

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

It seems readily apparent that our society is one in which many people desire to be the top dog and pity the individual/s that might get in the way. They may be subject to ridicule, innuendo, scandal and outright lies to promote the desires of those who may want to be at the top or to remain on top. The Lord hates strife and confusion and is not the author of either except if it comes about with the propagation of truth. Paul admonishes in Phil. 2:3: “Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.” Those desiring to ascend the echelons of power eagerly and very conveniently ignore this scripture and many others that teach the same.

Have you ever heard the old saying about certain individuals “It has to be his way or it’s the highway.”? In other words: someone wants things done his own way and if it isn’t, the opposition is dismissed and fired. Of course there has to be a certain amount of authority exercised in administering duties but this can be done with respect rather than disdain. Strife is “contention” and “self-conceit” and good things very seldom result from such behavior. Conversely, if others are esteemed better than ourselves, we have room for agreement and a platform for agreement as the scriptures declare in Amos 3:3: “Can two walk together, except they be agreed?”

Politicians may want to get their own way; church members may want to get their own way; preachers may want to get their own way; children may want to get their own way and the list goes on and on. When these scenarios are in action, somebody is going to get hurt; probably not physically but hurt just the same. Paul goes on in his admonition by saying: “Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.” (Phil. 2:4). It is very good for one to provide for his own house because failure to do so would make that individual worse than an infidel. There are other matters, however, when one may need to look on the position of others which might be better than the one advocated. The church would be always at peace if these two verses were always followed. Our society would also be spared from the division that currently exists. Jesus said, “...Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand.” (Matt. 12:25)

Jesus looked upon His children with pity and compassion and condescended to be born of a virgin and be made in the likeness of men to save them from their sins. As we approach this Thanksgiving season, it would be good for all the people of God to contemplate this great loving sacrifice and be willing to sacrifice our selfish desires for the glory of God. Paul wanted to live his life to the glory of God as he makes plain in Phil. 2:10: “According to my earnest expectation and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death.”

Paul indeed was thankful for the intervention of God in his life and who set him on the right road but he did not compromise with truth as he even withstood Peter one time to his face. However, his admonitions were in the spirit of love when he brought certain errors to the attention of the people of God. Paul writes, “But we were gentle among you, even as a nurse cherisheth her children:” (I Thess. 2:7). “What will ye? shall I come unto you with a rod, or in love, and in the spirit of meekness?” (I Cor. 4:21). Absolutely nothing should compromise truth but how is it to be presented? If a preacher preaches the truth but acts like he is mad by his demeanor, he gives the wrong impression to his listeners. Paul again writes, “But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ.” (Eph. 4:15). Obviously, Paul was looking out for the welfare of others whom he esteemed even better than himself.

Paul knew that he was chained and fettered in a house of clay that was a battleground between the flesh and Spirit and asked the question: “O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?” (Rom. 7:24). The flesh gendereth strife and vainglory whereas the Spirit gendereth humility. Paul then answers his question about who would deliver him. “I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.” (Rom. 7:25). The flesh desires to strike out and get one’s own way whereas the Spirit desires to find what is best for all concerned with truth uncompromised. Thanksgiving would be a good time to contemplate these scriptures and practice them on a daily basis for our own benefit and the benefit of others. May we use the grace God gives us to do better.—Elder Larry Wise

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REMEMBER THY CREATOR

By Elder T. E. Majors (Deceased)

Remember thy Creator in the days of thy youth—Eccl. 12:1. For one to remember any thing they must first have life. Those who have natural life can remember that there is a Creator by just looking at the things of nature. And every one should remember the Creator and try to live a moral life. But, to live just a moral life is not living a Christian life. One must have the Spirit to be able to remember thy Creator in a Spiritual way. They should remember Him when they feel like they have a change of heart. After one feels he has a Creator in this sense then is the time to remember Him while their hearts are tender and in their first love. If one waits until he gets old and his energy is gone, in a natural way, he will not be able to do as he would when he was young and vigorous. In the spiritual realm one should remember his creator when he is in his youth and not put it off and wait until he is old and most of his vigor is gone.

One great mistake is made by many of us by not remembering our Creator in our youth, in our first love. Most of us can remember how we wanted to join the church but put it off from time to time, hoping we would feel like we were worthy to have a home with such good people. If we put it off until we feel worthy, we will never come to the dear old Church. Just remember: The One who made you feel unworthy is the One who made you worthy by what

he did for you on the cross. Just remember what He did for you when He sent His Spirit unto your heart crying: Abba, Father—Gal. 4:6; and Titus 3:5. We know it is not by works but it is by grace we are saved—not of works, but it is by what He has done and is continuing to do for us.

Some believe that we are accountable to God when we are sinners. If the dead sinner does not remember the Creator and accept Him, he cannot be saved. Now, no one can accept anything until he has life, and the dead sinner does not have life. People should remember Him in a natural way but not in a Spiritual way, because they do not have Spiritual life. What will happen if a child of God fails to remember His creator? Will they go to hell, because they fail to remember Him?

They will go to the hell that Jonah went to and the one that David mentions in the 139th Psalm. They will not miss eternal heaven, for if one is saved, he will be blessed to receive heaven and will enjoy it as the ones who were faithful in His service. But they fail to get the blessings in the old church, as the ones who remembered Him and did the things He said for them to do as His little children. What will happen to those who fail to remember their Creator in the days of their youth? They will fail to be able to eat the good of the land, as the children of Israel did when they failed to be willing and obedient.

Some believe if one is willing he will be blessed because he was willing to do. There is some difference in being willing and in being obedient—Isaiah 1:19, 20. The children of Israel failed to get in the land of Canaan, because they were not obedient. That did not keep them from being Israelites, but only kept them from enjoying Canaan land, which flowed with milk and honey.

Does the child of God receive any judgment in this life for not being obedient? If so, what kind of judgment will it be? Let us see what the Bible says about it: "For the time will come"—not will come after while, but now—"that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God? And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?"—1 Peter 4:17, 18. We can see by this text that the child of God is judged while he lives. At the end of the way, we believe that there will be a judgment, but it will not be for our good deeds which we have done, but it will be in Christ; for we were judged in Him, and He died for us that we would stand before Him in righteousness! But we, as His children, will be judged for the things we do that are not pleasing to Him. We are not only judged for the things we do, but for the things we fail to do, which He said for us to do, which is the sin of omission. Many of us fail to think about the things we fail to do. The things we fail to do are just as bad in the sight of God, as the things we do that are not

right. If the righteous scarcely be saved, just what will happen to the ungodly? Are they children of God? If so, why are they ungodly? Because, they failed to remember their Creator in their youth, as they should, or after they came to the Church lived an ungodly life. I have seen some who belonged to the church—or I should say have their name on the church book—anyway, they are still in the church, as far as I know—live ungodly. They will be judged for their deeds. If the righteous is scarcely saved—which is the case many times with the faithful child of God; so many times he feels he has just scarcely gotten by and missed the judgment of an holy God, which he loves so much. Paul said in Romans 10:1—“Brethren, my heart’s desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved.” Did Paul desire for Israel to be saved in heaven, or did he desire for them to be saved from error? He said in verse 2: “For I bear them record that they” (not some one else) “have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge.” In verse 3: “For they being ignorant of God’s righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.” Many of the children of God are trying to establish their own righteousness and trying to do something to become children of God, when they are already children of God and don’t know it. There are many Scriptures that prove that the child of God is judged while he lives for the things he does or does not do!

I wish to say to each one who reads this that I have not written this because you do not know what you should do, but to make you think about it again. If anyone wishes to write me, I will appreciate hearing from you; and if you do not agree with me, that will be alright because we all do not see alike.

T. E. Majors

(From “*The Primitive Baptist*”, March 15, 1962)

REMEMBERING

Sometimes we as Christians need to stop along life’s road and look back. Although it might have been winding and steep, we can see how God directed us by His faithfulness. Here’s how F.E. Marsh described what the Christian can see when he looks back:

The deliverances the Lord has wrought (Deut. 5:15).
The way He has led (Deut. 8:2)
The blessings He has bestowed (Deut. 32:7-12).
The victories He has won (Deut. 11:2-7).
The encouragements He has given (Josh. 23:14).

When we face difficulties, we sometimes forget God’s past faithfulness. We see only the detours and the dangerous path. But look back and you will also see the joy of victory, the challenge of the climb, and the presence of your traveling Companion who has promised never to leave you nor forsake you.—Unknown

THE COAL BASKET BIBLE

Daily Devotion for April 11, 2007

By Elder Louis Culver

The story is told of an old man who lived on a farm in the mountains of Kentucky with his young grandson. Each morning, Grandpa was up early sitting at the kitchen table reading from his old worn-out Bible. His grandson who wanted to be just like him tried to imitate him in any way he could.

One day the grandson asked, “Papa, I try to read the Bible just like you but I don’t understand it, and what I do understand I forget as soon as I close the book. What good does reading the Bible do?”

Grandfather quietly turned from putting coal in the stove and said, “Take this coal basket down to the river and bring me back a bucket of water.”

The boy did as he was told, even though all the water leaked out before he could get back to the house. Grandfather laughed and said, “You will have to move a little faster next time,” and sent him back to the river with the basket to try again.

This time the boy was faster, but again the bucket was empty before he returned home. Out of breath, he told his grandfather that it was “impossible to carry water in a basket,” and he went to get a bucket instead. The old man said, “I don’t want a bucket of water; I want a basket of water. You can do this. You’re just not trying hard enough,” and he went out the door to watch the boy try again. At this point, the boy knew that it was impossible, but he wanted to show his grandfather that even if he ran as fast as he could, the water would leak out before he got far at all. The boy scooped the water and ran hard, but when he reached his grandfather the basket was again empty. Out of breath, he said, “See Papa, it’s useless!”

“So you think it is useless?” the old man said. “Look at the basket.” The boy looked at the basket and for the first time he realized that the basket looked different. Instead of a dirty old coal basket, it was clean.

“See, that is what happens when you read the Bible. You might not understand or remember everything but when you read it, it will change you from the inside out.” That is the work of God in our lives. To change us from the inside out and slowly transform us into the image of His Son.

Take time to read a portion of God’s word each day, and remind a friend by sharing this story. “Live simply, Love Generously, Care Deeply, Speak Kindly, Leave the Rest to God”.

The Bible teaches us how to live before our God. In Deuteronomy 10:12, we read, “And now, Israel, what doth the LORD thy God require of thee, but to fear the LORD thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the LORD thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul...”

We also read in Micah 6:8. "He hath shewed thee O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?"

Another principle is taught in this story: We need to be careful how we live and conduct ourselves, because others watch and pattern their lives after us. The grandfather set a good example by reading the Bible. The grandson wanted to be like his grandfather; therefore, he also tried to read the Bible. He did not feel he was accomplishing anything until the grandfather told him just how his Bible reading was able to help him. We need excellent teachers, both by word and by deed.

Elder Louis Culver
(From "ITMS", May, 2007)

SABBATH QUESTIONS

September 5, 1935
Elder C.H. Cayce (Deceased)

In the law given Moses on Sinai was a command for the observance of the seventh day as a sabbath day. Of course some of the things commanded in that law should be kept, obeyed, done, even if the command had never been written. One such command is, "Thou shalt not kill." Another is, "Thou shalt not steal." There are other commands in the law like these. It would have been wrong to kill or to steal if these commands had never been written in the law. But some of the things written in the law should be observed because they were written, and because God commanded them. One such command was the one concerning the sabbath, which was the seventh day. There were many other things which the Lord commanded to be done and to be observed under the law. But the law and all the ordinances connected therewith belonged to the Jews. The Gentiles were never under that law, and were never required to observe the ordinances connected with it. But it is wrong for a Gentile to kill or to steal, even though he was never under the law given by Moses. Now, when Jesus came and died on the cross He fulfilled the law, and all the ordinances under it were finished. The sabbaths under the law were typical of rest under the gospel—just as the offerings and sacrifices were typical. The real Christian sabbath is his rest in Christ and His finished work. Also there is a rest for the child of God in the service of God. The Sunday sabbath was first instituted by Constantine about the year 321. That was the first sabbath law after the death of Christ. But it should be observed because it is the law of the land. We should obey the law when there is not a matter of conscience involved.

C. H. C.

(From "Editorial Writings From The Primitive Baptist"
by Elder C. H. Cayce, Vol. VI)

HOME AT LAST

(From "Autobiography of Elder V. F. Lowrance")

My brother in the flesh (and for myself, in Christ, I hope), Oscar Lowrance, passed away on Wednesday, April 30th, at 6:00 p.m. in a Hospital in Fort Worth, Texas, at the age of 84 years and 8 months.

Brother Oscar had been in ill health for several years. The last three years, his heart condition and a ballooning blood vessel in his side, either of which could take him away in a moment. He bore his afflictions with patience and courage and never lost his sense of humor! Also, he had great faith in God and His promises. This was still in evidence when I visited him in the hospital on Friday, the 25th, before he passed away on Wednesday the 30th. Reclining in almost a sitting posture and with oxygen tubes in his nostrils and in a voice so weak I could scarce understand him, he did not murmur or complain, but chuckled lightly at some incident he was relating!

However, he did, from time to time, express his desire to "go home" and this with every indication that he was ready and anxious for the time to come! And with this, I want to relate his last words, as I understood one of his sons to relate. He called for the nurse, and, when she came in, he was having difficulty breathing, his lungs were beginning to fill with water. He asked her to pray with him. She took his hand, and, as they prayed together he said, "Lord, please, take me home!" And, immediately, and without a struggle, he was gone! The following is a paraphrase of the last stanza of the old song "Homeward Bound," Which I believe with all my heart is true with him.

"Glory to God! all his sorrows are o'er, He stands secure on the glorified shore; Glory to God, he will shout evermore, I am home at last, home at last." Farewell, dear brother! I hope to meet you in that blessed home some sweet day!

GOD WILL PROVIDE

When Corrie Ten Boom of The Hiding Place fame was a little girl in Holland, her first realization of death came after a visit to the home of a neighbor who had died. It impressed her that some day her parents would also die. Corrie's father comforted her with words of wisdom. "Corrie, when you and I go to Amsterdam, when do I give you your ticket?" "Why, just before we get on the train," she replied. "Exactly," her father said, "and our wise Father in heaven knows when we're going to need things too. Don't run out ahead of Him, Corrie. When the time comes that some of us will have to die, you will look into your heart and find the strength you need—just in time."

Today in the Word, MBI, October, 1991, p. 30.

DISAPPOINTMENT

By Elder J. R. Daily (Deceased)

Disappointment is a school in which we learn to reduce to practice the great truth, that we cannot be safe, much less happy, but in proportion as we are weaned from our own wills and brought into subjection to the will of God. We form schemes that look so plausible that when they are broken we are so disappointed and think it is such a pity that they should have failed. Again we try, but with no better success. Not yet discouraged we plan again and so continue to plan till we learn that we are not more able than we are worthy to choose for ourselves. It is then that the Lord's precious promise to care for us, if we cast our care upon Him, appears valuable. We, in time, are brought to see that if our plans had succeeded, we would have been deprived of greater good the Lord had in store for us. Or, if this is hidden from our minds, we learn that, "it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps."

We are so short-sighted that we can only judge of things by their present appearance, while the Lord sees them in all their consequences. As this is true, how much better it is to trust our affairs in His hands than to risk them in our own! If we could see things just as He sees them, we would be of His mind. What a mercy it is, then, that He manages for us, even though we are not always pleased with His management! When he gives up a people to walk in the ways of their own hearts, he inflicts upon them a very severe judgment. If one who is blind, being dependent upon someone to lead him, were to dispute with his leader about every step, would it not be presumptuous in him? Then if we were left to grope his own way alone, would he not soon earn his folly?

Disappointment often comes by our succeeding to accomplish our purpose. The good we hoped thus to obtain is not found. We had expected the coveted gain would yield us delight, but alas! Instead of plucking fruit, we encounter a thorn. We often imagine that the next year will find us more pleasantly situated, but the next year finds much the same,

"Glad frames too often lift us up,
And then we sink as low."

beset us, then, cast down the load we are unable to carry, and refer all things to the Lord our Redeemer. Let us endeavor to live to Him and for Him today, and be glad that tomorrow, with all that belongs to it, is in His hands. It is not really necessary for us to become rich or great here, neither is it necessary for us to be favored with ease and pleasure, but it is necessary for us to be humble and spiritually minded, to seek communion with God, to adorn our profession with a godly walk and pious conversation, and yield submissively to His disposal of events and circumstances.

Disappointments, though they may seem great to us now, are really such little things! Their littleness will appear by and by when we are enabled to see them as they really are. We laugh at the folly of a child because some little want is not granted, but we are all children in this respect, more or less. If we could see ourselves as the Lord sees us we would be surprised at our impatience under trivial disappointments.

We do not wish to be understood to encourage an idle, aimless course. He who aims at nothing achieves nothing, and the world is no better off by his having lived in it. Have a noble, honest purpose in view and strive to attain it, and leave the disposal of providential events with the good and wise Ruler.

Elder J. R. Daily, in 1902

(From "*Advocate and Messenger*", April, 1972)

LIFE IS ANTECEDENT TO LIFE

By Elder Lee Hanks (Deceased)

Every heir of promise that will ever inherit the climes of ultimate glory are already saved eternally, and God puts them into a knowledge of that in time. Belief is not a cause of salvation, but is a fruit of salvation.

You do not believe in order to be saved or to get life, but because you are already saved and have life. Belief is not the cause of salvation. Believing a thing does not make it a fact, but it is a fact before you do believe. Belief in God does not constitute us children, but it is an evidence that we are children of God already. He that believeth is born of God (See I John 5:1). Not that he will be born if the preacher will preach to him and make him believe. "He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life" (John 5:24). Notice, the hearer and believer are both in possession of everlasting life before they believe or hear. Hence, the preacher is not the cause of belief or hearing, but eternal life. Life is antecedent to hearing and believing. Wherever the Bible speaks of preaching saving one, it is the believer saved from the errors and delusions of the world, and has reference to the salvation of the children of God in time from troubles and false doctrines, etc.

Elder Lee Hanks

Zion's Advocate, 1890

(From "*The Biography and Writings of Elder Lee Hanks*")

"For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God." (I Cor. 1:18)

BIBLE CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS:

1. Him being delivered by the determinate _____ and foreknowledge of God.
5. For his _____ endureth for a moment; in his favour is life: weeping may endure for a night.
8. According to the prince of the power of the _____, the spirit that worketh in children of disobedience.
9. They part my garments and cast lots on my _____.
10. How long dost thou make us to _____? If thou be the Christ, tell us plainly.
11. Blessed is the _____ whose God is the LORD.
12. Who is this that cometh from Edom, with _____ garments from Bozrah?
13. And the _____ were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose,
15. Deliver me from going down to the _____ I have found a ransom. What Joseph was thrown into.
17. Behold, what _____ of love the Father hath bestowed upon us and be called sons of God.
18. Namaan the _____ was a leper but was cleansed.
20. A minister is required to be _____ to teach.
21. When Abram was _____ years old and nine, the LORD appeared unto Abram, and said unto him.
22. When Peter began to sink he _____ Lord save me.
23. I espoused you to one husband that I may present you as a _____ virgin to Christ said Paul.
24. Paul felt to less than the _____ of all saints.

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DOWN:

1. There was the old _____ then the new covenant.
2. Jesus said without me ye can do _____.
3. He that hath _____ to hear let him hear. The Syrain that was healed of his leprosy in Jordan. 2 words.
4. _____ not one to another seeing you have put off the old man with his deeds. Untruth.
6. The church is the pillar and _____ of the truth. Petitions to God on our knees. Two words,
7. I swore in my wrath they shall not enter into my _____.

BIBLE CROSSWORD PUZZLE

DOWN:

10. As the _____ of _____ were so shall also the coming of the son of man be. Two words.
 12. Daniel was cast into the _____ of lions.
 14. Solomon said that all was _____ and vexation of spirit.
 16. Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one _____ shall in no wise pass from the law till all is fulfilled.
 18. Wife of Abraham who laughed at promise of God.
 19. A bruised _____ shall he not break and smoking flax shall he not quench. Plural.
- (Answers on Page 10)

OUT OF THE MOUTH OF BABES

Father was teaching his two children the story of two men who went into the temple to pray. He explained that the Pharisee that went to pray boasted of all the things he had done and that he was not like other men and certainly not like this publican that had also came to pray. The publican however just beat upon his breast; whereupon, the father asked his children, "Can you tell me why the publican beat upon is breast?" One of his children quickly replied, "He probably had indigestion." It wasn't the answer he expected so he asked, "Why did the Pharisee boast of the things he had done?" Then the other child replied, "Probably because he had done them."—*Editor*

THINK RIGHT

The Pharisee who went into the temple to pray wasn't thinking right in his self-righteous attitude. The Bible tells us, "For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith." (Rom. 12:3). Haman thought of himself more highly than he should and took steps against Mordecai to slay him because he would not bow down to him. He ultimately was hung on the same gallows he had built for Mordecai. (Esth. 7:10). What Haman had intended for another was reversed upon himself fulfilling what Solomon wrote, "He made a pit, and digged it, and is fallen into the ditch which he made." (Psalm 7:15).

The publican who smote himself upon his breast wasn't thinking of himself more highly than he should as he was in the right mind which is what "soberly" means in this verse in Rom. 12:3. He knew he was a sinner and in need of God's mercy. When we think right we will do right; however, if we think wrong, we probably will do wrong.—*Editor*

CHURCH NEWS

New Prospect Primitive Baptist Church on Fairgrounds Rd New Albany, MS will have a special Thanksgiving service on Wednesday night Nov. 21, 2018 before Thanksgiving beginning at 7:00 p.m. Elder Jeremy Wise, Pontotoc, MS will be bringing the message. Elder Grady Camp is Pastor of New Prospect.

Bethany Primitive Baptist Church, Ecu, MS was blessed with the presence of the Spirit during their annual meeting the 2nd weekend in September, 2018 with Elder Josh Winslett from Moody, Al who preached a series of messages from the book of Habakkuk. The following is Elder Winslett preaching Friday night, Sept. 7.



Three Elders enjoying food and conversation around the lunch table on Saturday, Sept. 8, 2018 at Bethany PBC were L-R Elder David Wise, Elder Chase Harrison and Elder Josh Winslett. This picture may not have caught them at their best moments.



How good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. Answer: it is very good and pleasant.

CHURCH NEWS

The Smoky Mountain Primitive Baptist Fall Meeting will be November 1-3, 2018. Services Thursday morning,, Nov. 1, at 10:00 am EST and evening at 7:00 pm EST. Same schedule for Friday, Nov. 2. Saturday, Nov. 3, at 10:00 am EST.

Norma Dan Motel
3864 Parkway
Pigeon Forge, TN 37863
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Local: 865-453-2403

Please tell them that you are with the Smoky Mountain Meeting and you will receive a reduced room rate.

If you have any questions please contact me, Elder Ronnie B. Loudermilk at elderrbl@gmail.com, or on Facebook.

Elder Grady Camp, Germantown, TN recently celebrated 50 years in the ministry as he was ordained on October 18, 1968 at Raleigh Primitive Baptist Church, Memphis, TN where he was one of the original charter members and was called to Pastor this church in May, 1975. He is married to Marjorie Craig Camp and is currently the Pastor of New Prospect Primitive Baptist Church, New Albany, MS where he has been for the last 5 years. He and his wife Marge will have been married 66 years in December 2018 and are loved by all who know them.

“And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.” (Jer. 3:15)

Elder Grady Camp



“Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.” (I Cor. 4:2) This is Elder Grady Camp.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
Elder Sylvester Hassell (Deceased)

Q. Does God punish His people, and if He does in what way?

A. "The Lord hath also a controversy with Judah, and will punish Jacob according to his way; according to his doings will He recompense him." (Hos.12:2). "You only (God's people) have I known of all the families of the earth: therefore I will punish you for all your iniquities." (Amos 3:3). God says of His children He gave to His Son, "If His children forsake my law, and walk not in my judgments, if they break my statutes, and keep not my commandments; then will I visit their transgression with a rod; and their iniquities with stripes." (Psal. 89:30-32). "He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses. Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite to the spirit of grace." (Heb. 10:28-29). Various instances could be cited of God's punishment, in one way or another, of His people for their disobedience, and he who does not believe these truths does not believe the Bible. "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.—P.

We need to understand the difference between discipline and punishment. Punishment is what you do to someone, discipline is what you do for someone.—Zig Ziglar

"...the way of the transgressors is hard." (Pr. 13:15)

FINAL AND EVERLASTING SATISFACTION

By Elder Larry Wise
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David was made to hope while on his mother's breast; he killed a giant; he fought many battles and was pursued by King Saul relentlessly in an attempt to kill him. However, David had a view of something beyond a life of ups and downs. David said, "As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied when I awake, with thy likeness." (Ps. 17:15)

True satisfaction seems to be hard to obtain in this life. The only real earthly satisfaction that we have is in the kingdom of God as we seek the will of God. It is experienced on earth but it is spiritual in nature. Laboring in the world to obtain this lasting satisfaction is a waste of time because he that loveth silver will not be satisfied with silver. There is no profit in this pursuit for we hear the Savior say, "For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Matt. 16:26)

The satisfaction of a soul at peace with itself and with God is only given to those who are continually coming to Christ for help and strength. "Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness..." (Isa. 55:2-3). As you take the yoke of Christ upon yourself and learn of Him who is meek and lowly in heart, you will find rest unto your soul. This rest truly is enjoyable and pleasant but is nothing compared to the final satisfaction of the righteous at God's right hand. While we wait for that day, let us labour for the enduring things of this life. "Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed." (John 6:27)

Do you long to see the Lord in the fullness of His glory? Do you long to view His holy throne and the multitudes that encompass the redeemed family of God? If you do, there is good news for you from the word of God. "For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness." (Psalm 107:9) Christ is the true measure of satisfaction in this life on earth as a man's life doesn't consist in the abundance of the things which he possesseth. Paul said to live is Christ and to die is gain. He counted all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of the Lord and Savior. Solomon describes this good life as he declares, "For whoso findeth me findeth life, and shall obtain favour of the LORD." (Prov. 8:35)

David declared that he would behold the face of the Lord in righteousness, knowing that all righteousness he could muster was as filthy rags. David would realize this great righteous deliverance through the

righteousness of Jesus Christ as Paul writes in II Cor. 5:21: "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." Jesus Christ gave His life a ransom price to God that His family might have life and have it more abundantly. By the one offering of Christ on the cross He had perfected forever them that are sanctified and loved by God the Father.

David was not the only one of God's children to declare they would see the face of the Lord and have final satisfaction. Job said, "For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me." (Job 19:25-27) In the midst of his trials, Job continued to trust in God because he knew there was a better day; an eternal day that was ahead for the elect family of God.

David would eventually fall on sleep and see corruption in the grave but he would awake from that state with the likeness of the Lord along with other sleeping bodies of the saints. Now he would finally be satisfied! Just as he had heard the voice of God and made to hope on his mother's breast, he would hear that voice to call him from the grave. "Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation." (John 5:28-29) The saints are anxiously awaiting the adoption, to wit the redemption of their bodies. (Rom. 8:23). The Lord has power over death, hell and the grave. "I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death: O death, I will be thy plagues; O grave, I will be thy destruction: repentance shall be hid from mine eyes." (Hos. 13:14) What a day that will be!

Final satisfaction will be enjoyed when the saints are conformed to the image and likeness of God's dear Son. "Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself." (Phil. 3:21) The final satisfaction of awaking with His likeness will finally be realized after having begun in the ancients of eternity; now there is pleasure throughout eternity for the sheep of God. "Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore." (Psalm 16:11)

We are looking for that blessed hope and glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior, Jesus Christ. In the interim may we all be satisfied with the finished work of Christ and enjoy laboring in the kingdom Jesus set up in the days of the kings as prophesied by Daniel. (Dan. 2:44)

Proper use of Language

By Elder Guy Hunt (Deceased)

Over the years, much has been said about the meaning of Rom. 8:28-31. Some have said there can be disagreement among brethren on these scriptures. I believe to teach anything other than what is taught is really another doctrine. I think of these scriptures as being elementary in the doctrines of the Bible. If you get this wrong, you will not get much of anything right about the Bible.

Recently, I have written about these verses of Scripture. I would like to assert the truth as the language gives it to us. Rom. 8:28-31, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called; and whom he called, them he also justified; and whom he justified, them he also glorified. What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?" We need to know exactly what the *all things* are. He then gives us five things that take us from the election to glory, all being of the Lord, and none being of man.

Then he asked a question that calls for a conclusion. The only way we can come to the conclusion he asked for is to have all the information necessary to reach that conclusion. I am not aware of any language that it would be proper to ask for a conclusion without giving all the information you need to reach that conclusion. If there are other things that work together for our good which are not embodied in these five things, then the apostle would have given them to us, so we could reach the correct conclusion.

Remember, what shall we then say to these things. What things? The things the apostle gave us. Just to be sure I was correct, I asked an English teacher to explain what the language meant. His conclusion was the same as mine. *It would be improper in any language known to ask for a conclusion without giving all the information needed to reach that conclusion. Paul gave all the information necessary for us to say, "If God be for us, who can be against us?"* The opinion of the English teacher was that the things referred to were mentioned in verses 29 and 30.

If you made a statement to me about your car and said, all the major safety features work together for my good; anti-lock brakes, air bags, radial tires, shocks, and safety belts. Then you ask, what do you say to these things? Just what things are you talking about? I could not respond to anything you did not mention. I could not give you a correct opinion if you did not mention all things you had under consideration.

This scripture is a first grade text. It is as elementary as one plus one is two. When you start first grade and you think one plus one is three, you will never find a correct answer in your math deductions. If you expand these scriptures to include all things that happen to us, good and bad, you make us no more than puppets and violate the basic and elementary teachings of the Bible. (Sept. 2003)

(From "The Best of Elder Guy Hunt")

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

ACROSS:

1. lesnuoc
5. regna
8. ria
9. erutsev
10. tbuod
11. noitan
12. deyd
13. sevarg
15. tip
17. rennam
18. nairys
20. tpa
21. ytenin
22. deirc
23. etsahc
24. tsacl

DOWN:

1. tnanevoc
2. gnihton
3. namaansrac
4. eil
6. sreyardnuorg
7. tser
10. eonsyad
12. ned
14. ytinav
16. eltit
18. haras
19. sdeer

TESTIMONY

Personal prayer, it seems to me, is one of the simplest necessities of life, as basic to the individual as sunshine, food and water—and at times, of course, more so. By prayer I believe we mean an effort to get in touch with the Infinite. We know that our prayers are imperfect. Of course they are. We are imperfect human beings. A thousand experiences have convinced me beyond room of doubt that prayer multiplies the strength of the individual and brings within the scope of his capabilities almost any conceivable objective.—Dwight D. Eisenhower

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The Christian life is not a constant high. I have my moments of deep discouragement. I have to go to God in prayer with tears in my eyes, and say, 'O God, forgive me,' or 'Help me.'—Billy Graham

About all I can say for the United States Senate is that it opens with a prayer and closes with an investigation—Will Rogers

Rejoice

By Elder Rickey Taylor
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1 Thessalonians 5:16 "Rejoice evermore."

There is a different kind of joy in the Primitive Baptist Church, than there is in any other faith. The reason for this is the glorious doctrine of salvation by grace is preached there every time the Lord's children meet. (1Corinthians 2:2). To know that you have a home in heaven, despite having a sinful nature. Your inability to redeem yourself by your own works. Knowing that God is not judging you by your works, but by the shed blood of Jesus Christ; Speaks of a joy that is unspeakable, and full of glory! (1 Peter 1:4)

Rejoice means to be cheerful, calmly happy or well off. As Primitive Baptist we should be cheerful, knowing what we know about grace. We should greet our fellow church members when we see them. (1 Corinthian 16:19; Philippians 4:21). They being fellow members with us of the household of God. It should not just be limited to being cheerful around those that we go to church with. We should greet everyone with a cheerful disposition. (Hebrews 13:24 & Matthew 5:46). We have a lot to be cheerful about. We are going to heaven when this life is over here on earth. That is a good reason to be cheerful.

Another word for rejoice is well off. Usually we hear this expression when it relates to someone who has come into riches. We will say "they are well off". It is just another expression for rich. Are we rich? Yes we are. Maybe not rich in monetary wealth, but rich toward God. (1 Timothy 6:18). God chose us before the foundation of the world, to live with him in everlasting glory. (Ephesians 1:4-5). He looks upon us as if we have never sinned. He sees us through the righteousness of his Son. Who died for us, and gave us a home in heaven. That makes us well off.

Evermore means perpetually or on all occasions. Our rejoicing should be perpetually, or on all occasions. Even in the midst of sorrows such as losing a love one. Believing as we do, and what we understand about grace, it gives us peace in our sorrow. Unfortunately sorrows do come to us all. However even in the midst of our sorrows our hearts should be glad in knowing that God loves us and cares about our happiness. It is said that he will wipe away all our tears. (Revelation 7:17; 21:4) This should make us happy every time we remember it. Knowing that after this old earthly tabernacle we call our bodies, will someday be laid back in the dust from whence it came. Yet our spirit will go back to the Lord and then we will look upon his face and shall be satisfied. (Psalms 17:15). Some day that spirit will come back to this earth and reunite with the body. A glorified body with no sin, and no more sickness. Jesus will appear in the body that he arose into heaven with. And so shall we ever be with the Lord. (Thessalonians 4: 13-18).

Rejoice evermore!

Rickey Taylor

THE THIRD EPISTLE OF JOHN. (3Jo 1-14)
DIOTREPES AND DEMETRIUS.
 By Elder John Leland (1754-1841)

JOHN, the beloved disciple, lived to a good old age. Ecclesiastical history says that he outlived all the apostles, and saw many anti-Christ's arise before his death. Cerenthus and others, advocated the doctrine that Jesus was the only Saviour, but was not Jehovah. This occasioned John to write so pointedly, in his gospel and epistles on the divinity of Christ, that he was the true God and eternal life.

The little epistle before us, (which contains only fourteen verses - in which are included two hundred and ninety-five words - composed by one thousand two hundred and forty-nine letters,) is directed to Gaius, who was a man of wealth, and faithfully lodged the brethren and strangers; and especially those missionaries who went forth, taking nothing of the Gentiles. But in the church that John speaks of, was one Diotrepes, a man of ambition, who, by his address, had gained considerable importance among them, who did not cordially receive a former letter, written by John to the church; but prated against John and those in connection with him, with malicious words; and was so fond of pre-eminence, that those who would not come into his views, he would cast out of the church, and lord it over the rest. But a man of a very different character was in the church, by the name of Demetrius, who was upright among men and pious towards God; who, by manifestation of the truth, commended himself to every man's conscience in the sight of God. He had good report of all men - of the truth itself - and of the true record of John, and those with him, who steadfastly adhered to the apostolic doctrine, against the innovation that was corrupting the church. Such men as Gaius and Demetrius, are blessings to a church in any age; and if Diotrepes creep in unawares, it is no more than was the case in the days of John.

The epistle has not the name of Jesus nor Christ in it; but internally it breathes forth the language of the Holy Ghost.

Much depends on the way we come unto trouble. Paul and Jonah were both in a storm, but how different were their circumstances and feelings!

An infidel once asked a lady if she believed in the Bible, to which she replied in the affirmative. He then asked her why she believed it, to which she replied that she was acquainted with its Author. No better answer could be given. A heart in communion with God cannot doubt His word. "If any man will do His will, he shall know the doctrine whether it be of God."—Selected

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ANAGRAMS OF FAITH

"If salvation depends upon free will, what do you mean by praying that God will have mercy upon all men, and save them with an everlasting salvation, and then tell the congregation that God has done all He can to save them, and the matter now rests with them, whether they will be saved or not? Surely, such vain jangling can never be acceptable to God, however it may feed the carnal mind of man; for if God has done all He can; why pray to Him for Him to do more? And if He has not done all He can, why tell the people He has? Strange as such circumstances may seem to a sensible mind, they are frequently produced in the course of one hour by an Arminian preacher."—From a letter by William Gadsby to Rev. Edw. Smyth.

If Christ came into the world to "save (not offer salvation) His people from their sins" (Matt. 1, 21), and before His death exclaimed, "It is finished" (John 19:30), His people were either saved from their sins or else He failed in His mission. If a man should attempt to save the life of a drowning person and fail, he could not truthfully say he saved their life, no difference how hard he may have tried.

To say that God tries to do anything is to admit the possibility of a failure. God is almighty and His power is unlimited. "He doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?" Dan. 4:35. To say that God wants to save a sinner but cannot do so unless the sinner will let Him is to make God weaker than the sinner.

Earl Dailey

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THANKSGIVING

A man who is eating or lying with his wife or preparing to go to sleep in humility, thankfulness and temperance, is, by Christian standards, in an infinitely higher state than one who is listening to Bach or reading Plato in a state of pride.—C. S. Lewis

"Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving;" (Col. 4:2)

"Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving." (Col. 2:7)

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