

Glad Tidings

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"Buy the truth, and sell it not." (Prov. 23:23)

FROM THE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
LET US GIVE THANKS FOR OUR RELIGION
Strength For Today And Bright Hope For Tomorrow

Philippians 4:13

I Corinthians 15:19.

FROM THE PASTORS DESK

The church has endured many difficult times since it was set up and established by Christ. She has been persecuted throughout her history but she still stands just as Jesus said she would. However, the people of God that comprise the church have often wavered in their devotion to truth. There are several articles in this issue that teach the doctrine of God's saving grace without the help of man and we are told by Jude to contend for "the faith", "Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." (Jude 3). The faith is the body of Divine truth that is contained within the inspired word of God.

The church is closer to the second coming of Christ than she has ever been in redemptive history. It appears however that many have been deceived in what constitutes truth. Many today believe that truth is relative and not absolute; that truth just depends upon the situation and what is truth to one person may not be truth to another. This is not thus saith the Lord. Paul writes Timothy and by extension writes to the church that, "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;" (I Tim. 4:1-2).

Instead of contending for "the faith", there are "some", not all, that depart, (revolt, resist, leave) the faith and give heed to everything contrary to the word of God. Someone cannot depart from the faith unless they have known "the faith". The Bible clearly teaches that to whom much is given, much is also required. The truth makes the church free and has been given as a true testimony of God's saving grace and it is required that saints maintain what God has graciously given.

The scriptures are very consistent as the apostle Peter warns that in the last days there would be scoffers walking after their own lusts, saying, where is the promise of His coming. Peter warns the elect not to be moved by these scoffers: "Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness." (II Pet.3:17) Don't be among those that depart from the faith!

People depart from the faith in a number of ways; one of which is the desire to add to the word of God and to the church which God necessarily forbids. "Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you." (Deut. 4:2) The first thing Satan tried to do was attack the word of God when he asked Eve "...Yea, hath God said? Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?" (Gen. 3:1) Of course God did not say this and Satan proceeded to tell Eve that she would "not" surely die if she ate of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. He added to God's word and people have been doing this ever since.

The Bible and consequently "the faith" is the most up to date truth available. Computers always need updates and also any king of technological device but "the faith" never needs updates. It is appropriate in any age as the absolute truth of God that makes the church free. It is the church that must uphold and support the truth. Paul hoped to see Timothy shortly but in case he didn't, "But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth." (I Tim. 3:15) The pillar is the (post, support) of the truth and if the church departs from the faith, there isn't any support or ground for truth and chaos follows as people start doing that which seems right in their own eyes.

Rather than depart from the faith, we are exhorted by Peter to maintain and grow: "But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen." (II Pet. 3:18) The church is to grow in that which already exists and is not to improve on the perfect and complete instructions in God's word. The Holy Spirit within the scriptures included everything the church needed in doctrine and practice that would sustain her in every age until the second coming of Christ. Don't be deceived by the sleight and cunning craftiness of men.

The wicked don't need to be warned about departing from the faith because they abhor truth. It is the saints such as the Hebrew Christians who were wavering in their faith in Christ and admonished, "Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God." (Heb. 3:12) Keep looking up church and stay the course; Jesus is coming soon! (Elder Larry Wise)

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PAUL'S DETERMINATION



By Elder Rickey Taylor
Booneville, Mississippi

"For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified." 1 Corinthians 2:2

Much is said about God's determination in the scriptures, yet our verse mentions the determination of the Apostle Paul when he came among the brethren at Corinth. Paul was determined not to make known unto them anything other than Jesus Christ and him crucified. Determined means to be resolute, having one's mind made up, to do something. Paul had chosen this good thing for him to do among the Corinthian church. He esteemed the Lord Jesus Christ and his redemption to be the most important thing to talk about to the church brethren. Paul was well educated in things that would have impressed the Greeks among the congregation. Corinth which was at one time a part of the Grecian Empire had been a world conquering civilization. It was the culture that had produced one of the greatest conquerors of all time, Alexander the Great. After he conquered the world he began to teach the Greek

culture to all the inhabitants in the conquered countries, usually naming a city after himself called Alexandria. His libraries that would spring up after this would help the spread of culture and an early form of democracy. Even when the Greeks fell to the Romans centuries later, they would be retained as teachers to the Roman children. One such teacher would teach the children through stories that have survived until this day, his name was Aesop. Though Paul knew this culture and he himself had benefited from it indirectly, he probably understood it better than most Greeks themselves could. Paul was determined to bring the message of Jesus Christ and him crucified, a simple message that would be met with ridicule and scorn by many of the elite scholars of Greece and the civilized world. 1 Corinthians 1:23 "But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumbling block, and unto the Greeks foolishness;" Paul was not there to impress the fleshly world, but to bring these brethren a single message that would give them joy and peace of mind.

For Jesus Christ and him crucified is the story of God the Father, and God the Son entering into a covenant before the world was ever made and agreed to predestinate those whom they loved to be conformed to the image of the Son Ephesians 1:4,5. The Son agreeing to come in flesh and blood and pay their sin debt for them, so that they would be with him, and the Father and the Holy Spirit throughout all eternity, never to be afflicted by sin ever again. Psalms 40:1-2. Jesus Christ and him crucified tells of how the Son would come and do the work that the Father had given him to do, and doing so that he would not lose a single one (John 6:38-40). How he would endure the cruel cross and how they nailed him to it. Pain searing through his body by the nails that were driven into his body. His body slowly sinking down upon the cross, and cutting the air to his lungs and suffocating him to death. Jesus Christ and him crucified tells the story of how that death couldn't hold him, the grave could not score a victory against him 1 Corinthian 15:55. For on the third day he rose triumphant to never die again. He was seen of around five hundred people the forty days that he was here after his resurrection establishing his church and commanding the apostles to baptize the new members.

This Paul was determined to teach among the church at Corinth. To teach nothing but Jesus Christ and him crucified. To show them that they had a home in heaven awaiting them when their time on earth was over. To live with a optimistic attitude because in the end things would be better on the other side in a place called heaven. So let's take that same attitude and look optimistically to the future knowing that we have a better place for us because of Jesus Christ and him crucified.

Elder Rickey Taylor

Our Daily Prayer

3 June 2020
By Elder Rusty Wise
Tupelo, Mississippi

John 12:42-43 KJV: “Nevertheless among the chief rulers also many believed on him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue: For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.”

Do we live in fear of offending someone because of our belief of our Saviour, and his teachings? Yes fear is something that is running rampant among the people. Fear of gathering, fear of manipulated information, fear of saying the politically incorrect words, and fear of just about everything else.

Many of our so-called leaders in this nation have denounced Christianity and everything to do with it. And have replaced it with confusion, anarchy, and chaos. Ready to inflict hardship on those that confess to truth and righteousness, in order that they themselves are elevated in stature. Nothing seems to be sacred anymore: not law and order; not sacrifice; not even religion (Christianity that is).

It seems that we have given everything away in order to keep peace until there is nothing left to give. We have forgotten that the freedom we once had and the peace that we enjoyed was only through the struggles of others. By those that were not afraid to live, fight, and die for their convictions. People that were ready to not only believe in their hearts, but ready to confess that belief until their last breath.

Jesus Christ gave the very best of everything to secure us, to redeem us, to atone for us. He did it publicly and he proclaimed it to his disciples. He was not afraid of the established governments, nor of the political leaders of his time. Nor was he afraid to die, he looked past the travail of his soul and was satisfied, for the love that was set before him, he endured the cross, despised the shame and set down. Thus signifying that the work was finished. His work was his confession to us of the love that he had for his people.

What are we willing to do to confess our love for him? Are we ready to get the Family up to go to a family reunion, or sporting event, or vacations, or anything else that takes precedent over our service to our Lord, instead of Getting Them ready to go to the

house of God? We can say with our lips that we are followers of Jesus Christ, however it is hard to make a convincing argument when we are at the lake on Sunday morning.

Our acts seem to make a more convincing statement than our confession. We have made a lifetime of showing our children and grandchildren that God is secondary to Our pleasures. They have been thoroughly convinced, and have further advanced the idea to their children.

We can make a change in this land. We can start by turning and making confession with our hearts and our lips and our bodies of our love of God. We can seek his presence, and we can assemble together where he has made promise to be. It is never too late to start. However, it's a lifetime of work not just a few weeks and then back to the same routine. May we ever find the strength to continue.

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you, not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. Are we ready to make our confession and beliefs known that we may find peace?

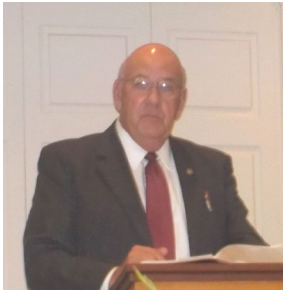
Our prayer today is that we may confess our love and belief in an all knowing, all powerful, All present God. That we may show our dedication towards him. That our lives may be an example to others, and that we may not forsake him for the follies of this world. That peace and grace may abound in our lives, and that our lives may always be in service to him. Amen. . . This is followed by lines from the song “Master, The Tempest Is Raging”.

UNEXPLAINABLE GOD

There have been numerous incidences of people who were born blind and were also incapable of hearing or speaking; yet they developed the ability to convey the feelings of their hearts sufficiently to acknowledge God and to rejoice in Him and His glorious work in their souls. No atheist in the world can successfully explain this sort of thing away; neither can he explain the untold numbers of other instances of people being brought out of nature's darkness into a loving fellowship with God, being blest to see and feel their wretchedness by nature and to acknowledge the goodness and mercy of the gloriously supreme Being who delivered them from that lost and ruined condition.

Those who love the Lord express great gratitude for having been thus delivered, while many of those who have never experienced that blessed transition from death to life have gone so far as to say in their hearts, “There is no God.” If we look at Psalm 14:1 and Psalm 53:1, we can see what God says of such people.

– Elder Ralph Harris (Deceased)
(From “*The Banner of Love*”, October, 2012)

COMMENTS ON HEBREWS 10:10

By Elder Ricky Harcrow
Fort Payne, Alabama
6-17-2020

Someone asked me "Does the bible contain God's Word?". My answer is that "the bible does not only contain God's word but it IS God's Word". If it is God's word then we can depend on what it says for it is the very breath of God. That being true we read from Hebrews 10:10, "By the which will WE ARE sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus made ONCE FOR ALL". In verse seven of that same chapter it states, "Lo, I come to do thy will Oh, God". Verse nine makes the statement again. The sacrifice of Christ perfected those who are sanctified. It was THROUGH (by that avenue) that this was done ONCE for ALL. The Will of a Holy God was executed by he who was God manifest in the flesh; "Lo I come to do thy Will Oh God". I say that this atoning work is NOT rendered useless because men do NOT cooperate. The WORK of salvation is NOT a cooperative effort. Primitive Baptists answer this plain and simple. God the Father purposed the salvation of the Elect. Christ died with the intent of redeeming those same objects that were elected to salvation. They were unionized to Christ before the world began, Christ accomplished that work of salvation on their behalf and without fail the Holy Spirit brings that accomplished work to fruition in the life of the elect at the time and in the manner determined by God. Since Salvation is of God it is therefore NOT subject to failure.

By the Will of God we are sanctified by and through the offering of Jesus Christ in bodily form. It was done one time for ALL the SANCTIFIED or those set apart. It was not possible for the blood of bulls and goats could take away sins. (He. 10:4). But God prepared a body or an earthly tabernacle, for His Son and by that ONE offering He HATH perfected forever them that ARE (not will be) but are presently NOW sanctified. How disappointed Christ must be if what the Arminian preaches is true. The Will of God did not put all men in a savable state but the Will of God through Christ saved those for whom the sacrifice was intended. To say that God sent his only begotten Son into the world just hoping the sacrifice would be effective and the scope of his work included ALL men

in all times and yet it is NOT effective because free-will just may derail the work is a position that no judicious bible reader can support. If the offering of Christ perfects those for whom it was made where is there any room to believe that it will be rendered void in the final result? That question needs to be addressed by those who would oppose the doctrine of Salvation by Grace. Space would not allow us to fully refute the opposing position. Did Christ through His offering save His people or did he make salvation a theoretical possibility?

The infallibility provided in God's promise STANDS both negatively and positively. God has provided against any or all opposing powers and influences so that His counsel shall stand and He will do ALL his pleasure. In the negative sense it is "NOT OF WORKS". The will nor works of men cannot in any degree alter what God has willed and determined to perform. "It is not of him that willeth nor of him that runneth but of God that sheweth mercy". In the affirmative sense God's promise stands on the faithful unshaken foundation that it is of "HIM THAT CALLETH". That which was done before the world began could not be induced by anything after the world began. The positive declaration "For by Grace are ye saved" is too plain and emphatic to require any explanation. The same apostle in the same book (Eph.2) affirms the same truth again "by Grace YE ARE SAVED". The question arises, NOT AS TO HOW, BUT WHO are saved by Grace and what sense is it THROUGH FAITH; and the testimony that neither the Grace by which, or the FAITH THROUGH which salvation comes are both the gifts of God.

Who are saved? The question is settled beyond a question:..... Those chosen in Christ. Consequently all who are so chosen and ordained to be saved are saved by Grace and not by anything that is in any sense WITHIN themselves. Now through (by the avenue) of FAITH is brought to question. IS faith the gift of God? It is without question. Is it a part of the man in nature. NO. Is faith a fruit of the Spirit? YES It is without question. Do all men have Faith? No!. The bible is plain "all men have not faith". Does God have Faith? Yes, for he cannot give us something He does not possess. It is above my pay grade to explain all that is involved in that element however common sense will not permit other avenues to pervade our thoughts on the subject. God's Grace cannot be dependent on men's faith to make it effective. His saving Grace is effectual or has within in it the power to perform a designed end. HIS FAITH or HIS FAITHFULNESS is the underlying factor in the fulfillment of that promise. Man's faith is NOT nor cannot be the condition by which Grace works. But God's FAITH (His faithfulness) is the designed avenue of the great architect of salvation and is the substance and the underlying factor that brings it to the sinner.

What little I have penned is far from what is shelled in this verse but they are a few fundamental thoughts that are revealed in it and so distinctly declared. After all the false charges that have been leveled against the Old Order of Baptists we who adhere to it are still moved to say and preach that we have the only doctrine that provides a CERTAIN salvation to the objects of God's love through the offering of the body of Jesus made ONCE for ALL for whom it was intended. That being true I humbly submit my case into the hands of HIM who DOETH ALL THINGS WELL.

Elder R.D Harcrow
Fort Payne, Alabama

FOOD FOR THOUGHT



By Elder Robert Payne
May 17, 2020

Our forefathers were God fearing and sought the guidance of the Lord in their lives and government. Yet when threatened with unfair laws, taxation without representation, gun confiscation, and threatened their ability to freely worship they rebelled and our freedoms of today are enjoyed by their blood and the blood of countless men and women.

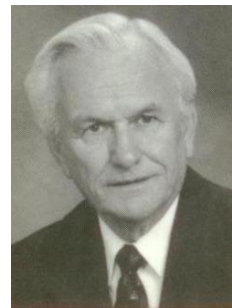
Are we going to lay down and let the blood go for nought? Yes we do pray for those in authority and try to follow the laws of the land, but when they conflict with the freedoms and commands of God we ought to obey God! Is life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness worth it? YOU BET!

STRETCHING THE TRUTH

To please his father a freshman went out for track. He had no athletic ability, though the father had been a good miler in his day. His first race was a two-man race in which he ran against the school miler. He was badly beaten. Not wanting to disappoint his father, the boy wrote home as follows: "You will be happy to know that I ran against Bill Williams, the best miler in school. He came in next to last, while I came in second."

Bits & Pieces, September 17, 1992, p. 12.

ALLAH



By Elder Harold Hunt
Maryville, Tennessee

The Muslim mantra says, "There is no god but Allah, and Mohammed is his prophet." We are forever Hearing about Allah, but nobody bothers to tell us who he is. Because the Muslim tells us Allah is the one and only God, there are those who seem to think Allah is simply another name for Jehovah. Nothing could be farther from the truth.

It is true there are several names for Jehovah, but Allah is not one of them. In the original Hebrew Jehovah is also called El, Elohim, Shaddai, El Shaddai, Adonai, Jah, Jehovah, and so on. But you can be very sure that, when the Muslim refers to Allah, he has no reference to Jehovah. The pagan gods had any number of names. The same god was worshipped in different countries under different names. We have the Moabites worshipping Molech, the Ammonites worshipping Chemosh, the Phoenicians worshipping Baal, and so on.

The names were different, but the various religions were essentially the same. They were fertility cults; they worshipped fertility, and sex, and reproduction. And they rejected the notion of an absolute standard of right and wrong.

Baal was worshipped in Arabia under the name of Allah. Did you ever wonder why the crescent moon is the symbol of Islam? Allah was the name of the Arabian Moon God. That is what the crescent moon signifies. Mohammed did not come up with a new name for his god. Long before he came along, his Quaraysh tribe was known as the People of Allah, or the Protected Neighbors of Allah. Three of their other gods were called Daughters of Allah.

The Kaaba, that huge rectangular building, sacred to Islam, was a sacred shrine for generations before Mohammed's day. Before his time there were three hundred and sixty different pagan gods worshipped at Kaaba. Mohammed changed things in that he taught them to all three hundred and sixty gods by the same name—Allah.

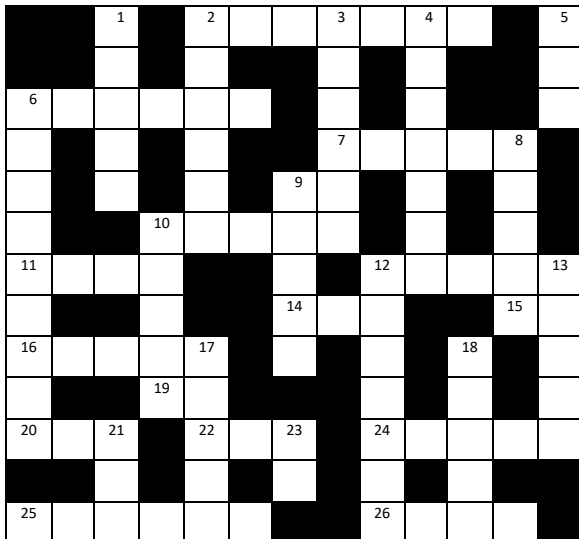
The worshippers of those pagan gods rejected the notion of an absolute standard of morality. Nothing was inherently right or wrong. An act was right or

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BIBLE CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS:

2. There shall be ___ of blessing. Gentle rain.
6. John sees a red ___ with 7 heads and 10 horns.
7. Veil was rent in twain from ___ to ___. 2 words.
9. ___ have this treasure in earthen vessels. Pronoun.
10. The Lord ___ to the church daily such as should be saved.
11. ___ your hearts and not your garments. Tear.
12. Dust unto dust ___ unto ashes some say.
14. Will a man ___ God in tithes and offerings?
15. ___ man hath seen God at any time except Jesus.
16. The days of our ___ are threescore years and ten.
19. New Testament abbreviation.
20. Mephibosheth felt to be as a dead ___ before King David but ate at the king's table.
22. I am the beginning and the ___: the first and last.
24. Jesus was made a little ___ than the angels.
25. Don't put new wine into old ___. Singular.
26. ___ them which cause divisions and avoid them.



(Answers on Page 11)

DOWN:

1. ___ was the great goddess of the Ephesians.
2. Stephen was ___ to death calling upon the Lord.
3. The prodigal ___ his substance with riotous living.
4. The harvest is the end of the world and the ___ are the angels. Not sowers.
5. Many are called but ___ are chosen.
6. Paul was cast down but not ___.
8. Use a little wine for thy stomach's sake and thine ___ infirmities.
9. Be not ___ in well doing and reap in due season.
10. Women should ___ themselves in modest apparel.
12. David's son with long hair who tried to usurp him.
13. Be ___ be vigilant because your adversary the devil as a roaring lion.
17. Thou shalt not ___ or bear false witness.
18. All ___ is given me (Jesus) in heaven and earth.
21. ___ thee behind me Satan Jesus told Peter.
23. ___ to others as you would have them do to you.

OUT OF THE MOUTH OF BABES

My soon to be six year old grandson, Isaac, was at the sitters with his brother Eli while his mother did some things related to school. The sitter keeps several other children. She had a new boy she was keeping and he seemed to **cry** all day until his parents picked him up. After the child's parents picked him up and left, Isaac said, "Man, I sure am glad he is gone!"—*Editor*

Glad Tidings:

I am enclosing a small donation for your good paper.

I want to tell you that today, Father's Day, I am remembering my dear father. And then seeing in the recent issue of Glad Tidings there was the article of my father (Elder T.L. Webb Sr) which was written several years ago. What a blessing!

Also, I'm enclosing a little incident for the "Out of the Mouth of Babes":

My daughter has a small garden in her back yard in Murfreesboro, TN. Her little 5 year old grandson was visiting and she was showing him her garden which he seemed to be very interested in. She was pointing out to him the little tomatoes, radishes, etc. and she said to him, "Now, what I am planting are Shelly Beans." He excitingly replied, "Oh, I just love jelly beans."

Doris Webb Smith
Milan, TN

ALLAH

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wrong only in the sense that it pleased or displeased their pagan god. That is one of the most basic doctrines of Islam to this day. No act is inherently right or wrong. That is why they can convince themselves it is right and proper to blow themselves up—and a dozen other people with them—if they do it to please Allah. We will never begin to understand Islam until we learn to better understand what Baal worship is all about

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(From "Anthology of Primitive Baptist Literature"—
Elder Harold Hunt—Editor)

WHAT'S ON THE INSIDE?

Henry Wingblade (Former President of Bethel College & Seminary) used to say that Christian personality is hidden deep inside us. It is unseen, like the soup carried in a tureen high over a waiter's head. No one knows what's inside--unless the waiter is bumped and he trips! Just so, people don't know what's inside us until we've been bumped. But if Christ is living inside, what spills out is the fruit of the Spirit.--
Carl Lundquist. (Succeeded Wingate)

CHURCH NEWS

Everyone is invited to the annual meeting at Little Flock Primitive Baptist Church, Burnsville, MS July 31-August 2, 2020. Services Friday night, July 31, at 7:00 p.m. preceded by supper at 6:00 p.m. Saturday night, Aug. 1, at 7:00 p.m. preceded by supper at 6:00 p.m. Sunday, August 2, at 10:30 a.m. Elder Tim Cunningham, Etheridge, TN is invited minister. Elder Jonathan Wise is Pastor of Little Flock.

Everyone is invited to the annual meeting at Antioch Primitive Baptist Church, Oxford, MS the 1st weekend in August, 2020 (July 31--Aug.2). Services Friday night, July 31 at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, at 10:30 a.m. with lunch and afternoon services. Sunday, Aug. 2 at 10:30 a.m. Elder Ronald Lawrence, Goodlettsville, TN is invited minister. Elder Jeremy Wise is Pastor of Antioch.

Everyone is invited to Chewalla Primitive Baptist Church, Potts Camp, MS for their meeting the 3rd weekend in August, 2020 (Aug. 14-16). Services Friday night, August 14, at 7:00 p.m. Services Saturday, August 15, at 10:30 a.m. No afternoon or night service. Elder Ronald Lawrence, Goodlettsville, TN is invited minister. Elder Jerry Wise is Pastor of Chewalla.

Elder David Wise, Starkville, MS will be with Bethany Primitive Baptist Church, Ecru, MS the 5th Sunday in August, 2020 (Aug. 30) with services at 10:30 a.m. Elder Larry Wise is pastor of Bethany.

Elder Larry Wise, Randolph, MS will be with Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church, Randolph, MS the 5th Sunday in August, 2020 (Aug. 30) with services at 10:30 a.m. Elder Tom Bouchillon is Pastor of Hopewell.

Everyone is invited to the annual meeting at Bethany Primitive Baptist Church, Ecru, MS the 2nd weekend in September, 2020 (Sept. 11-13). Services Friday night, September 11, at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, September 12, at 10:30 a.m. followed by lunch. Concludes Sunday at 10:30 a.m. followed by lunch. Elder Ricky Harcrow, Fort Payne, AL is invited minister. Elder Larry Wise is Pastor of Bethany.

The Tombigbee Association of Primitive Baptists will convene with Sulphur Springs Primitive Baptist Church, Caledonia, MS the 3rd weekend in September, 2020 (Sept. 18-19). Services Friday, September 18, at 10:00 a.m. followed by lunch and afternoon services. The same schedule for Saturday, September 19. Elder Joe Nettles is Pastor of Sulphur Springs.

NOTE: Some meetings may not serve meals due to Covid-19 or even be cancelled. Check with Pastors.

CHURCH NEWS

Everyone is invited to attend the annual meeting at Mt. Pisgah Primitive Baptist Church, Duck Hill, MS the second weekend in August. Services will begin on Saturday August 8, 2020 at 10:00 AM followed by lunch. Afternoon service to begin after lunch. Service Sunday morning at 10:30 am with lunch to follow. This will be an open meeting.

The 5th Sunday night Fellowship Meeting in August, 2020 will be held with New Prospect Primitive Baptist Church, New Albany, MS (Aug. 30) with supper at 5:30 p.m. and worship at 6:30 p.m. This meeting rotates between New Prospect, Laodicea, Bethany and Hopewell churches. Everyone is invited. New Prospect was unable to host 5th Sunday meeting in March and also in May due to COVID-19 virus and was moved up to next 5th Sunday in August. Maybe the third time will be the charm. Pray all is somewhat back to normal by then. Elder Rusty Wise is Pastor of New Prospect.

Friendship Primitive Baptist Church, Winona, MS will have their annual meeting the 4th weekend in September, 2020 (Sept. 26-27). Services Saturday, Sept. 26, at 10:00 a.m. followed by lunch and afternoon services. Sunday at 10:30 a.m. with lunch. Open meeting. Elder B.T. Strum is Pastor of Friendship.

We are thankful to report that Beulah Primitive Baptist Church, Saultillo, MS has been blessed with three new members since resuming worship services due to pandemic. Elder Tony Lester is Pastor of Beulah. Pray that God will revive our churches with new members and a renewed zeal among current members. Pray God will also bless churches that are without pastors to have their need supplied.—*Editor*

GLAD TIDINGS READER LETTERS

Dear Ones,

My oldest sister, Wilma, age 80, passed from this life June 15, 2020. We always miss our Dear Ones who are no longer with us in this time world.

So good our Dear Lord gives us precious memories to remember as we journey onward. Thanks be unto our Dear Lord we always have Hope In Him.

I Thes. 4:13-18, Ps 121:11, Ps 116:15 is real comforting. So good we have God's written word. Thanks so much for praying for us.

Wishing our Dear Lord's blessings to you. He is always faithful to see us through.

In Precious Hope & Love,
Sister Loreta Lily
Akron, OH

WHAT IS THAT TO THEE?

March 6, 1941

“Then Peter, turning about, seeth the disciple whom Jesus loved following; which also leaned on his breast at supper, and said, Lord, which is he that betrayeth thee? Peter seeing him saith to Jesus, Lord, and what shall this man do? Jesus saith unto him, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? follow thou me.” John xxi. 20-22.

God’s book is the most wonderful book that has ever been written, or that ever will be written. There is something in it to fit the station and condition and doings of all people in every age of the world, and especially the life and experience and doings of His children.

In the above text the Apostle Peter manifested a concern as to what John would do. He was seemingly, at that moment more concerned about what another should do than he was about what he should, himself, be doing. It appears that he was making himself concerned about the affairs and doings of another, more than about his own affairs and his own doings. Our Lord’s answer, summed up in our present day English, would be about this: It is none of your business what this man does. You attend to your own business—follow thou me.

In the present time it seems that almost the entire world is manifesting great interest and concern as to what the other fellow does. That spirit is greatly manifested in and among the nations of the world, as well as among individuals. Nations are meddling with other nations, and seem to be much concerned about what they are doing and what they intend to do. How much better would all material things be if all would [pg 202] attend to their own business, and quit meddling with other folks and their affairs!

The same spirit is frequently manifested in the true church today. We see so many who are manifesting so much concern as to “what shall this man do?” instead of “attending to their own business,” and, for themselves, doing as Jesus said, “Follow thou me.” On one occasion, recorded in Mark ix. 38, 39 and Luke ix. 49, we have an instance of the disciples meddling with another. “And John answered Him, saying, Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name, and he followeth not us: and we forbid him, because he followeth not us. But Jesus said Forbid him not: for there is no man which shall do a miracle in my name, that can lightly speak of me.” “For he that is not against me, is on our part. For whosoever shall give you a cup of water to drink in my name, because ye belong to Christ, verily I say unto you, he shall not lose his reward.” How much better would it be for us if we would all be engaged in giving even a cup of water instead of “grumbling” so much about what someone else is doing. May the Lord pity us. chc
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THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE

“And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know. Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.” (John 14:3-6)

Surely I am, and there must be many others like the apostle Thomas, who are in need of better instructions in the way, lest we be lost; not that we do not have faith that our Elder Brother knows the way, but it seems so very impossible that we be among the chosen ones, to be included in that number of His Elect People that would be blest to have the Son of God leave His rightful place in Heaven and come down to this sinful world for the purpose of making the supreme sacrifice of His precious life for such as we.

THE WAY – Not one of the ways, but *The One and only Way!* There are so called ministers, many of them that are in the world, and of the world, who continually tell us their instructions of the way, and they make it sound so easy; “just believe and it will be so!” We know that believing never did make anything true. We have believed many things only to find that we were mistaken when the truth was revealed to us about those things. If we could believe as we pleased and have our wishes granted the world would be in a turmoil all of the time. This cannot be. Christ is the Way and the *only* Way. He says no man can come unto the Father, but by me.

THE TRUTH – His Truth endureth unto all generations. He is Truth! And there is no other way. All of man’s ways lead to destruction, frustration and sorrow.

THE LIFE — “In him was life; and the life was the light of men” (John 1:4). He was the true witness, sent directly from God to men.

Elder W. T. Daily

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GLEANINGS FROM DECEASED ELDERS

We are all poor beggars as long as we live. The promises are to the poor. If you truly feel to be poor and needy, you are a child of God, the son of a King. Heaven and immortal glory with the sweet communion of Father, Son and Holy Ghost are all yours. What a rich inheritance is yours. What a boundless storehouse filled with everything adapted to the needs of God’s poor afflicted children! The sweet thought is that our precious Savior has never turned away a poor, helpless, needy, thirsty, mourning sinner empty.—Elder Lee Hanks, 1919

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JOHN I. 1 AND SECOND TIMOTHY IV. 2

By Elder C. H. Cayce (Deceased)

We have been requested to give our views on the above citations of Scripture., John i. 1 reads, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." Second Timothy iv. 2 reads, "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine."

We are going to give a little guess as to why we were asked to give our views on these two passages. Our guess is that somebody has said that the command to "preach the word" means to preach the Bible, and our questioner wants to know if that is the view we have of the text. We just make this little guess about it.

In John i. 1, in the original language it says, "In the beginning was the Logos" (word), etc. Berry's New Testament Lexicon, in defining the word Logos says it "is used by John as a name of Christ, the Word of God, i. e., the expression or manifestation of His thoughts to man, John i. 1, etc." The Word was made flesh; and in this God was manifest in the flesh. The Word was God, and as the Word was God, it was God manifest in the flesh. He was and is the second Person in the Holy Trinity. Logos is in the nominative case and singular number.

In Second Timothy iv. 2 the apostle says, "Preach the word." In this quotation it is "ton-Logon." This is in the singular number and accusative case. It is the same as in John i. 1, only different case. We know that some brethren think the apostle meant to instruct Timothy to preach the Bible, or to preach the Scriptures. But the New Testament was not then written and gathered together. But if that is really what he meant, it must be modified so as to mean for him to preach just what the Bible teaches. And this is the way the brethren will usually bring it around to man who say that the instruction was for him to preach the Bible.

The apostle tells us, "For I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and Him crucified."—First Cor. ii. 2. He would preach the Word; he would preach Christ, and Him crucified. Nothing else would he know, in the salvation of poor lost sinners. No other religious instruction would he give, only what Christ has authorized. Paul's preaching would be a very good example for the Lord's ministers to follow in this day.

Again the apostle said, "For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake."—Second Cor. iv. 5. In this the apostle tells us that we "preach Christ Jesus the Lord." In First Cor. i. 23 he says, "But we preach Christ crucified." It was the apostle who did the preaching. What did he preach? He preached Christ and Him crucified; he preached the Word.

If all who are professed Old Baptist preachers would put in their whole time doing this, and behave themselves when they are not in the pulpit, the Old Baptists would not be divided as they are, and more of the Lord's little children who are out in the world would be seen coming home to the old church, and love and sweet fellowship would abound, and sweet peace would reign in the camps of Israel. The Lord would be showering His

blessings down upon us, and this country would be a better place in which to live. We should try to mend our ways, if we have been doing otherwise. Suppose some of us try it and see what the result would be. Do not try it for just a few weeks or months, and then quit; it is a life-time job. Keep at it as long as you live; and that will not be too long.

C. H. C.

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HE SHALL SAVE

Psalm cxxxix. 15, 16; Isaiah liii.; Matt. i. 21; John x. 14-16; xiv. 17; Acts xiii. 48; xx. 28; Eph. v. 25; Heb. ix. 12; x. 15; Rev. xiii. 8; xvii 8; yes, John iii. 16 and Heb. ii. 9-13, and many more inspired expressions of truth, with every type of Christ in the Old Testament, teach us that Christ died for the elect, or those who will finally live with Him in heaven.

If the wicked one could break down God's purpose in the system of salvation, we wonder where there is any place of security on earth or in heaven, or whether God has made the resurrection and glorification of the saints a greater certainty than that of applying the grace of God in regeneration; or whether the all-powerful devil will break down and overthrow the grace of God while we live, but when we die he will let God take as many then as He wants to heaven. No, I am not criticizing; the devil has shown us we shouldn't do that for his sake.

No, the arm of the Lord is not shortened, that He cannot save. He is the Rock, and His work is perfect. He is able to save. "He shall save His people from their sins." This is the Christian hope, the ground of faith in this life, until God (as He surely will) destroys sin and the author of sin, because of His mighty power. Satan, yea, all the inhabitants of the earth, will be a very small thing.

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"...that the purpose of God according to election might stand."



By Elder Bobby Willis (Deceased)

Romans 9:11, "...that the purpose of God according to election might stand..."

The belief concerning what election is or what it is not, never ceases to amaze me.

There seems to be as many theories, opinions, or ideas as there are those who express their own private interpretation of what election consists of. These various thoughts and expressions did not come to the surface yesterday; they have been around practically as long as humanity.

One such idea is that Election means this: God is waiting upon man to accept Him as Lord and Saviour so that He (God) can then elect him to receive eternal life. Another opinion declares: God knows all things, therefore He knows who will and who won't accept Him, therefore He (God) elected all those He knew would accept Him as Saviour.

There are other thoughts which vary to some degree in all directions, but for the sake of space we will deal only with these two plus one. We will discuss it shortly.

The first idea results in a weak God that must depend upon man to do the accepting (or in this case - the saving). Otherwise, God is so dysfunctional that He cannot work the work of Salvation until man has first worked. That contradicts scripture: I John 4:19 says, "We love him, because he first loved us."

And, "all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?" (Daniel 4:35)

The second opinion again declares that God's love is dependent upon our righteous works which He witnessed due to His foreknowledge. His giving of eternal life is actually the consequence of our righteous behaviour which we would at some point in time commit. This is the WORKS System personified. Have they not read Ephesians 2:8-9? "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." By the way, Galatians 2:16 says

"that a man is not justified by the works of the law..." It goes on to say, "for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified."

How then are we saved and where does election come in? Notice Titus 3:5, "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost."

This grace is an unmerited favor which is bestowed on us who are undeserving of its saving power. How much so? The grace of God embodies His election (choice) of those He loved from before the foundation of the world. Some may deny this, but if they do, they are denying the Word of God.

Salvation of those loved by God is "According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,..." (Ephesians 1:4-5)

Therefore, election did not take place because of our righteousness or because of the false idea of God's dependence on man to accept Him, but rather it is according to the "good pleasure of his will..." When did God love His children which He elected to Salvation in Christ Jesus? Read those two verses in Ephesians 1:4-5 again: from "...before the foundation of the world..."

Surely we would be deserving of His grace. Not So! Ephesians 2:1 declares it plainly, "And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;..." That clarifies our sinful condition. So how did we come to be in that number which God loved and elected to eternal life and which Jesus died for on the cross of Calvary? Notice closely John 6:37 as it reads clearly, "...of all which he (God) hath given me (me is Jesus) I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day."

Now, Jesus just said that He wasn't going to lose any that God had given Him. That means that all who were chosen in Christ Jesus (elected), were washed in the blood of the Lamb of God.

Have you ever stopped to think how weak Jesus would be if He lost just one that God had given Him to redeem? That would mean Jesus failed to do the will of God.

However, the sweet promise is that He (Christ) will raise up all those who God loved and gave to the Son in the Covenant of Redemption. No dependence on man! No waiting to see what man might do before the election took place! No choice being made after creation! Your election (choice of God) was because He loved you before you were and before you were lovable (see Jeremiah 1:5). The wonder of election is that God in His mercy, loved any of humanity at all. We all, because of sin, are deserving of eternal torment.

With this being said, pay close attention to Revelation 1:5. "And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,..."

By this comes saving grace by the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. To Him be the praise for the truths of the electing love of our Father which is in Heaven. "Think About It!"

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**ANSWERS
BIBLE CROSSWORD PUZZLE
READ RIGHT TO LEFT**

ACROSS

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6. nogard
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12. sehsa
14. bor
16. sraey
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20. god
22. dne
24. rewol
25. elttob
26. kram

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2. denots
3. detsaw
4. srepaer
5. wef
6. deyortsed
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9. yraew
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13. rebos
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18. rewop
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YOU MIGHT BE A PRIMITIVE BAPTIST IF

(From a PB forum years ago)

- Your skin crawls when you go to a funeral and there is an altar call because that is what Bro. or Sis. so and so would want.
- You know that the gospel is not based on what you do but what Jesus did.
- You would just as soon be in a church meeting any given Saturday than anywhere else!
- You think that fried chicken is the closest thing to manna from heaven.
- You plan your calendar by the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and the occasional 5th Sundays of the month.
- If your children are a part of the service and not put somewhere else. It's all about family togetherness.
- When you think that twelve people in a church service is no big deal.

THE LORD LOOKS ON THE HEART

The Lord told Samuel that He had rejected Saul as king and to go to the house of Jesse, taking a horn of oil and anoint the one whom the Lord would name. Jesse brought his son Eliab to Samuel first thinking he surely would be the one. However, The Lord told Samuel he was not the one saying, "...Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart." (1 Sam. 16:7). It is not the outward appearance that counts but what resides within. Men can only look on the outward appearance but not so with the Lord.

This is not an indictment of Eliab of not being a child of God but not as the king to replace Saul. Jesse paraded seven of his sons before Samuel but none was the chosen one. Finally Jesse said, he had another son keeping the sheep. This lad, David, would be the one to be anointed by Samuel. God often chooses the weak things of the world to confound the wise.

Men cannot look on the outward appearance and judge what lies within the heart. They often jump to conclusions based on what they outwardly see and be wrong. Elder Sony Pyles said that "all the exercise some people get is jumping to conclusions". The Lord makes no mistake and He didn't with David.—*Editor*

CLOSING PRAYER

Gracious and glorious Lord, we bless Thee for the prospect, so glowing and glorious, that opens before us. We praise Thee that we have a home beyond the skies, an inheritance which Thou hast preserved in heaven for us, and of which we must assuredly take possession. Doubts and fears may prevail sometimes, and misgivings may arise: but we shall see Thy face with joy, we shall behold the King in His beauty, without an intervening cloud. And the sight will have a transforming effect: we shall be changed into the same likeness, the natural will be left behind, and we shall put on immortality. How delightful the consideration! Lord grant Thy children the sweet earnest of this: and command that peace that passeth all understanding—even that peace that flows through atoning blood—to rule and reign in their hearts.

We ask every blessing and every mercy in Thy name. Amen. Hull, Sunday evening, January 30, 1898.

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God be with you until, by God's grace, we meet again in the next Glad Tidings.