner helpless to bring himself out of his darkness. Then you begin to see, under the convicting and revealing work of the Holy Spirit that if you are ever delivered, your deliverance must come from without. You see all so well that even though the Lord has had mercy on you in showing you your darkened and dead state, you cannot get out of it on your own. You are held there by Satan.

You are held there by your totally depraved nature, your wicked heart, your hard heart of unbelief. "Of sin, because they believe not on Me."
(In 16:9) You have never dreamed that you were an unbeliever until the Holy Spirit shined the light into your heart. Then you are held prisoner by your and pe hatred for God. Many have known.

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Listen to the Word of God: "Being filled with all unrighteousness. HATERS of God." (Rom. 1:29-30)

The Holy Spirit does not show you that you love God. He shows you that you hate God! Have you ever seen that you hate God? If not, then the god you think you know is not the God of the Bible but a god of your own blinded thinking and depraved imagination. Man in his natural mind is blinded by the god of this world; Satan is the God of this world. "But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost. In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not." (II Cor. 4;3-4).

The live sinner is made to rejoice in Christ, the burden of sin rolls off his back and he is left rejoicing in the Lord with a joy and peace he has never

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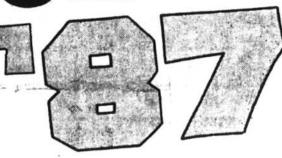
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