

# Glad Tidings

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*“Buy the truth, and sell it not.” (Prov. 23:23)*

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**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

We live in a world that is accustomed to things being done instantly. We have instant mashed potatoes, instant pudding and instant communication via computer or telephone. All this leads to a lack of patience which is a virtue that we all need. We need patience to wait at the doctor's office, wait in line at Wal-Mart or at a restaurant. However, most Christians want patience instantly because they expect things to be done in an instant manner.

Biblical patience, however, does not come on instant demand. Some might say they don't want patience because it entails going through some kind of tribulation. It is true that tribulation worketh patience and the trying of our faith worketh patience but patience can be enjoyed without any kind of trauma. Faith is the foundation of patience and that is why Peter tells the elect to add to their faith. What are the saints to add to faith? They are to add virtue, knowledge, temperance, **patience**, godliness, brotherly kindness and charity. (II Pet. 1:5-7) When the righteous add these things and abound in them, they become neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of God and the Lord Jesus Christ. Those that lack these things are blind and have forgotten they have been purged from their sins.

Paul tells us we are saved by hope but hope that is seen is not hope. But if we hope for that we see not, we do with patience wait for it. We cannot speed up or delay the second coming of the Lord. However, we are saved from despair by knowing that it will happen and that keeps our souls from being permanently cast down. The farmer sows the seed but he must patiently wait for the germination, the growth and the final harvest. James gives us a similar comparison concerning the second coming of the Lord. "Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain." (Jam.5:7)

The Bible tells us that God is a God of patience and longsuffering and that, if it be His will, He can grant patience to His beloved bride. Paul writes, "Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus:" (Rom. 15:5) The purpose of this granting was these saints could and would with one mind and one mouth glorify God, the Father of Jesus Christ.

We are to lay aside every weight and the sin that doth so easily beset us and run our Christian race with patience looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith. (Heb. 12:1) If things aren't going as we had hoped and we are about ready to give up then we consider Jesus as the perfect example of patience and longsuffering. "For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds." (Heb. 12:3) Jesus did not grow weary in doing the will of God, but we sometimes grow weary, being the sinners we are. The scriptures don't leave us in doubt what to do. "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." (Gal.6:9)

There were those who befriended the apostle Paul and had compassion of him in his bonds. They took joyfully the spoiling of their goods, knowing within themselves they had in heaven a better and enduring substance. Paul follows this up and commends it as an example of faith and patience. "Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward. For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise." (Heb. 10:35-36) These Hebrew Christians needed patience to maintain faith in Jesus Christ and not revert to law worship.

When we actually go through tribulations and persecution, we might have a tendency to wilt under the heavy load. The brethren in Thessalonica had evidently been through much persecution and also tribulation but Paul commended them for how they responded under such duress. "So that we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that ye endure:" (II Thess. 1:4) They endured all afflictions as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. They could rest with the apostle Paul in their trouble because the Lord Jesus would be revealed from heaven taking vengeance on them that know not God and obey not the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. (II Thess. 1: 7-9)

The Lord can come to our rescue instantly but oft times we must patiently wait for the ultimate deliverance. The Psalmist said, "Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all." (Psalm 34:19) Some decisions require instant thinking but others need to be spread before the Lord in prayer and supplication, followed by a patient waiting on the Lord. May God give us grace to patiently wait on the Lord! (Elder Larry Wise)

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**WE WAR AGAINST THE FLESH**



By Elder Rickey Taylor  
Booneville, Mississippi

**"I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me." Romans 7:21**

The child of God will have wars which hinders as he tries to put his best foot forward in serving the Lord who has redeemed him. It is our desire, to serve God the very best that we can. We teach our children to serve him, as we raise them in the nurture and admonition of God. Yet it is not guaranteed that we or they will persevere, win every battle, or always come out the way we planned. We are born of the Spirit at some time in our lives. When that happens we have two natures in us, always striving one against the other, tugging at us to go one way or the other. One nature is of the Spirit of God, leading us to serve the Master, our Lord in heaven. The other is a nature we inherited from our father Adam, the fleshly nature, a sinful nature, pulling at us to come serve the flesh, leaving the principles of God behind.

Every child of God wars with us, every day of their lives. I struggle with it, you struggle with it. If we chose to serve the flesh, which we sometimes do, then the chastening hand of God will be upon us. **"For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?"** Heb. 12:6-7

God loves his children with an everlasting love, even when they are disobedient; his chastisement of them is because of his love for them. Just as any loving parents would chasten their children, God is no different on this.

Paul also suffered in his battles with his own fleshly nature, he clearly points out, that there were times he failed, and he had the best of intentions but failed when he gave in to his flesh. When he came to the full realization that the flesh had kept him from serving his God, he declares himself as a wretched man! Rom. 7:24 Not even the great Apostle was guaranteed that he would always persevere in his service to God.

I believe that there is a great number that will inherit everlasting glory. Most of the human races are children of God. They have this fleshly and spiritual nature that war against each other, and this is the cross each has to bare. A lot of God's children will not persevere in their service to God. They will fail, and those that do, will miss out on the blessings they could have enjoyed here in this time world by following after the Spirit and not after the flesh. However, they will not miss out on glory, because God wills them to be with him in everlasting glory. That is why he sent his Son to die for them. Jesus came to do the Father's will and is the surety that all of his children will be housed in Heaven.

I realize that there are some even among those that believe the doctrine of grace, yet do not believe that the number in heaven will be large, but rather small compared to the entire human race. I do not resent their views; even agree that those who do not persevere don't deserve to go to heaven. But who among us does deserve to go to heaven? I believe that anyone who wants to go to heaven will go. Just the mere fact that they want to go, shows something that is within them desiring to be with God. I don't believe God places the desire in one, and then cast one away. That desire is a fruit of the Spirit! Some have said that those of us which preach that those housed in heaven, even though they failed to persevere, are teaching a doctrine known as antinomianism or antinomian singular. Webster tells us that antinomianism is: "Those who believe the doctrine that faith alone without obedience to moral law is necessary for salvation". Even this definition doesn't describe the Old Baptist belief for this is insinuating some kind of work for eternal salvation,

whether through faith or obedience, is necessary for salvation. Brothers and Sisters this is not the way of salvation for God's children. There is only one way that God's children have obtained salvation, and it is not through our faith or obedience, but by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ! Acts 15:11

This is the teaching of the Old Baptist Church, and always has been since Christ established his church here on earth. Yes, there will be, as John said, a number which no man can number in the sweet by and by and are redeemed by the Lamb that is worthy to redeem. Not one of God's children will be lost, not even one will be left out by the Lord, and none shall pluck them from his hand. If it was such a small number, one would think that Jesus would not have taken the time to say, that even among that vast number, He will have with Him in glory, not one will be missing! (John 6:40 Rev. 7:9) I will not apologize for my belief in that great number, it is a consoling thought to me, that so many who stumble and fall in their service to God, will nonetheless be with God to live with him and his Son forever, a happy day is indeed coming for us! So until that time we will war with the flesh, we will suffer chastisement, we will be rewarded of God when we do right, but in the end, we shall all meet on that beautiful shore! Rick Taylor  
(From "The GOODNEWS Newsletter", March, 2008)

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### THINKING OF OTHERS

As Gandhi stepped aboard a train one day, one of his shoes slipped off and landed on the track. He was unable to retrieve it as the train was moving. To the amazement of his companions, Gandhi calmly took off his other shoe and threw it back along the track to land close to the first. Asked by a fellow passenger why he did so, Gandhi smiled. "The poor man who finds the shoe lying on the track will now have a pair he can use.

**Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.** (Phi. 2:5)  
(From *House to House, Heart to Heart*: Author Unknown via *The Christian Baptist* March/April/May 2002)

### A SOFT ANSWER

Did you ever notice how completely a calm answer takes the wind out of the sails of one who has been harsh and abusive? He didn't expect to receive a soft answer, and your superior manner and calmness was probably contrary to his experience. But its effect on him was like that of oil on troubled waters. It immediately soothed and disarmed him, his resentment died away, and he was his natural self again.

Try an answer of unexpected mildness on your next assailant—you will like the experiment. (From *Voice For Health, March/April 1998* via *Christian Baptist*, Mar-May 2002)

### IT IS FINISHED

Christ said, "It is finished," and gave up the Ghost (John 19:30). These are the last words of the Saviour before His death on the cross.

But He has spoken to sinners since that time and gave them life — divine or spiritual life.

He finished His work that the Father sent Him to do. Christ did not come to do our work. He came to do His work. He did His work without our help but we can't do our work without His help. All of God's children in the militant kingdom here has a little work to do, but the Lord does not require us to do without Him; without Him we can do nothing, but through Him we do all things He requires of us, Jesus Christ strengthening us.

Jesus does not require us to save souls or help Him save souls, but Christ came to do that. "Christ came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief," Paul said. We believe Paul. We agree with Paul. Paul was a Primitive Baptist.

Christ requires his servants to preach the Gospel but not independent of Him. "Go and I will be with you always."

Christ requires his children to take up the cross and follow Him, but not get too far behind Him but close to Him.

Oh, for a closer walk with God. Christ pardoned the sins of the thief on the cross. On His deathbed, however, a very uncomfortable bed, just before Christ forgave him, but after a verdict of acquittal or pardon a deathbed became as soft as a downy pillow.

"Today shalt thou be with Me in Paradise." Oh, what a happy exchange, a heavenly favor — "Thy sins, which are many, have all been forgiven thee."

Who can forgive sins but the Lord? Christ was not too far gone on the cross that He did not possess power to forgive sins, neither was the criminal too far gone to be forgiven by the Lord.

The thief said, "We are justly condemned." He told the truth. We receive the due reward of our crime; we are the guilty parties; we are the sinners. We have violated the law; we are condemned to die; we are justly condemned if God predestinated from eternity for us to steal and to hang on the gallows. It would be unjust, but as we have violated the law and become the transgressors of law and God's law at that.

I must confess we are accountable and the law says we must suffer and the law showeth no mercy, but says, "Pay what thou oweth." So if my soul goes to hell God's righteous law approves it well, we are justly punished. Man is the guilty party. By man came sin, but by God's mercy He saved us by the washing of regeneration and the renewing of the Holy Ghost that He shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Lord.

If it were not for God's rich grace and mercy we would all remain in that lost, condemned, ruined,

sinful, corrupt state to suffer justly forever for the sins we committed against God and His holy law. But through His atoning blood on the cross shed for us met every demand of a violated law, put away all our sins and set us free from the debt now being freely justified through His blood, we have peace with God and are prepared to meet Him in Glory.

J. R. WILSON.

(From "*The Gospel Messenger*", Jan. 15, 1922)

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### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

**Q. Why did prophecy cease with Malachi so long (400 years) before the gospel was preached?**

A. The scriptures do not say, but it may have been for several reasons. 1<sup>st</sup>. Because the prophets from Moses to Malachi, when applied by the Holy Spirit, were sufficient, in the Divine wisdom, to teach men their need of a sinless, suffering, and triumphant Saviour, and to lead them to look to and trust in Him 2<sup>nd</sup>. Because the Lord would thus teach the Jews, His chosen national people, by the vanities and follies, the fables and abominations of the Apocrypha, the 16 books written by the Jews during this period, the certainty of their departing from Him in both doctrine and practice, even after they had all His ancient oracles, unless He restrained them by a divinely qualified and authorized messenger—the New Testament apocryphal writings of the early centuries of the Christian Era proving the same to be true of heretical professors of Christianity. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Because it is proved, by this interval of 400 years, that there was no collusion, no fraudulent cooperation between the Old Testament prophets, who foretold the life and sufferings and glory of Christ, and the New Testament apostles, who testified that all these prophecies were exactly fulfilled in the person of Jesus of Nazareth. And 4<sup>th</sup>. Because the Lord thus taught His spiritual people to look away from man to Him for salvation, and to wait upon Him for it. When Joseph and Mary carried the infant Jesus into the temple to present Him before the Lord and to offer in sacrifice, as the law required, not a lamb for a burnt offering, and a dove or pigeon for a sin offering, but, as they were too poor to buy a lamb, to offer two doves or two pigeons for a burnt-offering and a sin offering, not for the child but for the mother (Lev. 12:8), the humble and devout Simeon, who had been waiting for the consolation of Israel, the Messiah, and to whom it had been revealed by the Holy Ghost that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ, came by the Spirit into the temple, and took the holy Child up in his arms, in wonderful faith, and blessed God, and said, "Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou

hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of Thy people Israel." (Luke 2:21-35) And Joseph of Arimathea, an honourable counselor, who also had waited for the kingdom of God, when Jesus had been crucified, begged His dear body of Pilate, and wrapped it in fine linen, and laid it in his own new rock-hewn tomb until it came out, in divine power and glory, on the third day, morning, and after forty days ascended to heaven. (Mark 15:42-46; 16:6; Acts 1:1-11). "It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the Lord." (Lam. 3:26). "They that wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint." (Isa. 40:31). As Old testament saints waited for the first coming of Christ, so let us wait for the calling of our spirits to God who gave them and for the redemption of our bodies.

(From "*Questions and Answers*", by Sylvester Hassell and compiled by Elder R. H. Pittman)

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### MY LITTLE VINE

Once I planted a vine beside a trellis. How carefully I tended the little sprout, watering it and teaching the tendrils to twine about the slats. Warmed by the strong sun and nourished by the refreshing rain, the vine grew, and little by little, climbed halfway up the trellis. Then the leaves began to unfold, and in a little while, it began to provide cooling shade and became a thing of beauty.

But one dark night there came a storm. The wind blew furiously, and the rain fell in torrents. The next morning when I looked at the little vine, it was lying prone on the ground, half-submerged in muddy water.

Then what did I do? I stooped down and tenderly lifted the fallen vine out of the mire and twined it carefully about the trellis again. In places, I fastened the tendrils to the slats with pieces of soft string, and it began to hold up its head once more. Then I watched it grow day by day, and observed with pleasure that the vine I had lifted up was taking a fresh hold. Warmed by the genial rays of sunshine, it gave renewed promise of a strong plant, and I was happy.

Do I ever think to be as considerate of my fellow men—the men and women who suffer and weep and waver and fall—as I was of that little vine, that knew neither pain nor pleasure? Am I as eager to lift up my brother man who has fallen low? Let us give men and women, with undying souls, as far as a chance to begin life over as we would an insignificant plant.

(Copied: author unknown)

(From "*The Christian Baptist*", March/April/May 2002)

**RECONCILIATION**

By Elder J. Harvey Daily (Deceased)

Reconciliation means to restore to favor and renew friendship; to harmonize. Isaiah said, "But your iniquities have separated between you and your God." Isa. lix. 2. This is the condition of all mankind in a state of nature, and before any could be restored to and in harmony with God, their iniquities must be removed or atoned for. Without holiness it is impossible to see God. Christ came to earth to make reconciliation for the sins of His people. This same Jesus who lived and died for His people is exalted at the right hand of God to make intercessions for us according to the will of God. We are made the righteousness of God in Him. So if we come to God, we must come to Him in Christ. He is said to be a merciful and faithful High Priest. He not only kept the law for His people and died in their room and stead, but He was tried in every point that He might sympathize with them. "For in that He Himself hath suffered being tempted, He is able to succour them that are tempted." His temptation was in the sense of being tried, and He was tried on every side, especially through His three years in the ministry. He was poor, despised, persecuted, reproached and went through all manner of hardships. He had sore trials from His enemies, from His followers, and even from His chosen disciples. All His disciples left Him the day of His crucifixion. Peter denied Him; Judas betrayed Him, and even His God forsook Him in the trying moment. Thus He is able to sympathize with His believing children in their trials.

In the trials Jesus endured, He was able to endure them all and not be influenced to sin. When we are tempted, the evil of our fleshly nature is inclined to yield to the temptation. Thus temptations cast our souls in danger, but our duty when tempted is to cry unto the Redeemer for help. If we look to man for help or trust in our own ability to keep ourselves in the favor of God, we shall be wounded and fall. The remedy for this disease, the only means of support, deliverance, and conquest is found in Christ who is able to succour and who has experienced these things and understands. Jesus said, "Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you." "This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you." So if we would be reconciled to God, be restored to favor and have friendship renewed here in this life, we must obey our Master and love one another. He on whom we depend is a faithful and merciful High Priest, who care when His children have burdens and trials. He has wisdom in His faithfulness to observe the seasons in which help is necessary. "Be ye reconciled to God" in Christ Jesus our Lord to whom be praise and glory.

J. Harvey Daily (Elder)

(From "The Primitive Baptist", July 4, 1946)

**A GREAT ASSURANCE  
OF OUR FINAL PRESERVATION**

By Elder Ralph Harris (Deceased)

*"The gifts and calling of God are without repentance"* (Romans 11:29)

One of the greatest assurances of our final preservation of the saints is the fact that God cannot and will not repent of those eternal decrees and counsels which effect the eventual, total and perfect deliverance of His people from sin, Satan, death, hell and the grave. "My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure" (Isa. 46:10).

There is a kind of behavior on God's part which, in Scripture, is called repentance because it resembles repentance in men, but this has reference to the revocation or withholding of blessings which were originally made contingent upon man's obedience, and to the sending of judgments in their place, and does not involve a change of mind in God, only a change in His dealings with men based upon *their* fickle and unreliable nature and conduct. But where His predeterminate counsels and decrees are concerned there is no repentance on God's part in any sense of the word. He never turns from that love which He had for His elect before the foundation of the world, and He never turns from that course which will one day house each member of that innumerable company in heaven's pure world.

No greater example of this vital truth could be set forth than that which the apostle presents in the verse just prior to our text. There were many of the elect among the Jews who were actually *enemies* of the gospel, "but as touching the election, they were beloved for the fathers sakes" (Rom. 11:28). And, there are many of the elect today who are likewise enemies of the gospel, ignorantly, who are nonetheless loved of God because they are His elect, and because He will be true to the promises He made to the Old Testament fathers, such as Abraham, Isaac and Jacob concerning the final salvation of His spiritual Israel.

Being a member of the elect family does not keep one from suffering much in this life as a result of his refusal to believe the gospel and to obey its precepts. Many of God's people are enduring much distress of mind, body and soul today as a result of their rejection of that "good way" the Lord has taught them to walk in, but the Lord will not utterly forsake them for they are His by covenant arrangement.

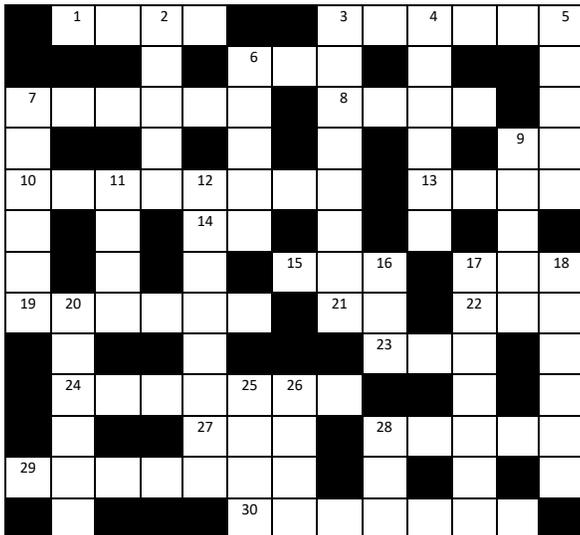
Paul also touches upon this truth in the second chapter of II Timothy. He shows us that if we deny the Lord there is a sense in which He will also deny us, but he further says, "If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself." Later in the chapter we read of some heretics who overthrew the faith of some, but Paul says, "Nevertheless the

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**BIBLE CROSSWORD PUZZLE**

**ACROSS:**

1. Before the \_\_\_\_ crow thou shalt deny me thrice.
3. If so be ye have \_\_\_\_ the Lord is gracious.
6. Samson turned aside to \_\_\_\_ the lion's carcass.
7. The Spirit of God hath made me, the \_\_\_\_ of the Almighty hath given me life.
8. God is \_\_\_\_ of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.
9. Judgment must begin \_\_\_\_ the house of God.
10. \_\_\_\_ as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.
13. In lowliness of mind let \_\_\_\_ esteem other better than themselves.
14. If thou doest not well, sin lieth \_\_\_\_ the door, Cain.
15. Having loved his own, he loved them to the \_\_\_\_.
17. God \_\_\_\_ respect to Abel & his offering. Not had.
19. Captain of Jabin's army and killed by the woman Jael by driving tent nail in his temples as he slept.
21. \_\_\_\_ ye into all the world and preach the gospel.



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22. Go to the \_\_\_\_ thou sluggard & consider her ways.
23. Can a bird fall into a snare on earth where no \_\_\_\_ is for him? Also a kind of liquor.
24. Joseph's brothers saw Joseph and said here cometh that \_\_\_\_\_. They hated him for it.
27. \_\_\_\_ said, Let there be light and there was light.
28. Daniel found favor with the king who sought to set him over the whole \_\_\_\_\_. Empire.
29. \_\_\_\_ on the Lord Jesus and thou shalt be saved,
30. Love your \_\_\_\_ and pray for them that curse you.

**DOWN:**

2. Give your enemy drink, heap \_\_\_\_ of fire on his head
3. In vain they do worship me \_\_\_\_ for doctrine the commandments of men.
4. Judas betrayed Jesus for thirty pieces of \_\_\_\_.
5. For the wages of sin is \_\_\_\_ but the gift of God is.
6. Those marching round Jericho were to \_\_\_\_ when they heard the trumpet sound.

**BIBLE CROSSWORD PUZZLE**

**DOWN:**

7. Israel was given no straw by Egyptians but were to make the same number of \_\_\_\_.
9. Man who coveted and took of the spoils of Jericho.
11. The poison of \_\_\_\_ is under their lips. Vipers.
12. \_\_\_\_ is honourable in all and the bed undefiled.
16. The animal the Jews compared the Gentiles to.
17. None shall pluck them from my Father's \_\_\_\_.
- Sarah bare Abraham a son in his old \_\_\_\_ 2 words.
18. Jesus said peace be still; calmed the \_\_\_\_.
20. If the Son makes ye free, ye shall be free \_\_\_\_.
25. In Him, we live, \_\_\_\_ and have our being.
26. God planted a garden eastward in \_\_\_\_.
28. Animal taking place of Isaac as a sacrifice.

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**OUT OF THE MOUTH OF BABES**

Sometimes it seems difficult for a minister to bring his message to a close. One minister was nearing the end of his lengthy sermon and finally he said, "Well, I just don't know what else I can say." A voice was heard from the back of a youngster who said with a loud voice, "Just say Amen!" Youngsters know that amen signals the end of a prayer and they can leave church at the last amen. Sometimes adults are also eager to hear the last amen.—*Editor*

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**A GREAT ASSURANCE OF OUR FINAL PRESERVATION**

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foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his." The fact that we might sometimes disbelieve does not change the faithfulness of God to His covenant promises, nor would even the overthrow of our faith in any way shake the foundation of God.

But lest any should argue that such a doctrine leads to licentiousness the apostle concludes by saying, "And, let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity." All those who profess to be followers of Christ should certainly adorn that profession with as Godly a walk as they can possibly maintain.—*Editor (Elder Ralph Harris)*

(From "Advocate and Messenger", July 1982)

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**CHURCH NEWS**

We invite everyone to Pine Hill Primitive Baptist Church, Ripley, MS fall meeting. It will be the 4th weekend of September the 24,25,26. Friday night at 7, Saturday morning at 10:30, Saturday night at 7, Sunday morning at 10:30. Snacks after service Friday, lunch Saturday at noon, Saturday night meal at 5, Sunday lunch at 12. Our guest minister is Elder David Guttery. Elder Darren Owens is Pastor of Pine Hill.

**CHURCH NEWS**

Mt. Pisgah Primitive Baptist Church, Duck Hill MS, will be having their annual meeting August 7th and 8th 2021. Services start at 10:00 am on Saturday the 7th with congregational singing. Preaching service starts at 10:30. Lunch will be at 12:00. Afternoon service will start at 1:30 and will be the Ordination service of Brother Eddie Hollowell into the full work of the gospel ministry. All ordained help especially invited to assist in the ordination. Service on Sunday will start at 10:30 with lunch to follow. This is an open meeting and all are invited to attend. We humbly ask that you be in prayer for our Annual meeting and Ordination Services. God Bless.

Everyone is invited to the annual meeting at Little Flock Primitive Baptist Church, Burnsville, MS the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in August, 2021 (Aug. 6-8). Services Friday night, Aug. 6, at 7:00 p.m. preceded by supper at 6:00 p.m. Saturday night, Aug. 7, at 7:00 p.m. with supper at 6:00 p.m. Sunday, August 8, at 10:30 a.m. Elder Tim Cunningham, Etheridge, TN is invited minister. Note: This is a change from previous years. Elder Jonathan Wise is Pastor of Little Flock.

Everyone is invited to the annual meeting at Antioch Primitive Baptist Church, Oxford, MS the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in August, 2021 (July 30--Aug.1). Services Friday night, July 30 at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, July 31, at 10:30 a.m. with lunch and afternoon services. Sunday, Aug. 1 at 10:30 a.m. Elder Joe Nettles, Caledonia, MS is invited minister. Elder Jeremy Wise is Pastor of Antioch.

Everyone is invited to the meeting at Chewalla Primitive Baptist Church, Potts Camp, MS the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in August, 2021 (Aug. 13-15). Services Friday night, Aug. 13, at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14, at 10:30 a.m. with no lunch. Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Elder Ronald Lawrence, Goodlettsville, TN is invited minister. Elder Jerry Wise is Pastor of Chewalla.

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.

Everyone is invited to Bethany Primitive Baptist Church, 5 miles west of Ecpu, MS on Hwy 346 for their annual meeting the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in September, 2021 (Sept. 10-12) Services Friday night, Sept. 10, at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, at 10:30 a.m. followed by lunch. Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Elder Ricky Harcrow, Fort Payne, AL is invited minister. Elder Larry Wise is Pastor of Bethany.

**CHURCH NEWS**

Everyone is invited to the annual meeting at Friendship Primitive Baptist Church, Winona, MS the 4<sup>th</sup> weekend in September, 2021 (Sept. 25-26). Services Saturday, Sept. 25, at 10:00 a.m followed by lunch and afternoon services. This is an open meeting. Elder B. T. Strum is Pastor of Friendship.

The Tombigbee Association of Primitive Baptists will convene, Lord willing, with Sulphur Springs Primitive Baptist Church, Wolfe Rd, Caledonia, MS the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in September 2021 (Sept. 17-18). Services Friday, Sept. 17, at 10:00 a.m. with lunch and afternoon services. The same schedule of services for Saturday, Sept. 18. Elder Joe Nettles is Pastor of Sulphur Springs. Everyone is invited.

The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday night Fellowship Meeting in August, 2021 (Aug. 29) will be hosted by Laodicea Primitive Baptist Church, Lafayette Springs, MS with service beginning at 6:30 p.m. preceded by supper at 5:30 p.m. This meeting rotates between New Prospect, Laodicea, Bethany and Hopewell Primitive Baptist churches. Elder Steve Weaver is Pastor of Laodicea.

Pray for our churches and for a revival in Zion and rid God's people of so much complacency.—*Editor*

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**EXCERPTS****GLAD TIDINGS READER LETTERS**

Elder Wise,

I am sending a small donation. Sorry it has taken so long but I kept thinking I would see you at a meeting but conditions has made that difficult. Thank you for your patience.

With Brotherly Love,  
Elder Devon Horton  
Marmaduke, AR

Dear Ones,

It's always interesting to read the good writings in Glad Tidings. In the June issue I was reminded of my granddad, Elder J. L. Lilly back in the 1960's; the thinking of perilous times and that now days it's far more dangerous than in the 1960's. (2 Tim. 3:1-13)...

We always agree with Brother Jonah that our salvation throughout this time world and eternally is of our Dear Lord.

I'm thinking of the experiences of those written about in God's word. It's precious God shut the ark keeping Noah and his family safely throughout all their experiences...

Wishing our Dear Lord's blessings to you all. He will see us through.

In Dear Hope & Love  
Sister Loreta Lilly  
Akron, OH

**WILT THOU BE MADE WHOLE?**

Elder John T. Oliphant (Deceased)

“Wilt thou be made whole?” “Whosoever will, let him come.” This inquiry made by the great only Savior of souls, implies that it cannot be truly said that all persons are willing for Him to make them whole. It implies that some are unwilling for it even to be done by the Heavenly Physician, are without such a will, choice or preference. All have a will for or against being healed—a choice or preference to live in sin, in its dominion, carnal amusement and pursuits; or one to be cured, cleansed and be saved from the fatal plague of sin and death.

Reader, which of these two sorts of will have you? A will to be a healed and saved Christian? To be made so? Or to be and remain a lost sinner? To prefer the life of sin and unholiness rather than holiness? Do you prefer and take most pleasure in an impenitent life spent in the follies of sin, so that you are never sick of that way?

Who are the sick? Not all sinners are sick. It is to be lamented that all sinners are not sick of their sins, for then there is good hope of their salvation. For not until they are truly and grievously sick of their sins do any of them have a will to be made whole by the compassionate Jesus. Sin-sickness causes the will. When sinners become rightly sick of their sins, vileness and just blame, when they see and feel impending wrath abides on them, and themselves subject to penal punishment, then their sickness is involuntary and unavoidable. This sin-sickness is conviction for sin by the work of the Holy Ghost, causing repentance with godly sorrow and mourning that is sure to produce in the sin-sick penitent a will and a prayerful anxiety to be made whole. These need a physician, they themselves being the judges.

So Jesus said: “The whole need not a physician, but they that are sick.” The impenitent, careless, contented, reveling and hard-hearted is whole if compared to the broken-hearted, sin-sick mourner. He judges he has no disease or sinfulness that he cannot cure soon enough. Nor does such a one perceive the bondage of sin, his native “enmity to God” and in-bred corruption of nature, passions, temper and lusts, so as to be grieved and sick of it. He cannot “will to be made whole” until he feels and knows he is sick. It is the sick and suffering of their sins who will be made whole—and are certain to be made whole.

Jesus said: “Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted.” How are they “blessed?” By the Spirit’s work in them they are born again, are God’s infant children and sons, have spiritual life, and by it feeling, and of it a new light in them to see their ruined state. That proves they are of God’s elect, too. They learn soon it is not of their own power and

beyond the reach of human help to cure, save and make them whole and truly happy. They can pray in earnest for it. Indeed, their cure is begun and is far advanced when they offer up fervent prayers for it.

Then if asked, “Wilt thou be made whole,” they say, Yes! It is the Saviour’s gift. None can buy it. It is salvation. It is not an article in stock to be sold or given by merchant-men of earth. To dead and dying sinners it is Jesus’ free gift. It was costly to Him, but free to us sinners. He bought it with His life and blood in the agonies of His death on Calvary. He suffered till the sun turned dark, for three dreadful hours. Then all nature was clothed in mourning. Worst of all, He was left forsaken of His Father’s divinity. This was the cost of our salvation, of atonement for all our sins, for the “healing balm of Gilead,” the medicine that saves and makes whole every sin-sick whole.

*[Elder John T. Oliphant was born in 1841 and lived in Ft. Branch, Indiana. He was the cousin of Elders J. H., R. A. and P. T. Oliphant, and baptized Elder John R. Daily.]*

(From “The Christian Pathway”, October 2000)

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

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28. mlaer
29. eveileb
30. seimene

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20. deedni
25. evom
26. nede
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“Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.” (Isaiah 6:5)

“The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.” (Psalm 34:18)

**DOES NOT UNDERSTAND**

By Elder T. L. Webb, Sr. (Deceased)

Yes, it seems the paper gets better all the time, or I understand it better. Many times I read a piece that is worth the price of the paper for a year. But here is one thing I did not understand, and I will ask for information, not meaning any harm: Brother T.L.W. says, "The expression, 'He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved,' does not mean eternal salvation. If so, all are lost who are baptized," I thought all the Lord's people were baptized in His death. Now, I want to understand. If they are not baptized in His death I thought they were lost. Love to you all. Remember poor me in your prayers.—Mrs. Anna Fleming—Hearne, Texas.

**REMARKS:** I thank the dear sister for kindly asking for information regarding my comment on Mark xv. 16. I also appreciate the good humble spirit manifested in her letter. I greatly desire to be understood in my poor little effort to write for the paper, and I am frank to confess that I make many mistakes and sometimes draw wrong conclusions about the Scriptures. For this reason I appreciate criticism and information that I may more carefully and prayerfully study the word of God and know its real meaning.

Now, I wish to give the expression referred to, with the preceding verse, which, I think should help us to understand what kind of saving is under consideration: "And He said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." Now, in connection with this, I wish to call attention to 1 Peter iii. 21, which reads: "The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the purging away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ." This last Scripture plainly teaches that people are saved by baptism and also tells when they are saved by it, and, if there is anything in figures, it certainly tells what kind of salvation is under consideration. The apostle said it was a figure of salvation from the flood. If so, It was like that. If the eight souls were saved eternally by getting into the ark, would also be saying that all who did not get into the ark were lost eternally. Like wise to say that water baptism saves people eternally is to say that all who are not baptized in the water are lost eternally.

But how about being baptized into His death? Rom. vi. 3,4, says: "Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into His death? Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death, that like as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life." To my mind this clearly shows two baptisms. First people are baptized into Jesus Christ by the Spirit of God, "For by one

Spirit are we all baptized into one body."—1 Cor. xii. 13. In this way we are really baptized into His death, and this baptism, by the Spirit of God, means eternal salvation. Yet we may have been baptized into Jesus Christ, by the Spirit of God, and not be baptized by water, or "buried with Him by baptism," as is expressed in the last clause of the text.

The reason I said the expression, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved" did not mean an eternal salvation is because it is water baptism under consideration. It was people that were taught and who believed that were to be baptized. Belief comes before this baptism. Therefore they were baptized into Christ by the Spirit of God and had eternal life before they were to be baptized by the preacher in water.

The Holy Spirit baptism purges the conscience from dead works to serve the true and living God; or in other words, makes the conscience good, and the water baptism gives an answer to that good conscience and saves God's people from many hurtful things here in time.

Figuratively, or manifestly, we are baptized into His death by water baptism—show our faith in His death, and also show that we are dead to sin. In being baptized we more fully realize the sweetness and fellowship of His death, and also His burial and resurrection. I never can forget how much this all meant to me the day I was baptized.

If the sister does not yet get my idea I will try it again.

(From "*Little Things*", By Elder T. L. Webb, Sr.)

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**BELIEF**

Believing things 'on authority' only means believing them because you have been told them by someone you think trustworthy. Ninety-nine percent of the things you believe are believed on authority. I believe there is such a place as New York. I could not prove by abstract reasoning that there is such a place. I believe it because reliable people have told me so. The ordinary person believes in the solar system, atoms, and the circulation of the blood on authority--because the scientists say so. Every historical statement is believed on authority. None of us has seen the Norman Conquest or the defeat of the Spanish Armada. But we believe them simply because people who did see them have left writings that tell us about them; in fact, on authority. A person who balked at authority in other things, as some people do in religion, would have to be content to know nothing all his life.

You never know how much you really believe anything until its truth or falsehood becomes a matter of life and death. It is easy to say you believe a rope to be strong as long as you are merely using it to cord a box. But suppose you had to hang by that rope over a precipice. Wouldn't you then first discover how much you really trusted it? C. S. Lewis and C. S. Lewis, *A Grief Observed*

**SAVE YOURSELF**

By Elder Rickey Taylor  
Booneville, Mississippi

**Acts 2:40: And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation.**

Our verse happens on the day of Pentecost. The year of Jubilee that came around every fifty years, a wonderful occasion of joy and liberty. It is on this great occasion that the Lord brought in the gospel church that you and I enjoy today. In verse 14 of this same chapter Peter speaks to the men of Israel (verse 22) that are gathered about witnessing the miracles of tongues that had just happened. While there are several things Peter said to these men of Israel, it is the statement that he says **“Save yourself”** we write about. What does Peter mean by this statement? There are more than one kind of save mentioned in the scriptures. For example there is the eternal save that Jesus Christ accomplished on the cross. **Matthew 1:21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins.**

Jesus saved his children on the cross. There is no longer a need to be saved eternally. Therefore when referring to this type of save, we have to use the word **saved** which is used in the past tense. Being that it is already accomplished and always referred to in the past tense, then we know that Peter could not be referring to them saving themselves eternally. We rest in the completed work of Jesus Christ on the cross. Another type of save that is mentioned in the scriptures, is what is referred to as timely or time salvation. It is a type of deliverance that comes here in this time world that has condition(s) applied to it. For example we read in the scriptures. **Matthew 8:25 And his disciples came to him, and awoke him, saying, Lord, save us: we perish.** The disciples were in a boat on the sea when a tempest arose and frightened them. What were they frightened of? Of drowning! They desired to be saved from drowning in the sea. That is a timely saving we have here. It is the same kind of save that Peter was asking for when he began to sink in the water and said Lord save me **Matthew 14:20.** Anytime there is a condition that involves saving, it is a timely saving.

Other verses of scriptures that involve time salvation are taught in Philippians 2:12; I Corinthians 15:2 & I Timothy 4:16. Having now separated the two salvations to rightly divide the word of God, we feel that Peter is talking about a timely salvation here in Act 2:40. In fact Peter even identifies for us readers what they would be saved from if they met the condition of believing on the Lord Jesus Christ, from this untoward generation. The word untoward can be defined as warped, crooked, unfair, or rough. This untoward generation was the generation at that present time of Israel. A generation that had been marked for destruction because of their rejection of Jesus as the Son of God John 1:11. This generation was an **untoward generation**. Untoward meant away from Christ, not toward him. The unbelieving Jew would be cast out into outer darkness here in this time world as Christ forewarned in Matthew 8: 12.

What would be their punishment? The loss of their standing as the true church, the loss of living in the land of Canaan, and the loss of their Temple in Jerusalem. This would come about in 70 A.D. by the Roman Army according to the historian Josephus. This is what Peter desired that they be saved from. When a ship is sinking, or a building is burning it is often shouted for the occupants to save themselves for the inevitable destruction that awaits them if they do nothing. No rational person would debate that. Israel was a sinking ship, a burning building because they were going to keep on following the Law, rather than follow the Son of God, the Lord Jesus Christ. Without that belief in Christ there is no foundation for a gospel church to be grounded on, they are a building on sinking sand. Peter was telling them though the fall of Jerusalem and the dispersion was inevitable, yet they could embrace Christ who was the head of the church and avoid the terrible calamity that was coming to national Israel. A belief in Christ, would lead them away from the danger that was coming.

Let us choose to follow Christ while here on earth and save ourselves from a multitude of bad decisions and the consequences that we could endure on this earthly pilgrimage of ours.  
Elder R. L. Taylor

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**NOT FOR SALE**

(Eternal Salvation is never for sale or for the asking)

During the Spanish-American War, Clara Barton was overseeing the work of the Red Cross in Cuba. One day Colonel Theodore Roosevelt came to her, wanted to buy food for his sick and wounded Rough Riders. But she refused to sell him any. Roosevelt was perplexed. His men needed the help and he was prepared to pay out of his own funds. When he asked someone why he could not buy the supplies, he was told, "Colonel, just ask for it!" A smile broke over Roosevelt's face. Now he understood--the provisions were not for sale. All he had to do was simply ask and they would be given freely.

Our Daily Bread, October 11, 1992.

### THEY FAILED BUT WERE STILL SAVED



By Elder Larry Wise  
Randolph, Mississippi

There are many, many great men and women in the Bible that the Lord blessed but they were still men and women possessed with a sin nature. If that sin nature is not mortified daily, it will break out and cause harm to our spiritual welfare. Solomon said, "For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not." (Eccl. 7:20) Yes, we will still sin and fail from time to time but if we are God's child we will always be His child. We will never perish to lose our eternal inheritance. "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish..." (John 10:27-28)

David was made to hope while upon his mother's breast and killed the giant, Goliath, and was a great king for Israel. Yet, David fell into sin and failed to honor the God that had delivered him on so many occasions. He committed adultery with Bathsheba, had her husband killed in battle and remained in unrepentance until Nathan told him that "he was the man" in the story of a rich man who took the one pet ewe lamb from another to feed a traveler rather than take of his own numerous lambs. David was irate at first but then he said, "...I have sinned against the LORD." Then Nathan responded with some good news, "And Nathan said unto David, The LORD also hath put away thy sin; thou shalt not die." (II Sam. 12:13). David would die naturally and see corruption but he would not die separated from God because no creature can separate from the love of God.

Solomon was a great man of God and king whom the Lord blessed with wisdom and riches. The Bible says God loved him and that Solomon loved God. (II Sam. 12:24; I Kings 3:3) Since nothing can separate us eternally from the love of God, Solomon's failures in his later years did not destroy his vital relationship with God. Solomon loved many strange women who turned his heart from the living God. We read, "For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned away his heart after other gods: and his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as was the heart of David his father." (I Kings 11:4) It is ironic that Solomon's problem stemmed from women just like David his father but both men's failures will not keep them from their eternal inheritance.

Lot chose the well watered plains of Jordan and pitched his tent toward Sodom and evidently had a position of prestige in that wicked city. God sent two angels to inform him that God was going to destroy the city and that he must flee with family to avoid perishing in the conflagration. His sons-in-law paid no attention to Lot's warning and thought he was mocking them. The angels practically had to drag Lot and his two daughters out of Sodom as he "lingered" the angels laid hold of his hand and that of his daughters and led them safely out. We read this about Lot and his deliverance in the New Testament. "And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked: (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;)" (II Pet. 2:7-8) Once again Lot was still a just and righteous man but his life failed to reflect it.

Rahab the harlot hid the spies in Jericho and she and her house were saved from destruction when the city of Jericho was taken by the Israelites. She let down the scarlet thread from her window when the city was taken and she would be spared. She is mentioned in the hall of faith in Hebrews chapter 11 so we know she was a child of God. I don't believe she was practicing harlotry at the time she helped the spies but she had before and had been thus branded. Sometimes it is hard to rid our lives of the past, even if we have changed course.

Samson is also mentioned in the hall of faith in Hebrews chapter 11 but he failed to live up to his Nazarite birth. Samson's hair was the secret to his great physical strength but when he betrayed the secret of this strength to Delilah who had Philistines ready to cut his hair, he went out and shook himself as before not knowing that "the Lord had departed from him." (Judg. 16:20) He had his eyes put out by the Philistines but ultimately called upon the Lord one last time who gave him the strength to pull down the pillars of the house that held 3,000 men and women. He killed more in his death than in his life. Samson failed but his inheritance was not based on his actions but the action of God of heaven.

This surely isn't written to encourage any to sin and come short of the glory of God. We know the Bible teaches that sin terminates at death but grace reigns on unto eternal life. (Rom. 5:21) Paul would anticipate what people would say and follows up with this statement, "What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?" God forbid. (Rom. 6:1) We learn from example as the Bible says, "For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope." (Rom. 15:4) May we take heed and at the same time rejoice.

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