

# 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

We see and hear so much from the news media today concerning our country and its new President that we wonder what is the truth. Facts are twisted and just invented to support a biased agenda. Where is the truth? We must also ask the question, "Where is the truth and what is the truth?" when it comes to the gospel truth. Just as people play fast and loose with the facts in the national sphere so do men do the same with the Bible. What are we to do, however, as children of God? The apostle Jude writes that, "...it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered to the saints." Jude: 3.

The faith that we are to contend for is that body of truth that is contained within the inspired scriptures and is essential for the perpetuity of the church. It is incumbent upon the church and its ministry to hold fast the fundamentals of the faith as Paul writes to Timothy that he might know how to behave himself in the house of God, "which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth." (I Tim. 3:15). The words pillar and ground indicate a post or support just as a giant pillar or column would support a large building or structure. The church upholds that truth and there is no relenting in this contention for the truth. It is so important that Solomon says, "Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding." (Prov. 23:23).

When we hear so much portrayed over the radio, television and internet, how are we to discern what is the truth of salvation by grace? Paul told Timothy to "study" to show himself approved unto God, rightly dividing the word of truth. (II Tim. 2:15). This is also important for every believer to study as did the Berean brethren to see if what had been preached to them was indeed the truth. (Acts 17:11).

The ministers teach the truth to their congregations and they compare it with scripture to determine if it is truth and receive it as such for their sanctification here in the world. Paul charges Timothy, "And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also." (II Tim. 2:2). Five successive teachers are mentioned by Paul: Jesus Christ taught Paul; Paul taught Timothy; Timothy would teach faithful men; faithful men would teach others and the truth continually perpetuated.

It takes faithfulness on the part of the church and its ministry to contend for the faith and that is why Paul told Timothy to "thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ." (II Tim. 2:3). The enemies of truth are substantial and the head of this rebellion is Satan himself as he was a liar from the beginning and "abode not in the truth." (John 8:44). People don't appear to really care about scriptural truth any more as they are taught that truth is relative and what is truth to one person may not be truth to another. That is absurd and flies right in the face of God who takes His word seriously and has stated "thou hast magnified thy word above thy name." (Psalm 138:2). The truth never changes regardless of the circumstances and it is the truth that sets free and not a perversion of the truth.

Paul taught the Galatian brethren the truth that salvation was by grace and not by the keeping of the law and they rejoiced for awhile. Then false teachers came among them and perverted the true gospel and convinced them to reverse course and go back under the yoke of bondage. Paul then writes, "O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you?" (Gal. 3:1). They had not continued to obey the truth that had set them free as Paul admonished them to "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage." (Gal. 5:1). I sometimes wonder what these so called non-denominational churches preach. I suppose you can believe anything and practice anything and still be a member of such a church; this is not the case with the true church which is the city of truth.

Jerusalem was to be called the city of truth and its make up is described as made up whereas "old men and old women dwell in the streets of Jerusalem, and every man with his staff in his hand for every age. And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in the streets thereof." (Zech. 8:4). All ages dwell in this city of truth but if the truth is suppressed how can this continue? Paul tells of a falling away and departure in the last of the last days. "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from **the faith**, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils." (I Tim. 4:1). May we not be led away with the error of the wicked and fall from steadfastness. (Elder Larry Wise)

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**PATIENCE**

By Elder Bobby Collins (Deceased)

Patience is according to Strong's definition of words, "*cheerful (or hopeful) endurance, constancy.*" The scriptures tell us of the importance of patience. The Lord Jesus said, "In your patience possess ye your souls." (Lu 21:19) Possessing patience is evidence that we are the elect. It is listed as an evidence of the Church at Thessalonica being the elect of God by the Apostle Paul, "Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father; Knowing, brethren beloved, your election of God." (! Thess 1:4) We are instructed to run the Christian race with patience. Heb. 12:1 tells us, "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us." There are promises we can not have if we don't have patience. Paul tells the Hebrew brethren, "That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises." (Heb. 6:12)

There are two ways of getting patience. The first is not very pleasing to our human nature. But it does result in patience with God's blessing. This first way of getting patience comes through tribulation. Rom. 5:3-5 tells us, "And not only so, but we glory in

tribulation also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; And patience, experience, and experience, hope: And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us." There are times in our lives after we have come through a difficult tribulation and then we later face some other problem of life, then we remember how God delivered us in our previous troubles, it gives us hope (expectation) that God will deliver us again. This brings us patience to endure. The Apostle Paul teaches this same principle again in 2 Cor. 1:10, "Who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver: in whom we trust that he will yet deliver us." We trust in him to deliver because he has, and does deliver us each day of our life.. This getting of patience is not enjoyable to our flesh but it is so needful if we are to live our lives in a way that will make us complete, not lacking in God's service. James tells us, "My brethren, count it all joy when when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire." (Jas. 1:2-4)

The second way we get patience can involve suffering but not necessarily. The second way we get patience is from the Word of God. Rom. 15:4 says, "For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope." May we learn the scriptures that we might have the patience and hope to endure. Consider a few examples of the scriptures giving us hope and patience to endure. It is in Phil. 4:13 that Paul tells us that, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." If Paul could endure all the trials and afflictions he went through by the strength and grace given him, we can do the same especially since our trials pale in comparison to his. When we are tempted to fall by the wayside because we feel to be alone may we remember the admonition of the Apostle Paul when he said, "Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, not forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me." (Heb. 13:5-6) May we learn and remember these and other promises of the word of God to give us hope and patience in the midst of the onslaught of Life.

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"Patience serves as a protection against wrongs as clothes do against cold. For if you put on more clothes as the cold increases it will have no power to hurt you. So in like manner you must grow in patience when you meet with great wrongs, and they will then be powerless to vex your mind." –Leonardo da Vinci

**SELECT LETTERS OF JOHN NEWTON**  
LETTER XXIII

*Evil Present with the Believer*

My Lord,

I think my first letter turned on the apostle's thought, Gal. v. 17. "Ye cannot do the things that ye would." In the parallel place, Rom. vii. 19 there is another clause subjoined, "The evil which I would not, that I do." This, added to the former, would complete the dark side of my experience. Permit me to tell your Lordship a little part (for some things must not, cannot be told), not of what I have read, but what I have felt, in illustration of this passage.

I *would not* be the sport and prey of wild, vain, foolish, and worse imaginations; but this evil is present with me: my heart is like a highway, like a city without walls or gates. Nothing so false, so frivolous, so absurd, so impossible, or so horrid, but it can obtain access, and that at any time, or in any place: neither the study, the pulpit, or even the Lord's table, exempt me from their intrusion. I sometimes compare my words to the treble of an instrument, which my *thoughts* accompany with a kind of base, or rather anti-base, in which every rule of harmony is broken, every possible combination of discord and confusion is introduced, utterly inconsistent with, and contradictory to, the intended melody. Ah! What praying and preaching often make in the ears of the Lord of Hosts, if he listened to them as they are *mine* only! By men, the upper part only (if I may so speak) is heard; and small cause there is for self-gratification, if *they* should happen to commend, when conscience tells me they would be struck with astonishment and abhorrence could they bear the whole.

But if this awful effect of heart-depravity be wholly avoided in the present state of human nature, yet, at least, I would not allow and indulge it; yet this I find I do. In defiance of my best judgment and best wishes, I find something within me which cherishes and cleaves to those evils, from which I ought to start and flee, as I should if a toad or a serpent was put in my food or in my bed. Ah! How vile must the heart (at least my heart) be, that can hold a parley with such abominations, when I so well know their nature and their tendency. Surely he who finds himself capable of this, may, without the least affectation of humility (however fair his outward conduct appears), subscribe himself less than the least of all saints, and of sinners the very chief.

I would not be influenced by a principle of self on any occasion; yet this evil I often do. I am the baseness and absurdity of such a conduct as clearly as I see the light of the day. I do not affect to be thought ten feet high, and I know that a desire of being thought wise or good, is equally contrary to

reason and truth. I should be grieved or angry if my fellow creatures supposed I had such a desire; and therefore I fear the very principle of self, of which I complain, has a considerable share in prompting my desires to conceal it. The pride of others often offends me, and makes me studious to hide my own; because their good opinion of me depends much upon their not perceiving it. But the Lord knows how this dead fly taints and spoils my best services, and makes them no better than specious sins.

I would not indulge vain reasonings concerning the counsels, ways, and providence of God; yet I am prone to it. That the Judge of all the earth will do right, is to me as evident and necessary as that two and two make four. I believe that he has a sovereign right to do what he will with his own, and that sovereignty is but another name for the unlimited exercise of wisdom and goodness. But my reasonings are often such, as if I had never heard of these principles, or had formally renounced them. I feel the workings of a presumptuous spirit that would account for everything, and venture to dispute whatever it cannot comprehend. What an evil is this, for a potsherd of the earth to contend with its Maker! I do not act this toward my fellow-creatures; I do not find with the decision of a judge, or the dispositions of a general, because, though I know they are fallible, yet I suppose they are wiser in their respective departments than myself. But I am often ready to take this liberty when it is most unreasonable and inexcusable.

I would not cleave to a covenant of works: it should seem from the foregoing particulars, and many others which I could mention, that I have reasons enough to deter me from this. Yet even this I do. Not but that I say—and I hope from my heart—Enter not into judgment with thy servant, O Lord. I embrace it as a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners; and it is the main pleasure and business of my life to set forth the necessity and all-sufficiency of the Mediator between God and man, and to make mention of his righteousness even of his only. Not here, as in everything else, I find a vast difference between my judgment and my experience. I am invited to take the water of life *freely*, yet often discouraged, because I have nothing wherewith to pay for it. If I am at times favoured with some liberty from the above-mentioned evils, it rather gives me a more favourable opinion of myself, than increases my admiration of the Lord's goodness to so an unworthy a creature; and when the returning tide of my corruption convinces me that *I am still the same*, an unbelieving legal spirit would urge me to conclude that the Lord is changed: at least, I feel a weariness of being beholding to him for such continued multiplied forgiveness; and I fear that some part of my striving against sin, and my desires after an increase of sanctification, arises from a

secret wish that I might not be so absolutely and entirely indebted to him.

This, my Lord, is only a faint sketch of my heart; but it is taken from the life: it would require a volume rather than a letter to fill up the outlines. But I believe you will not regret that I choose to say no more upon such a subject. But though my disease is grievous, it is not desperate; I have a gracious and infallible Physician. I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.

I remain, my Lord, &cc

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### "Holy Ground"

Acts 7:30-34: "...And when forty years were expired, there appeared to him in the wilderness of mount Sina [OT Sinai] an angel of the Lord in a flame of fire in a bush. When Moses saw it, he wondered at the sight: and as he drew near to behold it, the voice of the Lord came unto him, Saying, I am the God of thy fathers, the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Then Moses trembled, and durst not behold. Then said the Lord to him, Put off thy shoes from thy feet: for the place where thou standest is holy ground. I have seen, I have seen the affliction of my people which is in Egypt, and I have heard their groaning, and am come down to deliver them. And now come, I will send thee into Egypt."

I am intrigued by today's scriptural reference to "holy ground." Some pastors have indicated on television that it was only at their church. There have been a few in times past that indicated "holy ground" as the stand where the preacher stood to deliver his sermon. Kids were even prevented from going up into the area of the stand after church by parents because that was "holy ground." The stand is simply an elevated area where the congregation may be able to view the pastor better and he in turn can communicate better with his congregation.

It seems to me that whenever God is present and speaking by the holy spirit to our hearts and by the means of the preached gospel, the ground is holy. This reality truly excites me because I know that Jesus is called, "Emmanuel," or "God with us" (Matthew 1:23)!

Furthermore, I know that Jesus told his disciples "...lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen." (Mt 28:20).

In the rendering of Ac 7:30-34, Paul is reminding us of the lesson taught here. The Lord told Moses to take off his shoes for the ground he was standing on was holy ground. Meaning, God is here with you; right in the place where you stand. He is not going to forsake you or leave you alone but will be with you as you take Israel out of Egypt. The taking off of shoes was an ancient token of reverence. The holiness of any place depends on the presence of God.

Take off your shoes Moses; come in direct contact with the earth you are standing on. Remember where you came from and where you are is by the grace of God. You were made in the image of God and God dwells with you, therefore when you are in the presence of God and can feel the presence of the Holy Spirit around you, then you are on Holy Ground and need to realize it and respect it.

Was the actual dirt under Moses' feet holy? No! What made that place holy was the divine presence of God. Take off your shoes Moses, for you are in the presence of God. How wonderful that is. Maybe it would do us all good to "come in contact" with the presence of God more. Isa 55:6 reminds us to "Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: ..." I pray we will all be on holy ground each Lord's day.

Maybe I need to "take off my shoes" more often.

Elder Bobby Willis (Deceased)

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### HUMILITY

by James H. Oliphant (Deceased)

Aug. 10, 1904

MY DEAR BROTHER HASSELL:--I just read in your paper the words--- 'For sure of all the plants that share, The notice of Thy Father's eye, None proves less grateful to His care, Or yields Him meaner fruit than I.'

I read and re-read these words, and they seemed so true in my case I wanted to tell you about it. I have been saved from a self-righteous feeling, yet burdened with a sense of unworthiness. With me it is not only a feeling of unworthiness, but I know it is real unworthiness; so the mercy of God is my only hope. I also read and re-read the words: 'But Hezekiah rendered not again according to the benefits done unto him, for his heart was lifted up'; and, as I review my poor life, I know this too is true of me. I know God's mercy to me has been great in temporal things, and I hope He has had mercy on me in the pardon of my sin, but I have not rendered again according to all these benefits. Your brother in hope,

J. H. Oliphant

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Lincoln once got caught up in a situation where he wanted to please a politician, so he issued a command to transfer certain regiments. When the secretary of war, Edwin Stanton, received the order, he refused to carry it out. He said that the President was a fool. Lincoln was told what Stanton had said, and he replied, "If Stanton said I'm a fool, then I must be, for he is nearly always right. I'll see for myself." As the two men talked, the President quickly realized that his decision was a serious mistake, and without hesitation he withdrew it.—Source Unknown

**THE EXPERIENCE OF ELDER JOHN K. MOSELEY**  
**July 27, 1937 – October 6, 2013**

For many days and nights I have felt that I would like to write about an experience that I had in the early morning of March 31, 1963. For several months before this I had battled myself trying not to believe the simple truths of the Holy Bible. But on this day something happened that made me believe and made me see the light of life.

This night I was determined to convince myself that there was no "God" because I told myself that if there was a God why would he take a young man in the prime of life and leave behind old people that are a burden to everyone. The following page is what happened that changed my life.

The night that Jessie was killed I suppose I felt like all the rest of the family, but something happened to me that did not happen to the others.

That night I could not sleep; I cried several times and finally after midnight I decided to get up and smoke a cigarette. As I sat there crying, Jessie appeared before me and this is what he said: "John why are you crying for me, I am happy" and as I looked on his face he had the most beautiful smile, that I have ever seen, and he said cry not for me but for them that are left behind for I am with my "Master," and I am happy. Then as I watched I saw him ascend upward and I heard the voice of the "Lord" saying, "Take up your cross and follow me for my way is righteousness and my burden is light." Then He said, "Go ye then and comfort them that are troubled and heavy laden for your brother has comforted you."

Since that night I have never felt better in my heart and mind. And I know that someday in the great beyond I will again meet Jessie and all the children of the Lord.

I hope that this will help and benefit all that read this note.

John Moseley

*(Jessie was John's brother—he was just over 3 years older than John. He had just come home from the Army and got his first job as a long haul truck driver and was killed in a traffic accident. John was Pastor of churches in Kentucky and Mississippi. The last church he did Pastor was Pleasant Hill in Fulton, Mississippi.---Naomi Ruth Gibson, Madisonville, KY)*

*(I was blessed to have love and fellowship with Brother John Moseley. I first met him in Kentucky when I preached the annual meeting of a little church outside Madisonville, KY called Antioch. I preached that meeting for 14 straight years until they stopped having it. Brother John was always there at the meetings. He moved to MS and pastored Laodicea and Pleasant Hill—kind and gentle man—Editor*

**MOUNTAIN MOVER**

Lord, I've never moved a mountain and I guess I never will. All the faith that I could muster wouldn't move a small ant hill. Yet I'll tell you, Lord, I'm grateful for the joy of knowing Thee, and for all the mountain moving down through life You've done for me.

When I needed some help you lifted me from the depths of great despair. And when burdens, pain and sorrow have been more than I can bear, you have always been my courage to restore life's troubled sea, and to move these little mountains that have looked so big to me.

Many times when I've had problems and when bills I've had to pay, and the worries and the heartaches just kept mounting every day, Lord, I don't know how you did it. Can't explain the wheres or whys. All I know, I've seen these mountains turn to blessings in disguise.

No, I've never moved a mountain, for my faith is far too small. Yet, I thank you, Lord of Heaven, you have always heard my call. And as long as there are mountains in my life, I'll have no fear, for the mountain-moving Jesus is my strength and always near.

--Source Unknown

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**ROUGH SPOTS**

A small girl had been promised the privilege of climbing to a nearby hilltop where her brother enjoyed playing. But when she came within sight of the steep, rough path, she drew back in dismay. "Why, there isn't a smooth spot anywhere. It's all bumpy and stony!" she exclaimed.

"Yes," said her more experienced older brother, "but how else would we ever climb to the top if it wasn't? The stones and bumps are what we step on to get there."

--Source Unknown

There are rough spots and bumps in the road as we serve the Lord, but it is sometimes the means by which we are able to appreciate and thank the Lord for the good times with which He has so blessed us. Peter writes, "Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you:" (I Pet. 4:12). The Lord has not promised skies always blue and flower strewn pathways all our lives through but has promised strength as our day. We are told to rejoice, not FOR the bumps but IN them. "But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy." (I Pet. 4:13)—Editor

**BIBLE FILL IN THE BLANK**

1. And above all things have fervent \_\_\_\_\_ among yourselves for charity shall \_\_\_\_\_ the multitude sins. (I Peter 4:8)
2. Wherein they think it \_\_\_\_\_ that ye run not with them to the same excess of \_\_\_\_\_ speaking evil of you. (I Peter. 4:4)
3. Wherefore let them that \_\_\_\_\_ according to the will of God commit the \_\_\_\_\_ of their souls in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator. (I Pet. 4:19)
4. Be sober, be \_\_\_\_\_; because your adversary the \_\_\_\_\_ as a roaring lion walketh about seeking whom he may devour. (I Peter 5:8)
5. Grace and peace be \_\_\_\_\_ unto you through the \_\_\_\_\_ of God and of Jesus our Lord. (2 Peter 1:2)
6. And besides this, giving all \_\_\_\_\_ add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge. (2 Pet. 1:5)
7. Wherefore the rather, brethren, give \_\_\_\_\_ to make your calling and \_\_\_\_\_ sure; for if ye do these things ye shall never fall. (2 Pet. 1: 10)
8. Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this \_\_\_\_\_ to stir you up by putting you in \_\_\_\_\_; knowing that shortly I must put off this my tabernacle. (2 Peter 1:13-14)
9. This second \_\_\_\_\_ beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure \_\_\_\_\_ by way of remembrance. (2 Peter 3:1)
10. Seeing then that all these things shall be \_\_\_\_\_ what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy \_\_\_\_\_ and godliness. (2 Peter 3:11)

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**IN WHAT BOOK OF THE BIBLE ARE THESE VERSES?**

1. Not purloining, but showing all good fidelity; that they may adorn the doctrine of God and our Saviour in all things.
2. For we have great joy and consolation in thy love because the bowels of the saints are refreshed by thee, brother.
3. Moreover it is required in stewards that a man be found faithful.

*(Answers on Page 8)*

**OUT OF THE MOUTH OF BABES**

From Elder Ronald Lawrence Sermon: His wife was driving Elder Lonnie Mazingo Sr. to the airport with their young son in the back seat with about a two hour drive ahead. Elder Mazingo kept apologizing for putting her to so much trouble. She assured him it was no trouble at all. He did this two or three times apologizing for putting her to so much trouble, having to drive him to the airport and she kept telling him it wasn't any trouble at all. After the third time of apologizing, the young son in the back spoke up with authority, "Mom, this is trouble!" Elder Lawrence didn't share how Elder Mazingo reacted but I'm sure he was gracious as always.—*Editor*

My sister was keeping my grandson Isaac awhile back and she gave him some water in a small cup. She expected he probably would spill some of it. Sure enough he turned it up too high and spilled it all over his shirt. After a minute to digest the situation, he said, "Well, it wasn't my fault!"—*Editor*

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**THE WEAVER**

My life is but a weaving,  
Between my Lord and me.  
I cannot choose the colors  
He weaveth steadily.

Of't times He weaveth sorrow,  
And I in foolish pride,  
Forgot He sees the upper,  
And I the underside.

Not 'til the look is silent  
And shuttles cease to fly  
Shall God unveil the canvas,  
And explain the reason why.

The dark threads are as needul  
In the weavers skillful hand,  
As threads of gold and silver  
In the pattern He has planned.

--Author Unknown

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**IN MEMORIAM**

Elder Marshall Boyd, Tupelo, MS passed away to be with the Saviour he so faithfully proclaimed on May 22, 2017 at the age of 77. He was the pastor of Harmony Primitive Baptist Church, Tupelo, MS since 1974. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Geneva Boyd, and two daughters, Pam Foster and Marsha Harrell. Be in prayer for his family and the small church he did pastor.

**CHURCH NEWS**

Everyone is invited to Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church, Randolph, MS for their meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in July (July 14-16). Services Friday night, July 14, at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, July 15, at 10:30 a.m. with lunch and afternoon services. Elders Larry Wise, David Wise and Jonathan Wise are invited ministers. Elder David Wise will preach Friday night; Elder Jonathan Wise, Saturday morning and Elder Larry Wise Saturday afternoon. Elder Tom Bouchillon is Pastor of Hopewell.

Laodicea Primitive Baptist Church, Lafayette Springs, MS, will have their annual meeting on Friday night July 21, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. and will continue on Saturday, July 22, at 10:30 a.m., lunch will be served at noon. Saturday night supper at 5:30 p.m. and worship services at 7:00 p.m. Elder Mark Quarles, Madison, MS is the invited minister. Services on Sunday, July 23, at 10:30 a.m. followed by communion and then lunch. —Elder Steve Weaver is Pastor of Laodicea.

The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday night in July, 2017 (July 30) Fellowship Meeting will be held with the Bethany Primitive Baptist Church, Ecu, MS with supper at 5:30 p.m. and worship at 6:30 p.m. This meeting rotates between New Prospect, Laodicea, Bethany, and Hopewell churches. Someone is selected to preach from attending ministers. Everyone is invited. Elder Larry Wise is Pastor of Bethany.

Brother Jeremy Wise, Pontotoc, MS will be with Yalobusha Primitive Baptist Church, Water Valley, MS the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in July, 2017 (July 30) with services at 10:30 a.m. Elder James Hall is Pastor of Yalobusha.

Elder David Wise, Starkville, MS will be with Bethany Primitive Baptist Church, Ecu, MS the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in July 2017 (July 30) with service at 10:30 a.m. Elder Larry Wise is Pastor of Bethany.

Elder Larry Wise, Randolph, MS will be with Chewalla Primitive Baptist Church, Potts Camp, MS the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in July, 2017 (July 30) with service at 10:30 a.m. Elder Jerry Wise is Pastor of Chewalla.

Elder James Hall, Pontotoc, MS will be with Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church, Randolph, MS the 5<sup>th</sup> Sun. in July, 2017 (July 30) with service at 10:30 a.m. Elder Tom Bouchillon is Pastor of Hopewell.

Elder Grady Camp, Germantown, TN will be with New Hope PBC, Hatley, MS the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in July, 2017 (July 30). Service at 10:30 a.m. Elder Tim Cunningham is Pastor of New Hope.

**CHURCH NEWS**

These elders attended the Bethany Primitive Baptist Church, Ecu MS May Communion Meeting on Friday night May 19. Left to right: Tom Bouchillon, Jonathan Wise, Grady Camp, Ronald Lawrence (guest minister), Larry Wise, Tony Lester, James Hall, Calvin Warren and Jerry Wise. The Lord surely blessed with His felt presence.



Elders attending the Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church Meeting in Heber Springs, AR on Friday, May 26 were left to right: Jeff Moseley, Larry Wise, John Cooper, Danny Adcock (Pastor) James Kimbrough, Kenneth Watts, and Dwayne Dubard. The Lord blessed with a great spiritual meeting.



Everyone is invited to the annual meeting at Little Flock Primitive Baptist Church, Burnsville, MS Aug. 4-6, 2017. Services Fri. night, Aug. 4, at 7:00 p.m. Sat. Aug. 5, at 7:00 p.m. preceded by supper at 6:00 p.m. Sun. Aug. 6, at 10:10 a.m. Elder Marty Smith, Roswell GA is invited minister. Elder Jonathan Wise is Pastor of Little Flock.

Everyone is invited to the annual meeting at Antioch Primitive Baptist Church, Oxford, MS Aug. 4-6, 2017. Services Fri. night, Aug. 4, at 7:00 p.m. Sat. Aug. 5, at 10:30 a.m. Lunch and PM services. Sun. Aug. 6 at 10:30 a.m. Elder Buddy Abernathy, Gordo, AL is invited minister. Antioch is currently without a Pastor.

**CONFESSIONS OF EZRA**

By Elder T. L. Webb Jr. (Deceased)

In the tenth chapter of Ezra, we learn the humble confession of a servant of God on behalf of the people of Israel. A true servant will mourn and lament over the condition of the church in the world, but an hireling, one not called or burdened with the duties and responsibilities the office requires will only mourn over those things which affect his own temporal welfare and selfish gain.

Ezra did not come before the Lord pleading the innocence of the people, but declared: "We are before thee in our trespasses," and acknowledged, "we cannot stand before thee because of this." It is wrong for us to try to stand innocent before God and others in our trespasses. It is wrong for the church or ministers to try to justify their evils and errors by saying, "There was error in the seven churches of Asia." This is true that there was error but the Lord commanded REPENTANCE and He does the same today.

Ezra prayed and confessed, "weeping and casting himself down before the house of God." He laid himself down as a penitent beggar before the judgment of God and His house. When one has done wrong and it is hurtful to the cause, he should humbly confess his wrongs before the church instead of trying to cover up his sins. Matthew 5:23, 24 is the best rule to follow in such cases even in matters of innocence.

Not only did Ezra show true sorrow for the sins of His people but the people joined with him in his confession, and the great number of the congregation "wept very sore." Great good will always come when all are in a repentant spirit. Great good would come in the church today if we were ALL in such a spirit.

All this crying and weeping would have accomplished little had they not *turned from* the evils they had among them which they had taken in violation of the commands of God. This required some time and effort as seen in verse 13, and there was time given for this to be accomplished. The Lord gives space for repentance where repentance can be made, but there is a starting time and that is now.

Please read the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> chapter of Ezra to get the lesson. We need the lesson in our day. Confessions are good, but confessions without repentance will not erase the guilt. Too many times we have married the institutions of men or taken in so much of the world (strange wives), that we must turn from these things back to God if we expect to have the approving smiles of the God of Israel in the church today.

We should come weeping and confessing our sins as did Ezra and then repent of any strange thing we might have among us.

(From "Advocate and Messenger", August, 1966)

**REGENERATION AND RESURRECTION**

By Elder J. Harvey Daily (Deceased)

Jesus said, "As the Father raiseth up the dead and quickeneth them; even so the Son quickeneth whom He will." John 5:21. Our Lord teaches here that there is a similarity between regeneration and resurrection. When the dead are raised it will not be a gradual change, but "In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet," the dead shall rise. Even so when a man is born of the spirit it is not a gradual refining of his corrupt inclinations, but a powerful quickening of the Holy Spirit. There can be no space between life and death. There is a travel in experience. "As many as are led by the Spirit of God they are the sons of God." They do not become children by being led. Life must precede action. It could not be the result of the choice or will of the dead sinner that they receive life any more than it can be the result of the will or choice of the grave. It is the will and choice of God.

When the dead are raised they come up incorruptible. This will be a great change. So it is in the new birth. In the washing of regeneration, sin with its evil effects is removed. The sting of death is sin, and this sting must be removed. The strength of sin is the law, but the spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made us free from the law of sin and death. The spirit thus changed shall never die. That which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

Though the thief on the cross was condemned, justly condemned to die, and right at the door of hell, with a life of sin and crime coming up on every side, yet our Saviour, by His power could take them all on Himself and justly quicken and sanctify that sinner in a moment and assure him that he was soon, even that day to be with Him in glory.

As the Saviour hath quickened the sinner's spirit in time, so will the body be quickened in the resurrection. When He comes for the body He will find it dead and entirely helpless. Corruption will not hinder Him from calling in a way that they can hear. No weakness, pain, sickness, or death shall then bother them. We will then be fit to meet the Son of Righteousness as He ushers us into a cloudless, bright, eternal day. What a Saviour we have.

J. Harvey Daily

(From "Advocate and Messenger", December, 1942)

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**ANSWERS  
IN WHAT BOOK OF THE BIBLE  
ARE THESE VERSES?**

1. Titus (Titus 2:10)
2. Philemon (Phil. 7)
3. 1 Corinthians (1 Cor. 4:2)



**THE CONIES**

Elder John R. Respass (Deceased)

The conies are but a feeble folk, yet they make their houses in the rocks.—Pr 30:26.

The cony is something like a little rabbit; a timid little thing, whose refuge from enemies is his house in the rocks. The children of God are feeble, like conies; they are a “feeble folk,” and hence they have their house in the Rock—or in Christ—to whom they fly for safety. None, save the “feeble folk,” feel the need of a house in the Rock—and they only by the teaching of the Spirit. The teaching of the Spirit is contrary to worldly teaching; that is to say, a man can not be taught by worldly teaching—by the learning and wisdom of this world—his true condition in the sight of God. “The wisdom of the world is foolishness with God,” and the wisdom of God is foolishness to the world. They are contrary one to the other. It is the teaching of the Spirit that leads us to our house in the Rock. People that have strength, righteousness and goodness of their own, are not like the conies; they are not a “feeble folk,” and hence have no house in the Rock. They do not feel the need of a house in the Rock, because they have not been taught of the Lord. But those who have been taught of the Lord, do feel the need of that house—and from necessity, take refuge in it. One thinks at first, that to go to Christ—the house in the rocks—he must get stronger and stronger, and get better and better, instead of poorer and poorer, and weaker and weaker, until he becomes like the cony, a feeble thing, that can only be safe in the rock. Then why should we complain at that which makes us take refuge in Christ, and at that which prepares us to rest in Christ only? Why complain at our poverty, destitution and feebleness, when these are the characteristics of the children of God, and always characterize them, and them only? Christ must be all to us, or nothing to us.—R September—1882

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

Dear Ones,

Thanks so much for printing all the good writings in “Glad Tidings”. It’s a joy to share good writings with others. Copied The Spiritual Kingdom to share with my youngest niece and family.

It’s always really interesting and encouraging to read From The Pastors Desk and cheerful to read little Isaac’s sayings.

Wishing our Dear Lord’s blessings to you all. He always makes us able to overcome.

In Dear Hope & Love.

Sister Loreta Lilly  
Akron, OH

**THE NEW BIRTH**

June 12, 1917

A brother asks us this question: “When does the new birth take place? Is it at the time one is quickened or is it when one is delivered from the burden of sin and guilt?”

Different figures are used in Scripture representing the work of regeneration. Although different figures are used, they all represent one thing, and that one thing is becoming in possession of eternal life, or the impartation of that life. Becoming in possession of eternal life is represented in Scripture as a birth, as a resurrection, as a creation, as a translation, as a deliverance, etc. All these different figures represent the same thing. To quicken is to make alive from the dead. It is to raise up out of a state of death into a state of life. It is a resurrection. See Eph. 2:1-6. This is an instantaneous work. This is done by the Lord speaking to them, and when He speaks to them He imparts life. See John 5:25. The lesson taught in all these figures is that the sinner is passive in receiving eternal life. We cannot very well get more out of a figure than is intended to be taught in it.

The very fact that a child cries is unmistakable proof that a living child has been born. So when one begins to mourn on account of sin and to cry unto the Lord, begging for mercy, it is positive proof that he has been born of God. Then one may ask, “Why does he mourn if he has been born of God?” We answer, Because he does not know he has been born of God. When the fact is made known to him that Jesus is his Saviour [pg 188] he has been born of God, then he rejoices. The fact is one thing, and the knowledge of the fact is another thing.

Our brethren all agree that the sinner is passive in receiving eternal life, and it is by the sovereign will and work of Almighty God. This is the fundamental point, and we are all agreed on it. We should not, therefore, cavil over minor matters. C.H.C.

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by Elder C. H. Cayce, Volume 3)

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**LIFE FIRST—SEEK SECOND**

“For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.” (Eph. 2:10)

“Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:” (Col. 1:13)

“If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.” (Col. 3:1)

**GLORY AND PRAISE**

By Elder Rickey Taylor  
Booneville, Mississippi

“To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.” Ephesians 1:6.

One of the essential elements of prayer to our Heavenly Father ought to consist of at least three things. One is thanksgiving, the second is praise, and the third is petition.

While it is good to petition our Lord for our needs, it shouldn't be the whole of our prayer. We need to also praise him and thank him for what he has done for us. If it was not for his mercy then we would be of all men most miserable.

One of the things we should thank him for is his election of us before the foundation of the world. God loves us and chose us to live with him in eternity. To take dead alien sinners and make them a child of God. To turn their sinful heart, who can bring nothing out of their own corrupt heart to rightly serve God shows the goodness and grace of our Heavenly Father to put us among the children.

Praise is what I would like for you to look at in our verse. I pray that we all give God the praise that he is richly due with our godly living. That choice is left up to us regarding of whether we serve him. The parting of the Red Sea brought him praise just by those that witnessed the event. The Lord walking on the water brought him due praise, as well as telling the wind and sea to be calm. Many other marvelous works he has done will bring him praise. One work that he has done that we will talk about is his choosing us to be among the flock of his blessed sheep. In verse five of this same chapter we read that God predetermined (chose) that we are his adopted children through the shed blood of Christ, “Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will.” (Ephesians 1:5) Now look at what we would be without God intervention in our lives. We are born with a sinful corrupt nature that has no love of God. It is God who first loved us.

1 John 4:19: “We love him, because he first loved us.”. Yet he loves us and puts another nature in us that is heavenly and seeks after him. Can you see that we wouldn't have any love in us unless God first loved us and put a desire in us to love him back (1 John 4:19). “We love him, because he first loved us”. I know that you my dear reader have a love for God or you wouldn't be reading this. Just think about why that love is there. You didn't start loving God first, it was God that first loved you and put a song in your heart that sings out for the living God. So when God takes an old corrupt sinner like me and causes me to be capable of the love of God, then truly that gives praise and glory to our precious God!

Even the very man who under the inspiration of God penned these great words here to the Ephesians was a living breathing praise to God in the life he now had by the hand of God.

Paul who is also called Saul was a Pharisee that was compassing great lengths to persecute the church of the Lord Jesus Christ at Jerusalem. The scripture said that his old Adam corrupt nature was breathing out slaughtering and persecution to the early church. He stood by and consented to the death of Steven, while he was stoned to death. And Saul stood there and heard Steven in his dying breath ask God to forgive him and the others. Do you think that it moved Saul's heart to repent and praise Christ? No! Instead he continued to go about attempting to make havoc of the church. Such was his zeal to persecute the early church that he went to the Jewish counsel to give him authority to take his murdering and persecution to other places. He was on his way to Damascus to do that very thing when God struck him down and stopped his bloodlust for the followers of Christ. After this, he was no longer an enemy but a fellow minister in the very church that he once persecuted. Now this man became a blessing to those that he would have once persecuted; now he was exhorting them in the faith of Jesus Christ. Amazing grace! This wouldn't have happened without God's loving hand in his life.

Paul is not the only one that was struck down while an enemy to God. We were as well in our corrupt sinful nature. Without God intervening, then we would surely still be out there serving that old corrupt nature. Instead we are sitting under the sound of the gospel, singing about his amazing grace, and giving praise and glory to him, this is the work of God and it is marvelous in our sight!

All glory and praise goes to our precious God.

Elder Rickey Taylor

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**ACCEPTED**

It is not whether we will accept the Lord as Saviour that determines our eternal destiny; it is whether the Lord has accepted us. The truth is He made us accepted in the beloved Christ. Peter thought only Jews were children of God until the Lord showed him differently and when he was sent unto the Gentile Cornelius after being shown on the housetop that what God had cleansed he was not to call common or unclean, he was made to declare, “Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him.” (Acts 10:34-35). Cornelius was already accepted in the beloved and the proof was he was a praying man, a God-fearing man and a worker of righteousness. This is praise for sure!—*Editor*

**2 TIM 4:6-7-8**

By Elder J. R. Haymon  
(Now deceased)

Paul tells the young minister his feelings about his course he had traveled in this life. In verse six he says, **“For I am now ready to be offered and the time of my departure is at hand.”**

Realizing that his time was almost over he made this profound statement. Sometimes we are made aware that our race is almost run but can we endorse the language that the writer expressed in the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> verses?

Verse 7: **“I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith;”**

I wish I could say without a doubt that I have fought a good fight. This does not mean that we are to be in a natural fight all the time, but it does teach us to defend the doctrine of grace at all times. This I have tried to do though my efforts have been very weak. Then he said I have finished my course. The apostle had many perilous times and warned us that we would have the same. But even so, he never quit and neither is there a quitting place or retirement for us in this cause.

I have heard of men laying their gift down and I say if a man can lay it down, he should because he does not have the commitment that it takes to finish this course. If I have a call, I pray that God will give me the grace to finish it. I pray that when it comes my time to leave the world that I will be found standing where I have always stood. May it be said that I have kept the faith and never departed from it. To keep the faith embraces many things in which my little mind will only let me write about just a few. What does it mean to keep the faith?

We must keep it from a practical point. We should be ready to defend the practice of the church at all cost. It means to stand on Bible truths. Sometimes we hear it said that if we keep peace, we must change some of our practices. Now brethren, I want peace and will labor as hard as any man to keep it, but we cannot compromise the truth. If one will show me where Paul or any of the apostles ever compromised this for peace sake then I will be ready to do the same. But it can't be done. There is so much more to be said on this but I will leave this for later.

Verse 8: **“Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord the righteous judge shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.”**

Notice Paul did not say, “therefore”, which means because of, but simply used the word henceforth which means from now on. So Paul is not saying because he had done all these things that heaven and all its glory would be his, but he had done these

things because God had called him and found him worthy to be put into the ministry. He is giving the Lord all the glory and praise. Certainly, knowing even though his course was almost over that the Lord who called him by his grace would not forsake him even in death. Written in love.

Elder J. R. Haymon  
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**IN MEMORIAM**

(Author of preceding article)

Elder James Ralph “J.R.” Haymon finished his course and good fight on May 15, 2017 and went to be with the Lord at the age of 81. His funeral was in DeRidder, LA on May 20 with Elders Wayne Painter, Truman Keel, and Jeff Moseley officiating. He was pastor of Primitive Baptist churches for 53 years across the United States and traveled preaching as well. He will be sorely missed.

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**WHAT WOULD JESUS DO?**

We encounter many people and situations that require us to make decisions that require wisdom and discretion. We don't know exactly what to do? We might ask the question, “What would Jesus do?” Of course Jesus is not here in person to advise us but we do have His words in John 8:29 which says, “And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him.” Jesus would do what would please the Father. So that is the final criteria for decision-making which is “Will it please the Heavenly Father?” This means that it is an act of faith because “without faith it is impossible to please Him.” (Heb. 11:6). This is why mistakes occur when decisions are made because it does not always please the Father. We are sinners and Jesus was not. However, we have God's word to guide us in the physical absence of Jesus. Will what we do go against the inspired word of God. If it does violate the teaching of God, then we know to go in another direction. Think on these things.—February 6, 2015—Elder Larry Wise

(From [bethanypbecrums.com](http://bethanypbecrums.com) website)

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Associate with men of good quality if you esteem your own reputation; for it is better to be alone than in bad company.—George Washington

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