

# 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

Sometime we forget what a privilege and blessing it is to assemble as believers in Christ and worship him in spirit and in truth. David said long ago, “I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD.” (Psalm 122:1) Assemblies have been unbelievably disrupted because of the Covid pandemic and still some do not recognize the value of worshipping the God of glory. They had rather go to a baseball, basketball or football game than come into the assembly of the saints. There isn't anything wrong with participating in these activities; it is only when it interferes with our service to God that it becomes, yes, a sin. Jesus said, “But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.” (Matt. 6:33)

The Ethiopian eunuch was a man of great authority and he had been up in Jerusalem to worship when the Lord sent Phillip to Him. The distance from his home was approximately 1500 miles and he was riding in a chariot. Some people today can't even drive a few miles in nice automobile to worship the Lord. I have never gone 1500 miles but I have driven several hundred to be in worship service. The Lord sent Philip to him to bring him to the knowledge of the scripture he was reading in Isaiah, “...: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.” (Isa. 53:7) Philip began at that same scripture and preached unto him Jesus.

When we come into the house of God, there is a called minister of God to expound the scriptures and teach us about the One whom we have come to worship. We will never learn it all in our lifetime, but we are admonished to grow in grace and the knowledge of Jesus Christ. The Ethiopian eunuch was ready to be baptized in water after he was brought to the knowledge of Jesus Christ. He believed with all his heart which is a prerequisite for baptism. He went on his way rejoicing after he was baptized and Philip was caught away in the Spirit. We also can go on our way rejoicing after being fed from the word of God. The Psalmist said, “I rejoice at thy word, as one that findeth great spoil.” (Psalm 119:162) Be an encouragement to fellow believers and to the pastor by being in the house of God to worship and praise the Lord for His wonderful works toward the children of men.

Paul writes to the Hebrew Christians to encourage them to continue in their profession of faith in Christ and not revert back to Judaism and law worship. He says, “Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.” (Heb. 10:25) Assembling as a body of believers is one way we provoke unto love and good works and derive strength to endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. Don't take it for granted but take advantage of every opportunity to assemble and worship the Lord.

Ministers are called to feed the sheep, the church of God, which He hath purchased with His own blood. (Acts 20:28) If the sheep don't show up at feeding time, something is lacking in the true worship of God. God works in the sheep both to will and to do of His good pleasure; however, He doesn't do the will for them. They must do that for themselves. Some stay away from the house of God after a loss in the family, trying to recover in their sorrow and solitude. In reality they would be better off in worship of God and drawing strength from fellow believers.

When David's child with Bathsheba was sick, he fasted and wept in hopes that God would spare the child. He would not speak to anyone in this intense petition. After the child died, the servants were fearful of telling him, thinking of what he might do. However, David perceived from their demeanor that the child was dead. What did David do? “Then David arose from the earth, and washed, and anointed himself, and changed his apparel, and came into the house of the LORD, and worshipped: then he came to his own house; and when he required, they set bread before him, and he did eat.” (II Sam. 12:20) His servants couldn't understand but David said he fasted and wept in hopes the Lord would be gracious and spare his child but now he is dead. “...I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me.” (II Sam. 12:23)

We have been given much as children of God. We have been given eternal life; we have been given the church; we have been given the scriptures etc. However, the scriptures also say “But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes. For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required:...” (Luke 12:48) The Lord never requires anything considered unreasonable so may we all be about the Master's business and be blessed. (Elder Larry Wise)

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**AN APPEAL TO THE MINISTRY**

By Elder Walter Cash (Deceased)

(The following pages are taken from my work, "Practical Suggestions for Primitive Baptists." This work is out of print, but I have so many calls for it yet that I republish these pages here in response to the demand.)

Having briefly noticed some things pertaining to pastoral work and the preaching of the gospel, I will make this appeal to my brethren in the ministry. I trust that I feel the responsibility of the work, and think I know something of its weight and the sacrifices it requires.

There is no such thing as retiring a minister because of his age—he must wear out in the harness. He ought so to live that when he comes to the close of life it could be said of him that he had fought a good fight, that he had kept the faith. The memory and influence of this kind of a life should be esteemed a richer legacy than a fortune in this world's goods. To have faithfully devoted a life to serving the Lord's people is to have spent it well. It would be better to be remembered among the humble poor of the flock as a loving, firm and helpful pastor than to have one's name enrolled among the great of the earth. Preaching the gospel, and the pastor's ministration, are like giving cold water to the thirsty, and the Master has said to give one cup of water in His name shall be rewarded.

The minister of the gospel is not promised wealth nor ease, and none of us certainly could have entered upon the work with those in view. Then if wealth and ease fail to be our lot we should not feel

disappointed. The Lord called all His disciples to follow Him and we ought not to complain when the Lord Himself has gone before us. Self-servers have no business in the ministry. The minister of Christ must serve his Lord and his brethren, and sacrifice himself (2 Cor. 12:15). Personal interest must not be allowed to dictate to him what he shall do. He should ask with a prayerful heart what the Lord will have him to do, and when this has been decided there should be no appeal from it, either to serve self or to please men. This will not mean that one must be harsh with those who differ from him, or that he shall try to force them to the right way, for he must be "patient," willing to contend earnestly for the truth in love, bearing the weaknesses of the brethren for Christ's sake, not being overcome of their evil or wrong ways, but overcoming them with God. This is not a pleasant prospect to one who knows what human nature is, yet a minister should take this course. He should do so, feeling that the Lord can strengthen him and enable him to endure all things.

Brethren, what a great responsibility there is in leading the flock. In ancient times the leaders of the people caused them to err; and are they not as liable to do so now? One can but think of Israel when they were afflicted for David's sin, and apply the same words to the churches which are led astray by their pastors: "What have these sheep done?" It is not infrequently the case where pastors blame churches that they themselves are the cause of the disorder in the church. It may be the pastor's example has led them astray; or it may be he has not preached to them the whole counsel of God and has left them uninstructed on many things; and on some things that they knew to do, they have not been stirred up to diligence, and have fallen into fault; or seeing they were in a wrong practice he did not reprove them, or having reproved them once became passive and did not insist that they should follow the right. This course, though not generally considered as actually wrong, is perhaps as blameworthy as to go wrong and suffer others to follow, for it is the duty of the pastor to reprove and rebuke when necessary, If he shall fail to do this the Master will not hold him faultless.

It is, perhaps, too often the case the pastors do not feel proper responsibility for the churches and members. It would awaken pastors to greater diligence if they felt they were accountable in a great measure for disorder and declension in the churches. When John was directed to write to the seven churches he addressed the reproofs, admonitions, etc., to the "angel" or minister of each church. Can a minister feel he will not be held to account for his stewardship, when the Holy Ghost has given him oversight of a church to feed it and care for it?

Brother minister, as you look about you, do you not see many things in the churches that ought to be

corrected? And not only in the churches but in the lives of its members. All these you should strive to correct, but especially in the church you should see to it that it is after the divine pattern. It is not merely a difference of opinion between you and the brethren, in which they are likely to be right as you are, for then it would not be right to consider the matter as serious. But what the Bible teaches, you are not at liberty to surrender because some do not have the right views of the matter, for if you were, a preacher would not have to study what God's word teaches, but he would need to ascertain the mind of those to whom he was preaching and then either preach to suit them, or upon those points where they were at variance with the word of God, if his conscience would not permit him to go with them, simply keep silent upon those things. Would such a course be characteristic of a true servant of God? O, no, he must never, never, never give up the right! He must ever have it in view and be striving, not only to go toward it himself, but to bring others to it as well.

It should strengthen him in this struggle to know, and have full confidence in the fact, that God will be on the side of the right to bless and strengthen it. But you will "have need of patience that after you have done the will of God ye might receive the promise."—Heb. 10:36. We should not expect to receive the promise while still in disobedience.

The church our blessed Redeemer gave us should be preserved in form, and doctrine, and practice. How will you do this? By preaching on doctrine when you know that practice ought to be preached? When you go to a church should you ask, "What does this church need?" If a servant went out to care for sheep and there was plenty of corn in the troughs, but no water, and some were sick and needed attention, yet he poured in more corn and went away, would his course be approved? The Shepherd would say, "You should have given the thirsty (poor souls needing encouragement) water (spiritual instruction), and the diseased (erring ones) should have had medicine (correction)." *(To be continued)*

(From "Elder Walter Cash Autobiography")

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### EXCERPTS GLAD TIDINGS READER LETTERS

Elder Larry Wise,

Thank you for Glad Tidings.

Leta Dunn  
Windermere, FL

Bro. Larry,

I pray you and all your family and church family are doing well during these trying times.

I enjoy your paper and pray God will continue to bless you for your efforts. Enclosed is a donation for your paper.

In Christian Love,  
Sister Carol James  
Winona, MS

### EXCERPTS CONTINUED GLAD TIDINGS READER LETTERS

Bro. Larry,

We have really missed seeing all the brothers and sisters this past year. Hope that 2021 will be better for us to visit with our sister churches. We are sending just a small donation to help with the "Glad Tidings." May God continue to bless.

Love,  
Harold & Brenda Donahoo  
Kilmichael, MS

Dear Brother Larry,

Enclosed is my humble contribution to *Glad Tidings*. I pray you will be able to use it to help in continuing to spread the Gospel through this wonderful publication. . .

I know *Glad Tidings* is so important to so many people, and I pray that the publication will continue for years to come. Especially in the days we're going through, I'm sure people who can no longer get out to go to church and who don't have access to internet really appreciate your efforts to provide spiritual messages through *Glad Tidings*. I know it means a lot to me, and I appreciate all the hard work you put into it each month.

May God bless you and your family, and keep you all well and safe in the days ahead.

In Christian Love,  
Carol Wise Rushing  
Bartlett, TN

Dear Elder Wise,

Thank you for Glad Tidings. We look forward to receiving it each month. I hope this contribution from Chewalla Church will help with continued publication.

In Christian Love,  
Chewalla Church  
Potts Camp, MS  
Donnal Ash

Dear Elder Larry Wise,

I look forward every month to your publication. Thank you. I thank God for you.

I'm sorry my handwriting is so poor. I am 92 and have had many blessings in this life. We had to close Sharon Church because of deaths and members transferring their memberships until I was the only member left. I transferred my membership to the Primitive Baptist Church near Jefferson City, MO near where my daughters live.

May God continue to bless you.

Eloyce Noel  
St. Charles, MO

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Thanks to every individual and churches that have contributed toward the publication of Glad Tidings. I have done this since the year 2000. It is far more complex and expensive than when I first started but by your generosity and God's grace we've been able to continue, just taking it month by month.—*Editor*

**IS IT DEEP OR IS IT MUDDY?**

By Elder F. A. Chick (Deceased)

It has ever seemed to me that the preaching which the feeblest child of God could not understand was not worth preaching or hearing. I have heard some children of God say after listening to a sermon, "Oh, was not that deep preaching? I could not understand it at all". My conclusion has always been that the preaching was not so deep as it was muddy. Clear water can be seen at a great depth. I have seen pebbles glittering at the bottom of water fifty feet deep, but who can see into muddy water? I have desired to use such words and such illustrations as the most unlearned would know the meaning of it. I do not suppose I have always succeeded, but this has been my desire and aim. I think that all who are called of God to preach or write should seek for the plainest and simplest words, and not for high-sounding words and phrases. If the common people heard Jesus gladly, it was not only because of what He said, but also because of *the way He said it*; and Jesus' words and illustrations were always plain and simple.

This thought has impressed me deeply: If Christ be the wisdom of God, as He is said again and again to be, surely to know Christ is also our highest wisdom, and to preach Christ is to show more wisdom than all the princes of this world know. To preach anything is to descend to the wisdom of men, which is foolishness with God.

May God keep us all from the wisdom of the world, and help us to know more of Jesus and Him crucified.

F. A. Chick

*The Gospel Messenger* 1893(From "*Advocate and Messenger*", January, 1978)

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**WHAT JESUS LEFT**

Jesus left:

- His **purse** to Judas.
- His **clothes** to the soldiers.
- His **body** to Joseph of Arimathea.
- His **mother** to John.
- His **peace** to His disciples.
- His **supper** to His followers.
- His **gospel** to the world.
- His **presence** with God's children.
- And a **crown** for [you and] me.

(Copied: Author Unknown)

**Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness...** (2 Tim. 4:8). [Thank You, Jesus!]

(From "*The Christian Baptist*", Mar/Apr/May 2002)

"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." (John 14:27)—A peace that passeth all understanding.

**EXAMINE YOURSELVES!**

By Elder A. D. Wood (Deceased)

"Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves." This is a very short sentence in the Bible, but is very important that we make the examination in the text. The examination is whether you are in the faith? The faith could not mean anything other than what the Bible teaches the Lord's people. It does not matter if your opinion or what you believe is popular with the world—the child of God is responsible to God as to whether he is in the faith or not. Neither does it matter as to whether it is thought little of. The only thing to do about it is to "examine yourselves" as to whether ye be in the faith or not. If what you believe or practice is not in accord with the Bible, if you do not base your belief upon, or conform to the teachings of the Bible you are not in the faith! You should do something about it at once!

Prove or compare your faith with what is taught in the Bible! If it fits the pattern, then you are right—even if everyone else is against you. On the other hand, if your faith does not fit the pattern, though it might be popular with the world or your denomination you are not in the faith. Too many of the Lord's people are not doing what this text says do. The pitiful part is: Too many of our own people are careless in doing this thing.

There would be a great change with God's people in general if this examination was made with an attempt to set themselves in the faith. Perhaps, many of us ministers do not take this text as often as we should. I notice, in our schools, teachers are continually giving tests to see how the children are doing with their lessons and daily work. Suppose that each of us take the test that God requires at our hand. Then set things in order to the honor of God!

A. D. Wood

(From "*The Primitive Baptist*", June 16, 1949)

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**EXAMINE**

Examine is used five time in the scripture and is to test, prove and scrutinize but how would you like the Lord to examine you? This is exactly what David asked for in Psalm 26:2: "Examine me, O LORD, and prove me; try my reins and my heart." This exam would be perfect; could we stand the results?—*Editor*

**Something To Think About:***Deceased*

by Elder Bobby Willis ... 12-30-16  
**Life's Storm Portraits**

It had been a busy day for Jesus and His disciples (Mark 6:29-54). They had to deal with the beheading of John the Baptist. Jesus had taught them the Word of God (Mark 6:34), and when late afternoon came, Jesus manifested His power and glory by feeding we know 5000 men and possibly some 15,000 including women and children with five loaves and two fishes. Now, evening is approaching fast and Jesus sends His men away by boat to the other side of the lake.

There are a couple of reasons Jesus sent His men away at this time. The first had to do with the crowds Jesus had just fed. Jesus sent His men away to remove them from that kind of thinking. Jesus did not want them to get caught up in the frenzy over the miracles. The people only sought Him because He gave them bread. When the flesh gets the best of us today, we do the same and seek that which satisfies our immediate wants and do not consider that which pleases God.

Another reason Jesus sent the disciples away was so He could spend some time alone on the top of a mountain praying to His Father. He knew that the miracles and His popularity with the people would bring Him into direct conflict with the religious leaders and that intense persecution and eventually death were just around the corner. What a lesson for us! We should be people of prayer, either on a mountain where we can see the storms of life heading our way, or in our closet (Matthew 6:6), **“But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly”**.

A third reason for the disciples being sent away had to do with the disciples themselves. After all they had seen Jesus accomplish, they were still filled with doubts and unbelief. Jesus uses this storm to reveal His deity and power to His disciples one more time.

When this miracle is preached, the emphasis is often placed on the storms of life as we emphasize the truth that Jesus helps those in trouble. Those kinds of messages are well received because we live in a world of hurting people. There is a great word of

comfort here for those going through one of the storms of life. You are in one of three places in your life today. You are either in a storm, coming out of a storm or headed into a storm.

There are physical storms, mental storms, emotional storms and spiritual storms. There are storms in homes, marriages, at work and at church. There are storms that rage outwardly and there are storms that manifest themselves in the secret places of the heart.

Storms are part of our human existence, (Job 14:1), **“Man that is born of a woman is of few days and full of trouble.”** Ecclesiastes 2:22-23, **“For what hath man of all his labour, and of the vexation of his heart, wherein he hath laboured under the sun? 23 For all his days are sorrows, and his travail grief; yea, his heart taketh not rest in the night. This is also vanity.”** Storms touch every part of our lives. We all find ourselves in stormy situations from time to time and these verses offer help and hope for those passing through a stormy time of life.

We are told that Jesus **“constrained”** His men in Mark 6:45 to get in the ship and cross the sea. The word **“constrained”** means **“to drive or to force”**. Did He know a storm was coming? Of course! What you and I need to remember today, as we face our own stormy times, is the truth that God stands with us in all the storms of our lives. David said in Psalm 107:19, **“Then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble, and he bringeth them out of their distresses.”** David also reminds us of what we should **do in times of troubling storms in Psalm 107:28-30, “He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still. Then are they glad because they be quiet; so he bringeth them unto their desired haven.”**

These men were in unbelievable stress as they labored against the sea. Even the wind was **“contrary”** which means **“in the face”**. They were fighting for their very lives on the sea and Jesus saw it all. Jesus knew their condition. He knew what they faced and, He cared for them and for their safety. Saints of God, you have not been abandoned in the storms of your life! The Lord Himself is praying for you at the throne of God (Hebrews 7:25). It sure does comfort my heart to know that the Lord is making intercession for me in Heaven!

Isn't it true that the storms of life terrify us? Isn't it true that often the Lord will come to us, walking on the very waves we fear? I thank God for the times He has **“whispered sweet peace to me”** in the midst of a storm in my life! If we can just learn to recognize His presence, even while we are in a storm, we can have that peace **“which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”** **“Think About It!”**

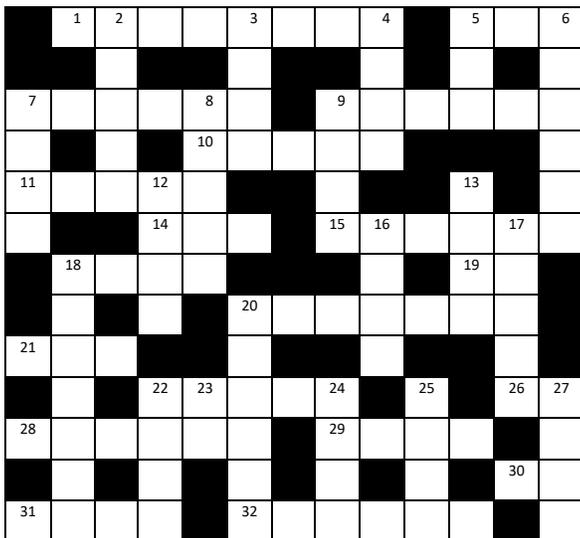
Elder Bobby Willis

Share The Word

**BIBLE CROSSWORD PUZZLE**

**ACROSS:**

1. The king's hairs were grown like eagles' \_\_\_\_.
5. Abraham saw a \_\_\_\_ caught in thicket by its horns.
7. Ehud used a \_\_\_\_ in his left hand to stab Eglon (king of Moab) in the belly.
9. Whence art thou? But Jesus gave him no \_\_\_\_.
10. Ye ask and receive not because ye ask \_\_\_\_.
11. Master which is the \_\_\_\_ commandment in the law.
14. If I make my \_\_\_\_ in hell behold thou art there.
15. Blind man was told to go wash in the pool of \_\_\_\_.
18. Wherein I suffer trouble as an evil \_\_\_\_ said Paul.
19. \_\_\_\_ many as I love I rebuke and chasten.
20. Remember the \_\_\_\_ and keep it holy. Day of rest.
21. How \_\_\_\_ shall my brother sin against me and I forgive him? Till seven times?
22. If it be a shame for a woman to be \_\_\_\_ or shaven let her be covered.
26. Even \_\_\_\_ Father for it seemed good in thy sight.
28. Which hope we have as an \_\_\_\_ of the soul.



(Answers on Page 8)

29. He that hath \_\_\_\_ to hear let him hear. Not eyes.
30. \_\_\_\_ know we have passed from death to life.
31. The spirit searcheth all things, yea, the \_\_\_\_ things of God. Not shallow.
32. When they shall say Peace and safety; then \_\_\_\_ destruction cometh upon them. Not gradual.

**DOWN:**

2. As an \_\_\_\_ stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings. Bald \_\_\_\_.
3. Touch not thy anointed; do thy prophets no \_\_\_\_.
4. Beloved now are we the \_\_\_\_ of God. Offsprings.
5. The Passover was not to be eaten \_\_\_\_ Uncooked.
6. Sister of Moses who became leprous one time.
7. Even the \_\_\_\_ eat of the crumbs that fall from their master's table. Canines.
8. Seed to the sower and bread to the \_\_\_\_ Devourer.
9. The poison of \_\_\_\_ is under their lips.

**BIBLE CROSSWORD PUZZLE**

**DOWN:**

12. His works were righteous; his brother's evil.
13. Aaron was to bring the \_\_\_\_ upon which the Lord's lot fell and offer him for a sin offering.
16. \_\_\_\_ him we live, move and have our being. \_\_\_\_ ye perfect as our Father is perfect. 2 words.
17. Dust unto dust and ashes unto \_\_\_\_ say some.
18. Paul was set for the \_\_\_\_ of the gospel.
20. When the \_\_\_\_ of life are raging stand by me.
22. Jesus was in the hinder part of the \_\_\_\_ asleep.
23. \_\_\_\_ ye that thirsteth, come ye to the waters,
24. Your Father knoweth what things ye have \_\_\_\_ of before ye ask.
25. Ye shall know the truth; it shall make you \_\_\_\_.
27. \_\_\_\_ my eyes that I may see wondrous things out of thy law.

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**OUT OF THE MOUTH OF BABES**

When we keep our two grandsons, Isaac (age 6) and Eli (age 1 ½), my son Joseph sometimes pushes them around the house in my chair that I set in which is an office chair on wheels. They love to wear Joseph out going from room to room in that chair. Isaac was out of the rolling chair and sitting on the couch while Joseph and Eli were down the hall in the next room. I asked him what he was waiting on. He quickly replied, "Oh, I'm just waiting for the taxi to arrive." He got back in the chair (taxi) when Joseph and Eli came back into the living room.—*Editor*

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**EXCERPTS  
GLAD TIDINGS READER LETTERS**

Elder Wise,

I'm enclosing a small donation for your good paper that I look forward to getting each month here in my room at the "Assisted Living Place."

What a blessing I enjoyed this past Sunday morning! We were finally allowed to leave the building and go to church (New Hope) here in Milan. I heard Elder Mike Roberts (our pastor) preach so ably. And to see many of my church friends.

We do not realize what all this means until we are without it.

Love and Prayers,  
Doris W. Smith  
Milan, TN

Dear Elder Wise,

Enjoy your Glad Tidings very much. Sorry to be so slow in sending this. Ernie hasn't been doing too well.

Ernie Stump  
Birmingham, AL

**CHURCH NEWS**

Everyone is invited to Bethany Primitive Baptist Church, Ecrú, MS for their Communion Meeting the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in May, 2021. Services Friday night, May 14, at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday night, May 15, at 6:30 p.m. preceded by a fish supper at 5:00 p.m. Sun. May 16, at 10:00 a.m. with Communion, then lunch. Elder Mark Quarles, Madison, MS is invited minister. Elder Larry Wise is Pastor of Bethany.

Beulah Primitive Baptist Church, Sallillo, MS would like to invite everyone to our annual meeting (May 28-29). It will be on the weekend of the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in May, 2021. Friday night, May, 28, supper at 6:00 p.m. and worship services at 7:00 p.m. Saturday morning, May 29<sup>th</sup>, starting at 10:00 a.m. with lunch and an afternoon service at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, May 30, services start at 10:30 a.m. with lunch following. Lord willing we are to have Elder Ronald Lawrence from TN and Elder Philip Conley from GA with us. We would love to have everyone come and worship with us and we desire your prayers if you cannot make it for the services.—Elder Tony Lester, Pastor

We would like to invite everyone to Harmony Primitive Baptist Church, Tupelo, MS to our annual meeting the first weekend in May, 2021. Services Friday night, April 30, starting at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday morning, May 1, at 10:00 a.m. No meals at either service. Sunday morning, May 2, at 10:30 a.m. with communion following service. No Lunch. Lord willing we plan to have Elder Mark Quarles from MS and Elder James Isaacs from AR with us. We would love to have everyone come and worship with us and we desire your prayers if you cannot make it for the services.—Elder Tony Lester, Pastor

Elder Jonathan Wise, New Albany, MS will be with Bethany Primitive Baptist Church, Ecrú, MS the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in May, 2021 (May 30) with services starting at 10:30 a.m. Elder Larry Wise is Pastor of Bethany.

The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday night Fellowship Meeting in May, 2021 (May 30) will be hosted by New Prospect Primitive Baptist Church, New Albany, MS, with service beginning at 5:30 p.m. There will be no supper prior to beginning of service. Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church isn't hosting extra services other than Sunday worship for the present time due to virus; they were scheduled to host the meeting in May. This meeting rotates between New Prospect, Laodicea, Bethany and Hopewell Primitive Baptist churches. Elder Rusty Wise is the Pastor of New Prospect.

“Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.” (II Tim. 4:2)

**CHURCH NEWS**

Everyone is invited to the meeting at New Prospect Primitive Baptist Church, Fairgrounds RD, New Albany, MS the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in June, 2021 (June 4-6) Services Friday night, June 4, at 7:30 p.m. Services Saturday, June 5, at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, June 6, at 10:30 a.m. Elder Jeff Winfrey, Dawson Springs, KY is invited minister. Elder Rusty Wise is Pastor of New Prospect.

Clear Springs Primitive Baptist Church, Maben, MS will have their annual meeting on Saturday, August, 28, 2021. Services start at 10:00 a.m. followed by lunch and afternoon services at 1:30 p.m. This is an open meeting. The church is currently without a pastor but Elder David Wise will be assisting during the meeting.

**IN MEMORIAM**

Elder Gerald (Jerry) DuBard, Durant, MS, entered into glory on March 17, 2021 at the age of 74 after a long battle with cancer. He is survived by his wife, Sandy DuBard, daughter, Kandi DuBard and brother, Elder Dwayne DuBard. He was a member of Big Springs Primitive Baptist Church and served several churches over the years. Pray for his family and friends that mourn his passing.

“But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.” (Matt. 9:36-38)

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**MOTHERS**

By Elder Larry Wise  
From May 2019 *Glad Tidings*

They say a mother's work is never done,  
Yet, she finds the time to have some fun.  
Under the fun is a diligent heart of love,  
Which she knows came only from above.

She loves the Lord first, and most of all,  
He came to earth; saved her from the fall.  
She loves her family and church on earth,  
Gifts to be cherished for all they're worth.

A true mother's virtue is quite a treasure,  
Virtue and love only God can measure.  
Thank the Lord for mothers He gives,  
It's proof positive that ever He lives!

**CONFORMED**



By Elder Rickey Taylor  
Booneville, Mississippi

Romans 8:29: **“For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.”**

The word conformed means to fashion oneself to a pattern. There are two examples of conformed taught in the word of God. The first example is taught in our text. God the Father will someday conform us like unto his Son Jesus Christ. We have been predestinated to this conformation. God foreknew us even before the foundation of the world, and he set up a destiny that eventually we will be like unto Jesus Christ. Romans 8:30 tells us that this is when we will be glorified in the body. Romans 8:30 **“Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.”** The glorification event has not yet come to pass. However we do have the promise from God that it will come to pass, someday in the future Philippians 3:21 **“Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.”** Again the word fashion means conformed here in Philippians. This conformation will be done solely by the hand of God without any effort on our part.

The second example of conformation is taught in Romans 12:1-2: **“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.”**

This conformation mentioned here in verse two is different than God conforming us through no effort of our own. This type will take effort from us and will be here in this time world. In verse one Paul is telling us to present our bodies a living sacrifice. To do this will require effort from us; that effort will involve sacrifice of our bodies in a spiritual way to worship God. Sacrifice such as our leisure time on Sundays to

attend worship service in our church. A body in the pew is a living sacrifice. Our bodily presence seen there will be encouragement to others to come and be there. Little bit by little bit these daily sacrifices will conform us from following our fleshly nature to following the examples that our Savior set for us in the scriptures. This conformation is following a pattern that is given to us. Similar to how Moses built the tabernacle in the wilderness. Hebrews 8:5 **“Who serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, that thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount.”** Moses was instructed to build the tabernacle after the pattern God had given him on the Mount. We conform or fashion ourselves spiritually here by following the pattern of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Where do we get the pattern? From the scriptures, sitting under the preaching of the gospel, and learning examples from one another. Just as a builder would build a house according to the pattern given him through following the blueprints of a home that he is building.

Lord we look forward to that day of the great conformation where we will be like unto Jesus Christ your Son. Till then O Lord give us strength to follow the great pattern, be like unto Christ while here in this time world.  
R.L Taylor

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**ANSWERS  
BIBLE CROSSWORD PUZZLE**

**ACROSS:**

- 1. srehtaef
- 5. mar
- 7. reggad
- 9. rewsna
- 10. ssima
- 11. taerg
- 14. deb
- 15. maolis
- 18. reod
- 19. sa
- 20. htabbas
- 21. tfo
- 22. nrohs
- 26. os
- 28. rohcna
- 29. srae
- 30. ew
- 31. peed
- 32. neddus

**DOWN:**

- 2. elgae
- 3. mrah
- 4. snos
- 5. war
- 6. mairim
- 7. sgod
- 8. retae
- 9. spsa
- 12. leba
- 13. taog
- 16. ebni
- 17. sehsa
- 18. ecnefed
- 20. smrots
- 22. pihs
- 23. oh
- 24. deen
- 25. eerf
- 27. nepo

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One day we'll be like Christ. He was once like us but with no sin. **“And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.”** (Phil. 2:8)—*Editor*

**WILL POWER**

By Elder R. H. Pittman (Deceased)

The will power of man should not be *underestimated*, nor should it be *overestimated*. We teach the young that “Where there is a will there is a way.” There is much truth in this. To be determined to win an object is half the battle. It is the person with strong will power that makes an impression on the age. The “I will try” spirit is commendable. The “I can’t” spirit never leads to success.

But we should confine such teaching to the things of the world. We should not teach people that they can, by their own will power, take the kingdom of God. Heaven is not obtained by the will of man. As Elder Dalton once said, “We don’t go to heaven by main strength and awkwardness.” In the resurrection our bodies will not be raised by the will power of man; nor are we raised from death in sin to life in Christ by our will power. Lazarus came from the grave, but not by the power of his will. Paul quit the service of sin and entered the service of the Lord, but not by his power or will. He says, “By the grace of God I am what I am.” “It is not of him that willeth. Nor of him that runneth. But of God that showeth mercy” (Rom 9:16). Christ said to some, “Ye will not come to me that ye might have life.” How long will it take a man to do that which he will not do?

But the “Free-Willer” who believes that heaven and eternal glory is obtained by the power of the human will says, “Whosoever will may come.” And so he can in the sense of the Scripture. “Whosoever will, let him take of the water of life freely.” It is the *water of life* the willing one takes freely—not life. It is the living, naturally, who take the water of this material kingdom freely. Thirst makes us appreciate water. The *living* thirst—the *dead* do not. If we hunger and thirst for righteousness, and want to be more like Jesus and love and serve Him, we have been born again from above. We are new creatures. We are *spiritual* as well as *natural*. We have a will to go to Jesus. “Whosoever will”—*whosoever has the will to come*, let *him* come. God’s children *have* the will when regenerated. The natural man has not the will. Paul says, “The natural man receiveth not the things of the spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him; neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.”

And, dear reader, do not forget that this coming to Jesus is not in order to *get* spiritual life, but because one *has* spiritual life and come to Him to enjoy the water of life—to feast on the bread of life, to receive comfort, consolation, peace and all spiritual blessings. In order for one to go from death in sin to life in Jesus or go to Jesus in this sense, he must be drawn. No man can do this of himself. Christ says, “No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him.” He again says, “All the Father giveth me *shall* come to me.” Here is sure

salvation for those who feel without strength—for every hungering, thirsting, sorrowing one who calls upon the Lord for help, and worships Him in spirit and in truth. When they are weak, then are they strong (See II Cor. 12:10)—weak in self, strong in Jesus. And when thus blest with life and love and faith, we can labor in His kingdom here on earth to His glory and our own good. May we do it. Let us say with the poet:

I will start anew this morning, with a higher, fairer creed,  
I will cease to stand complaining of my ruthless neighbor’s greed,

I will cease to sit repining while my duty’s call is clear,  
I will waste no moment whining and my heart shall know no fear.

I will look sometimes about me for the things that merit praise,

I will search for hidden beauties that elude the grumbler’s gaze,

I will try to find contentment in the paths that I must tread,  
I will cease to have resentment when another moves ahead.

I will not be swayed by envy when my rival’s strength is shown,

I will not deny his merit, but I’ll strive to prove my own,  
I will try to see the beauty spread before me, rain or shine—

I will cease to preach *your* duty, and be more concerned with mine.

---Elder R. H. Pittman, *Zion’s Advocate*, 1916

(From “*Advocate and Messenger*”, February, 2006)

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**THE WORD MADE FLESH**

---August 14, 1906

There is a precious sweetness in the thought that the Word was made flesh. We are all poor sinners, having violated God’s law in Adam. When Adam sinned, we all sinned in him, for we are only Adam multiplied. Now, that the law of God has been violated, if we ever enter the portals of eternal glory the demands of that broken law must be met. The law must be satisfied. All the debt we owe to divine justice must be paid. Not only so, but there must be righteousness for us. As we have broken the law, we are already guilty; so we can have no righteousness of our own to plead that is sufficient of thyself. And now, having done all this for us, thou hast arisen from the dead and ascended to glory, there to appear in the presence of God for us, to intercede for thy people according to the Father’s will. Oh, blessed Redeemer, thou knowest when we are tempted and when we need thy prayers. Then thou wilt pray or intercede for us when we are in need. Let us cast all our care on Jesus, having the sweet assurance that He careth for us. Dear brethren, hold up your heads, and press onward in the service of our adorable King. He knoweth all your trials and difficulties, and will never leave thee nor forsake thee. Remember us in your prayers. Pray the Lord to direct us aright and to sustain us in all our trials. C. H. C. Cayce Editorials

**CHARGE THE RICH**

By Elder J. Harvey Daily (Deceased)

Paul said to Timothy, "Charge them that are rich" (1<sup>st</sup> Tim. 6:17). A majority of our ministers speak with boldness in exhorting the poor of their duty, but when they come to "charge them that are rich," they hesitate. They should fear God and not man. There is deceit and hypocrisy enough in us to influence us to seek to please man rather than God, but we should fear God and be faithful to our trust.

No minister is justified in having something against a brother and throwing at him from the pulpit, but should go to him personally. However, when a text like this one is presented to him, he should try to deal with it in the fear and favor of God. "Charge them that are rich in this world." It does not say, "Not *any* rich," but "Not *many* mighty, not *many* noble are called," and they are to be exhorted.

The apostle knew that riches are a sort of backbone to a man's pride, hence he said, "Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not high-minded." It is hard for men to be blessed with much of this world's goods and not imagine that they excel others. When riches prompt God's people to pride, self-conceit, and self-importance, God will reprove and rebuke them in their conscience, and if this fails to humble them, they become barren and unfruitful.

Exhort "That they do good, that they be rich in good works." Folks generally will give plenty of that which is cheap to the cause of God. They are ready to give talk and plenty of that which costs nothing, but when their religious service begins to cost much, they grumble at the expense. They who manifest love to the brethren to the extent of their ability will receive at the Lord's hands the blessings promised, and thus they lay hold on eternal life. (Verse 19). The humble child of God may lay up treasures in heaven and receive a sense of manifested love and grace in the heart, and know that "It is more blessed to give than to receive." God loves such giving as this and will bless the giver.

"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might." Sometimes it comes upon one's mind to give so and so, and perhaps if you delay it about five minutes, you will find Mr. Self very busy in your mind. If we are impressed to do anything for one of God's little children, selfishness and covetousness may put it off, but God will have you carry that brother on your back (so to speak) until it is done. You may get rid of it, but by and by it will come to your mind and there it is again. However it is wonderful that these things do not separate us from the love and covenant of God, nor destroy our hope in the mercy and grace given us in Christ. In spite of our weakness His covenant and promises cannot fail. God help us to enjoy these things while we live, and die in the triumph of a living faith.—Elder J. Harvey Daily, *The Primitive Monitor*, 1946  
(From "Advocate and Messenger", May, 1995)

**PROOF OF DISCIPLESHIP**

*By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.—John xiii. 35*

It is so easy to misquote a text—I'm guilty, and that's how I know. I know I have sometimes misquoted the above text, and heard others do the same. It is so common to say, "If ye have love one for another." Well, what's the difference? The difference would be about like this: One man might have one hundred dollars for me and never get it to me; another man may get the one hundred dollars to me; and I'm sure I would be benefited more by the hundred dollars that is given to me than by the hundred the man has for me and still never gets it to me. Thus it is important to note that the text says, "If ye have love one to another." It would be well, too, to notice the text doesn't say, "by this shall ye be my disciples," but "by this shall all men know that ye are my disciples." It is one thing to be the Lord's disciple and quite another thing for others to know that ye are that. To love in word is good, but to love in deed is better. First John iii. 13 reads, "My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth." It is a little difficult for me to believe that if I love my brother that I am not to tell him so, but rather I think it means not to stop at that. If I tell a brother that I love him, then I should prove by my actions that I really do love him. Many men have told me they love to hear me preach. Well, I'm human, and of course that makes me feel good; but when they never make any effort to get where they can hear me, how am I to believe they were sincere in what they said? The one who always goes to my appointments when it is reasonable is the one who proves he enjoys hearing me preach. The man who proves he loves me for the truth's sake is the one who proves himself to be the Lord's disciple. J. H. Keaton  
(From "The Primitive Baptist", August 17, 1939)

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**ONE LITTLE ROSE**

**I would rather** have one little rose  
From the garden of a friend,  
Than to have the choicest flowers  
When my stay on earth must end.

**I would rather** have one pleasant word  
In kindness said to me,  
Than flattery when the heart is still  
And life has ceased to be.

**I would rather** have a loving smile  
From friends I know are true,  
Than tears shed round my casket  
When this world I've bid adieu.

**Bring me** all your flowers today  
Whether pink, or white, or red;  
I'd rather have one blossom now  
Than a truck load when I'm dead!

--Author Unknown

(From "ITMS", May, 2013)

**INCORRUPTIBLE**

By Elder Larry Wise  
Randolph, Mississippi

Mankind has been corrupt since Adam ate of the forbidden fruit and transgressed in the Garden of Eden. They had gotten so corrupt once that God repented that He had made man and sent a worldwide flood that destroyed all humans except Noah and his family (8 people). This flood didn't stop the corruption because one of the first things Noah did after the flood was plant a vineyard and get drunk from the wine thereof. Mankind has gone downward ever since in this spiral of death and destruction.

Man is a corrupt tree by nature and cannot change its corruption without Divine intervention. Jesus said, "Either make the tree good, and his fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by his fruit." (Matt. 12:33) Jesus went on to call these people He was speaking to "a generation of vipers" who were evil and could not speak good things because out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. (Matt. 12:34) It is an utter impossibility for anyone to change their corrupt nature by any act or deed. Jeremiah tells how impossible it is, "Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? then may ye also do good, that are accustomed to do evil." (Jer. 13:23)

Mankind is corrupt and has a heart problem that can only be changed by someone who is (unlike them) incorruptible. This someone is the Word of God (Jesus Christ). Peter writes to the elect strangers and exhorts them to love one another with a pure heart fervently. They were to love with a "pure heart" not a hard and deceitful heart. How could they do this? It is as Peter says, "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever." (I Pet. 1:23) They were already born again with a new and pure heart by the word of God.

This word of God here is not as most Christians believe and think the written word of God known as the scriptures. Jesus said one time to "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me." (John 5:39) The scriptures give testimony of eternal life and doesn't impart the same. However Jesus said, "It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and

they are life." (John 6:63) This same Jesus John tells us was in the beginning with God and was God. Then John tells us more about this Word, "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth." (John 1:14) Jesus was conceived by the Holy Ghost and thus was the only one ever born as incorruptible. Peter goes on to further clarify by saying this Word endureth forever and was not the gospel but was the word which by the gospel was preached unto them. Jesus Christ and Him crucified was the preaching message.

Man in his corrupt state is not fitted for a Heavenly environment thus the necessity of being born again just as Jesus told Nicodemus. Every person and thing on earth is subject to corruption but not so with the elect's inheritance in glory. Peter describes this which was made certain by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, "To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you," (I Pet. 1:4) Sin causes corruption but in this Heavenly inheritance there is no sin; consequently, we have no death, sorrow or crying. Who is it that has obtained this inheritance that is incorruptible? The scripture doesn't leave us in the dark. "In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:" (Eph. 1:11) Paul is writing to the saints in Ephesus, the called of God. So we see it is the foreknown of God, predestinated of God, Justified of God, called of God and finally glorified of God that will be with Him forever. (Rom. 8:29-30)

These earthly bodies are corrupt and ultimately will go the way of all the earth and will decay in the grave. However, there is a body beyond the grave that will be raised like the glorious body of Christ. Paul writes, "Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself." (Phil. 3:21) Paul also says there are bodies celestial and bodies terrestrial; there is a glory of the sun, moon and stars and one star differs from another star in glory "So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption:" (I Cor. 15:42) We shall all be changed whether alive when Jesus returns or in the grave. "In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory." (I Cor. 15:53-54) We'll all finally be incorruptible!

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