

Glad Tidings

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

2018

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

Jesus was born into this world contrary to nature in that He was born of a virgin that had never known man; He was brought forth as a clean thing out of an unclean thing to be the Savior of His people. Likewise, every chosen child of God is born again contrary to nature. By nature the sinner has no desire to approach the Lord of glory. As a matter of fact the wicked are describe in the book of Job as wanting to be as far away from God as possible. "Therefore they say unto God, Depart from us; for we desire not the knowledge of thy ways." (Job 21:14).

The nature of man is such that if left to himself he would go farther and farther away from God until he finally lands in the fire of hell. This is because his first conception and birth was of a sinful nature. David said, "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me." (Psalm 51:5) We are indeed thankful that God can and does work contrary to nature which is exemplified by His work in the immediate regeneration of every one of His beloved. God sends forth the Holy Spirit contrary to the nature of man into the heart and thus the new birth occurs. God worked contrary to nature in the birth of Isaac in that Abraham's body was dead and beyond capability of reproduction and Sarah's womb was dead; Only God can give life to the dead.

John the Baptist was filled with the Holy Ghost from his mother's womb and the prophet Jeremiah was sanctified and formed in the belly of his mother by God alone. God regenerated the thief on the cross in his last hours as evidenced by his fear of God and wanting to be remembered when Jesus came into His kingdom. (Luke 23:42). Regardless of when in life we are born of the Spirit, it is always contrary to our nature and done in the same way. Jesus told Nicodemus that we must be born again but since our nature cries out for God to depart from us, how are we to be born again (from above)? Jesus gives us the answer. "The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit." (John 3:8). This Spirit is sent into the depraved heart of the sinner, not in order to make him a son but because he is already an adopted son. "And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father." (Gal. 4:6)

Prior to the new birth we were following the course of the world and were "by nature the children of wrath, even as others." (Eph. 2:3). The gospel cannot work contrary to our sinful nature which is disposed toward evil and it is impossible, regardless of favour, to teach righteousness to the wicked sinner. "Let favour be shewed to the wicked, yet will he not learn righteousness: in the land of uprightness will he deal unjustly, and will not behold the majesty of the LORD." (Isa. 26:10).

The law or the keeping of the law or the performance of any deed can not change the nature of the sinner because Jeremiah says, "Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? then may ye also do good, that are accustomed to do evil." (Jer. 13:23). Sinners by nature are accustomed to do evil. If they could turn over a new leaf, the underside would be just as dirty and unclean as the top. The Lord of glory is the One who can and does work contrary to nature to make the change and He does this without human means.

The Gentiles never were given the law of Moses but yet many of them were doing and following the moral law of the Ten Commandments, How could this be? Paul tells us, "For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves: Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another;)" (Rom. 2:14-15). God had worked contrary to nature and wrote His law in their mind and heart which was manifest in doing good. They had not changed their nature but God had.

Jesus had a dual nature but it was entirely different than that of His children. Jesus had a Divine nature and a human nature but without sin. We, as children of God, have a dual nature; we have a Divine nature as recipients of the new birth but we still have our sinful human nature and it is always a battle between the two. "For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would." (Gal. 5:17).

We rejoice in the birth of Jesus Christ because without that birth there could be no death; without the death of Christ there could be no salvation; without salvation there could be no inheritance in heaven. Without Him we can do nothing! (Elder Larry Wise)

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BEHOLD THE LAMB

By Elder Rickey Taylor
Booneville, Mississippi

“The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.” (John 1:29)

A lamb is a delicate soft creature that will bring a smile to one's face upon first glance. When one sees the little creature with its soft wool, and almost helpless façade that it projects, often we think of them in a child's arm or a kindly shepherd holding one, in a protecting way, from the elements and predators of the world.

Our Lord is often depicted as this delicate creature, not as helpless, but as a gentle approachable LAMB that will do us no harm. In Revelation he alone is referred to twenty seven times as a lamb. Here, in a presentation manner John the Baptist standing in the river Jordan proclaims to all present, "...Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." John 1:29. Behold means to look upon him, observe him for the world has never seen a man like this man! Look upon him for he is the one that God has sent and the prophets have spoken of for generations, He has arrived! The Lamb that God has provided (Gen. 22:8).

The Bible often uses the words Lamb and Sacrifice and often in the same sentence. The first time it is found in Scriptures is in Genesis 22:7 when Isaac asks his father Abraham "Where is the lamb for the

sacrifice?" Isaac and his father had traveled a three day's journey to Moriah, and now just before the fire was to be lit, there was no lamb provided for the sacrifice. Where is the lamb? Of course Abraham was there to offer Isaac or so he believed, but God stayed his hand and provided a ram caught in the thicket. Abraham answered his son by saying "...God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering..." And God did! In the days of John the Baptist, who was baptizing (in) Jordan, we see the Lamb that God has provided, His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ!

The Children of Israel, while living in the land of Goshen, were told to take a lamb, slay it, and apply its blood to the doorpost. Wherever God saw this blood on the doorpost he would pass over that house and not smite their firstborn as he did the Egyptians in the land for Pharaoh still refused to set the Children of Israel free of bondage. "For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the LORD. And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where you are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt." (Ex. 12:12-13)

For 1500 years the lamb was used in the yearly sacrifice for the sins of the people in Israel. (Ex. 12:14) All of this pointed to the Lamb that John was proclaiming that day in Jordan. They were mere figures of The Lamb that would take away the sins of God's children. This man was the Lamb of God! Our sins was a burden that we could not carry, that is why God sent a sacrifice to bear the burden, his Lamb and his lamb only, could take care of this! Beareth means: to "lift up" "raise" or "take away". The Son of man was lifted up on the cross, and there was the taking away of our burdens. The work was finished by the Lamb of Calvary.

As ministers of the Gospel it is our responsibility to show, as John, who is the Lamb of God. When a child of God is burdened by his/her sins, and wonders will he see the celestial city on the other side of Jordan, (the river of death) the minister must say, "Behold the Lamb!" He is the reason you will see glory someday, the work is finished, glory in what the lamb has done. God has provided a sacrifice for your sins. Rejoice, rejoice, for the lamb is worthy! Behold his head bowing as he suffers on the cross, and says "It is finished", my work is done. I will lose none but raise them up again at the last day. Eternal life is theirs, and they shall never perish. Behold the Lamb!

Rickey Taylor

(From "The GOOD NEWS Newsletter", Oct. 2007)

"I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death." (Rev. 1:18)

THE VOICE OF A GREAT THUNDER

(Condensed from October, 1978, *FOR THE POOR*, p.160)

I don't know of a better place in this world to be than when you can hear the voice of songsters singing in Zion. You can hear the thunder in God's heaven roll. I am not talking about the thunder that brings the natural rain. I am talking about the thunder of the gospel. You remember what Jesus called John and James when He called them. He surnamed them Boanerges which meant: Sons of Thunder. The apostles could thunder when they preached. I remember when I was just a little lad, I don't remember who it was, a visiting elder that came through this country, that was the first time I had ever heard that expression used, the "Sons of Thunder." God has got some men who can thunder when they preach the gospel. Now, I am not talking about just hollering loud. There is a difference in hollering loud and thundering with the power of heaven when the gospel is preached. I know what it is. You know what thunder does? When thunder gets right down, right low above your house sometimes and lets out a big clap, it just nearly shakes you out of your chair. The gospel has shook me a many a time when a man preached with the thunder of heaven. I could just shake all over with the power of it. Have you ever been quietly sitting when there was a great electrical storm coming on and the lightning would flash and it would just lighten the room where you were? I will tell you that there are some preachers that God calls by His grace, that when they thunder, it lightens out of heaven and it will light the whole house where the meeting is going on. I love to be on Zion in a storm, don't you, when it is thundering and lightning? I can promise you this: that when you are sitting on Zion (Great rejoicing at this point and unable to hear Brother Robbins in the tape), and the thunder begins to roll and the lightning begins to flash, you can be sure there is going to be some rain fall out of heaven. The Lord never has sent thunder and lightning in the church but what He brought a good rain down upon them.

Even in the Old Testament days, Moses spake of that, he said, "My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb." There isn't anything that looks fresher than a garden after a summer rain except the Church of Jesus Christ once it has rained on her. She shines when the Sun of righteousness rains down the waters of grace and shines down the light of life. Every once in a while, you will see one get shook out of his seat and come running forward and say: This is it. I felt it in my heart and my soul. John saw it over on the Isle of Patmos and he said, "I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps."

I see that it is 8:20. I had no idea that the time had slipped in such a way. Sometimes turn and read the revelation of Jesus Christ as was given to him by God and an angel came and signified it to John. The Church is here in the world and it will be here until Christ comes to raise the dead and separate His family from the raised dead and take His sheep home to the Father above. If there are those here tonight that feel the need to come to the church and be baptized in water, you come and let your desires be known as we stand and sing and take the parting hand.

(As the congregation sang a young Sister Murphy came asking for a home in the church. She was received, with shouts of praise unto God sounding forth, as a candidate for baptism. She was to be baptized the following Sunday afternoon at 2:30 along with her father, Brother Murphy.—Hartsel Cayce)

(From "*For The Poor*", November, 1978)

SOLACE IN JESUS CHRIST

Sister Hattye McCutcheon (Deceased)

A source of relief and comfort, consolation and joy.

How often do we stop to thank Jesus Christ for the work He does in our spirits? Spirits are what we live with; it is our inward feelings that give us hope and courage.

When troubles come, or sickness lays hold it is easy to fold our arms and tell ourselves we are finished in this life; that we have no new goals to pursue. But something over which we have no control tells us there is a hope of sweet peace. It is so real. What God does for us in the heart is not easily described.

But in the Christian race we have our times of rejoicing in a Savior's love, for it is He who bought us by shedding His life's blood to cover our sins. How often we feel the gladness in our hearts! How I wish we could be happy in the love of God more often than we do.

We live in a world of so many happenings that are so grievous. The people using guns in our schools makes us know there are some very disturbed teens as well as adults! We know we are susceptible to dangers on every hand. Without the ability to look to God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit to guide us through life, we would be, as Paul said, of all men most miserable...

We have been given the Spirit to pray for peace in the world by God changing stony hearts into hearts of love, according to His will. We are given the written word, the Bible, to study how to be more obedient to our Heavenly Father. The more we serve Him in obedience, the more assurance we have to enjoy blessings even more. Then we are to thank Him and pray for one another. Solace in salvation is our great hope for tomorrow

(From "*Glad Tidings*", July 1998)

BEWARE OF DOGS

By Elder Herman Clark
Iuka, Mississippi

Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the concision. Philippians 3:2

Paul wrote to the saints in Christ Jesus which were at Philippi, with the bishops and deacons with great concern of the workings of Satan and the false teachers, and apostles that were disrupting the assembly of the Lord's saints, teaching and bringing in heresy of the worse kinds. In reality, heresy is heresy, period! Sometimes we as church members, if not careful, will find ourselves in the same condition as the church at Philippi dealing with such.

Satan works in many different ways. He is very subtil. I cannot help but believe one of his major objectives is to distort, do away with, or cover the truth of the true inspired word of God. Satan has his false apostles, teachers, preachers that exist even in the day in which we live. The apostle Paul did not fall back in the face of those that desired occasion to boast of themselves. We read in 2nd Corinthians 11:12-15 "But what I do, that I will do, that I may cut off occasion from them which desire occasion; that wherein they glory, they may be found even as we. For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works." Have you ever taken the time to think about what Paul is writing? This is very serious that he addresses. Notice that the word "transform" means "To change the figure of." So these deceitful workers and Satan are transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. I have often wondered if some of the people in the days of the Corinthian Church were so ignorant of the truth that they could easily be carried away by divers winds of doctrine. The answer has to be "yes" or Paul would not have warned them of false apostles. Paul said in 2nd Cor. 11:3 "But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your MINDS should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ."

One of the subtle tools Satan has used since the Garden of Eden is to add to, take away, or change the scriptures as they were moved by the Holy Ghost to pen down the Holy Writ. There have been men down through the ages that have made many changes in the written word of God. One might ask the question, "Does it really matter if a word is changed, or added, left out of the scriptures?" The answer to that is "Yes", it matters. Satan added one little word as recorded on Genesis 3:4 "And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall **not** surely die." God had said Genesis 2:17 "But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of

it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou **shalt surely die.**" In the King James Bible we read in John 1:1-3 "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made." Please notice that it is written "...and the Word was God." Now let us compare the New World Translation. The following is how it is written:

1. "In {the} beginning the Word was, and the Word was with God, and the Word was a god. 2. This one was in [the] beginning with God. 3. All things came into existence through him, and apart from him not even one thing came into existence."

This is sufficient to show the difference in the two. In the New World translation, verse one, the change is made to read: "In the beginning the Word was, and the Word was with God, and the Word was a god." The phrase that says the Word was a god is one of the most blasphemous things that one can say against the Lord Jesus Christ. This is denying the eternal sonship of Jesus. It is also comparing Jesus to all the other "gods" of the world. Shame, Shame! Also notice that it says "**This one was in the beginning with God. All things came into existence through him, and apart from him not eve one thing came into existence.**" Notice what was said "...all things came into existence through him..." This teaches that Jesus Christ was not the creator. This is flatly denying that Jesus, the eternal Son of God, had nothing to do with all things coming into existence and also opens the door to evolution. However, in the KJV we read "...that all things that were created were created BY HIM" and not through him. Jesus the eternal Son of God is the creator of all things and not one thing was made that he did not make.

Col. 1:16 "For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:"

There are many other scriptures that are completely left out of the New World Translation. I will not call it a Bible. In fact if I had a copy of the New World Translation in my house I would put it in the burn barrel.

Paul says to beware of dogs. Paul was speaking of those of the circumcision that was always ready to cut down, tear and destroy as it were the truth of salvation by grace. The great message of Salvation by grace is still despised by many in the day in which we live because this message gives all honour and praise to Jesus Christ our Saviour. Many of the apostles' writings give us warnings to watch out for false doctrines and false teachers and apostles that teach such.

(From "The GOOD NEWS Newsletter", January, 2008)

EPHESIANS V. 25-27

April 2, 1936

By Elder C. H. Cayce (Deceased)

In 1932 a request was received from Elder S.A. Dawson, Kansas for our views on Eph. v. 26. Poor health has been the main reason for the long delay in answering these many requests which we have received...Verses 25, 26, 27 of this chapter read as follows: "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave Himself for it; that He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, that He might present it to [pg196] Himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish." We quote here both verses 25 and 27 so that we may have the connection. It may be necessary to know what is referred to by the word it in verse 26, and we find that in verse 25. It is the church. Christ gave Himself for the church. Those He gave Himself for are here denominated as the church—the whole family of God. These are they which will form and compose His complete body in the heavenly world. They are the whole number, the complete number, of the redeemed. Hence, He gave Himself for a definite and complete number. He did not give Himself for the race of mankind; but He gave Himself for the church—those that He saves. And He saves those He gave Himself for. He gave Himself for it—for the church; for those the Father had given Him; for the objects of His love. "But God commended His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."—Rom. V. 8.

He did not give Himself for them with no definite end in view. The final end of it was "that He might present it to Himself, a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish." He gave Himself for it "that He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word." "By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all."—Heb. x. 10. To sanctify is to set apart to a holy or religious use. They were all set apart through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once. He made just one offering, and will not make another; for the one offering which he made is sufficient [pg 197] time, and was sufficient to accomplish the object for which it was made.

He gave Himself for it that He might also "cleanse it with the washing of water by the word." When He was crucified and the Roman soldiers pierced His side, "forthwith there came there out blood and water." The blood was to satisfy for the sins of His people; to satisfy for the sins of the church; and it was sufficient for that end. The water was to purify and cleanse. Water is to use in washing. "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and the renewing of the Holy

Ghost."—Titus iii. 5. He regenerates by the work of His Spirit, and cleanses and purifies, all that he gave Himself for. He does this by speaking to them by the power of the Holy Spirit. "The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life."—John vi. 63. It is by the power of His speech that sinners are regenerated, and in this work there is an inward washing and cleansing. In this the Lord begins a good work in them, and He will carry it on to perfection. He will finally land them on the sunny banks of sweet deliverance, where they shall be fully and finally glorified, and enjoy eternal bliss and happiness, and be like Him. They will then be without spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing.

We have just given a few thoughts in a brief way. May the Lord bless the same to the good of our readers.

C. H. C.

(From "*Editorial Writings of Elder C. H. Cayce*", Vol. 6)

ARE YOU IN THE RIGHT WAY?

By Elder E. D. McCutcheon (Deceased)

Does your religion seem right to you? Are you in the way that seems right unto man? If so, perhaps it is time to stop and take another look.

The way that seems right unto men ends, according to Solomon, in the ways of death. (Prov. 14:12) If this is true, and it is, should all professed Christians not consult the scriptures to see if they are walking in truth? To consult the scripture means to observe every scripture, not just the ones that support our ideas. God has provided a highway for His people in this world but it is entered through a difficult (strait) gate. One must "sell" all his humanistic idea and use only the Bible for his philosophy. Many have great humanistic riches and it is difficult to forsake "father, mother, brothers and sisters, houses and lands" to have these great riches (spiritual—Ed) However, there is no other way to walk upon God's highway in this world.

(From "*Glad Tidings*", July, 1998)

Thought of the day:

By Elder Robert Payne

October 16, 2018

And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able to perform.--Romans 4:21

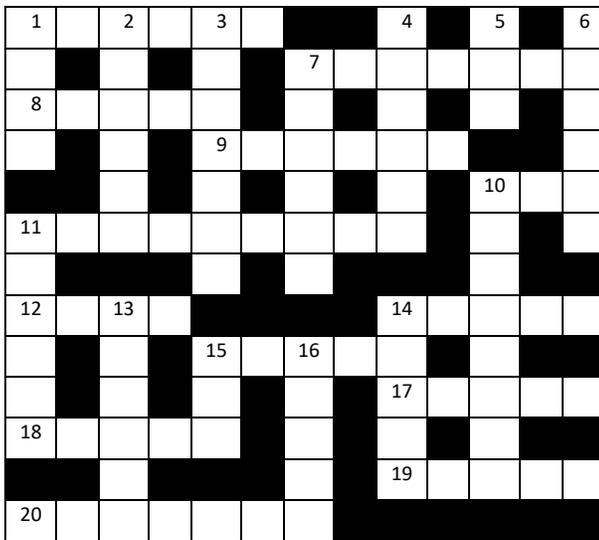
This tells of the faith of Abraham when God promised he would give Sarah and Abraham a child which would be the beginning of a multitude of people and inherit the land Canaan. Though they were beyond child bearing age, 99 and 90, they believed God was able to provide.

God has promised to come again in the clouds and gather us home. If he promised, you can be assured he will perform it. LOOK FOR HIS COMING!

BIBLE CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS:

1. Barabbas was a _____ that the Jews released.
7. I have set before you this day, life and death, blessing and _____.
8. David chose 5 smooth stones out of the _____ to use as weapons against Goliath.
9. Baptism is the _____ of a good conscience.
10. There is _____ Lord, _____ faith, _____ baptism. Not 2.
11. Two men who were against Nehemiah in building the walls of Jerusalem were _____ and Tobiah.
12. Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also _____.
14. It is the gift of God, not of works lest any man should _____.
15. I will put thee in a cliff of the rock and _____ thee with my hand as I pass by, God told Moses.
17. There is an outer man and an _____ man.
18. Thou shalt not teach _____ man his neighbour and every man his brother, saying know the Lord.
19. As it is written the _____ shall serve the younger.
20. They parted my garments among them, and upon my _____ did they cast lots.



(Answers on Page 9)

DOWN:

1. They stripped Jesus and put on him a scarlet _____.
2. The Lord is nigh to those of a _____ heart and saveth such as are of a contrite spirit. Crushed.
3. The husband of Hannah and the father of Samuel.
4. We have a high _____ that is touched with feeling of our infirmities.
5. For the wages of _____ is death.
6. Can two walk together except they be _____?
7. David dwelt in the _____; therefore they called it the city of David. Fort, stronghold in England.
10. We are created unto good works which God hath before _____ that we should walk in them.
11. My spirit shall not always _____ with man, for that he also is flesh.

BIBLE CROSSWORD PUZZLE

DOWN:

13. By faith we also have _____ by faith into this grace wherein we stand.
14. He that hath the _____ is the bridegroom.
15. Speak comfortably unto Jerusalem _____ unto her that her warfare is accomplished.
16. My sheep hear my _____, and I know them, and they follow me.

OUT OF THE MOUTH OF BABES

I, along with my youngest son, Joseph, was keeping my 4 year old grandson Isaac recently due to sickness with the usual sitter. At the dinner table, the subject was brought up of David and Goliath.

Isaac said "David got a rock and shot it at Goliath." I asked, "Where did it hit him?" Isaac said, "In the head" as he pointed to his forehead.

"Yes", I said, "That is right. Then David went and stood on the giant, took his sword and cut his head off with the giant's own sword."

Isaac thought a few seconds and then said, "That could hurt!"—*Editor*

EXCERPTS GLAD TIDINGS READER LETTERS

Dear Bro. Larry,

Just a note to say hello and send a donation from Eddie and me.

We really enjoy all the writings in the paper. I'm sorry I had to miss our meeting, the first one I've missed in a long time. They said they had a good one.

I wasn't feeling good, hope to be better. I love the church and really love our meeting. So good to see people we haven't seen in some time from one year to the next.

Pray you and yours are well.

God bless,
Euna & Eddie Miller
Winona, MS

Larry,

Enjoy your paper. Here is some money to help with the paper.

Delores Swords
Southaven, MS

Dear Brother Larry,

The attached check is to help with the expenses of publishing Glad Tidings. I look forward to receiving it each month.

I feel so blessed for all the things the Lord has done for me and my family.

Geneva Maples
Oxford, MS

CHURCH NEWS

Everyone is invited to the annual Christmas singing at Bethany Primitive Baptist Church, Ecpu, MS the 2nd Sunday night in December, 2018 (Dec. 9) with singing beginning at 5:30 p.m. followed by supper. Elder Larry Wise is Pastor of Bethany. Come and enjoy singing of praise to our great God and Savior and also food and fellowship. "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." (Isa. 9:6)

New Prospect Primitive Baptist Church, New Albany, MS will have their Christmas Singing on 1st Sunday night in December, 2018 (Dec. 2) beginning at 5:30 p.m. and followed by supper. Elder Grady Camp is Pastor of New Prospect

Elder Grady Camp, Germantown, MS will be with Bethany Primitive Baptist Church, Ecpu, MS the 5th Sunday in December, 2018 (Dec. 30) with services at 10:30 a.m. Elder Larry Wise is Pastor of Bethany.

The 5th Sunday night in December, 2018 (Dec. 30) Fellowship meeting will be hosted by Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church, Randolph, MS with supper at 5:30 p.m. and worship at 6:30 p.m. What better way to spend an evening as the year begins to draw to a close than to worship our great God and Savior. Elder Tom Bouchillon is Pastor of Hopewell. This meeting rotates between New Prospect, Laodicea, Bethany and Hopewell Primitive Baptist churches. Everyone is invited.

Beulah Primitive Baptist Church, Saltillo, MS was made to rejoice with a new member received by baptism in the month of October and at least two more by letter. Elder Tony Lester is Pastor of Beulah.

We have been blessed to worship with the saints in some good gospel meetings in the past few weeks, months and enjoyed good preaching, fellowship and of course, good food. It is no wonder the Psalmist would say, "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD." (Psalm 122:1). We need to take advantage of every opportunity to attend worship services wherever they might be held. Of course, we need to support our home church each Sunday, but I would encourage everyone to visit other churches during their annual meetings and enjoy worship of the Lord. Most of our churches are small in number and they all appreciate the support of our physical presence as well as our prayers. Of course please don't forget to pray for those churches that are yet without pastors and that the need will be supplied—*Editor*

CHURCH NEWS

Clear Springs Primitive Baptist Church, Maben, MS has changed their service meeting days. Instead of meeting on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month, they will meet on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month. They began this new schedule in the month of November, 2018. This church is currently without a Pastor. We pray the best for them.

Elder Tony Lester, Starkville, MS will be with Macedonia Primitive Baptist Church, Ackerman, MS the 5th Sunday in December, 2018 (Dec. 30) with services at 10:30 a.m. Elder David Wise is Pastor of Macedonia.

Elder Chase Harrison, Memphis, TN will be with New Salem Primitive Baptist Church, Walnut, MS the 5th Sunday in December, 2018 (Dec. 30) with services at 10:30 a.m. followed by lunch. Elder Dwayne DuBard is Pastor of New Salem.

James Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Tremont, MS enjoyed a good spiritual meeting the 3rd weekend in October. Ministers who attended and preached through Saturday were Elders Charles Kitchens, Steve Weaver, Cris Hollingsworth, Larry Wise, Bobby Howell, Rusty Wise, Calvin Warren and Bobby Payne. This church is currently without a Pastor.

Mt. Herman Primitive Baptist Church, Vardaman, MS enjoyed a good spiritual meeting the 4th weekend in Oct. (Oct. 26-27) with singing, preaching, prayer, fellowship and good food. Ministers attending and preaching were Elders James Hall, Bobby Howell, Reed Bishop, Larry Wise, Jerry Wise and Rusty Wise. Elder Calvin Warren is Pastor of Mt. Herman who says they may be small in number but they have a big heart of love. Amen!

Elder Joe Nettles, Caledonia, MS will be with New Prospect Primitive Baptist Church, New Albany, MS the 5th Sunday in December, 2018 (Dec. 30) with services beginning at 10:30 a.m. Elder Grady Camp is Pastor of New Prospect.

Elder Darren Owens, Ripley, MS had open heart surgery in October to by-pass a 100 percent blockage in the widow-maker artery and an 80 percent blockage in another. He was blessed to come through very well and is recuperating in a satisfactory manner. Brother Darren is Pastor of Pine Hill Primitive Baptist Church in Ripley, MS.

Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church will host their annual Christmas singing 3rd Sunday night in Dec. 2018 (Dec. 16) with singing at 5:30 p.m. followed by supper. Elder Tom Bouchillon is Pastor of Hopewell.

ON THE SUBJECT OF ANGELS

By the late J. Harvey Dailey

Gen. 2:1—"Thus the heavens and the earth were finished; and all the host of them." We see by this that the heavens were finished, with the host of it. Since there were a host of angels in heaven, they were created in the beginning. One of the angels brought revelation to John and John fell down to worship before the feet of the angel and he said, "See thou do it not; for I am thy fellow servant, and of the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book; Worship God." (Rev. 22:8) We learn from this that angels were required to worship God. In 1 Tim. 5:21 Paul speaks of elect angels. There were also those passed by,—the non-elect. The angels were created holy and the elect were kept holy as the servants of God.

"The angels who kept not their first estate of holiness, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains (decrees) under darkness unto the judgment of the great day." (Jude 6) So, we see that the angels who were not kept by grace of election, left their first habitation. They were among the heavenly host, but fell. As to Satan, "He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there was no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own; for he is a liar, and the father of it." (John 8:44) We learn by this that he was in the truth, or he could not have left it. "Jesus said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven." (Luke 10:18) Christ the Son of God was in heaven from the beginning. Jesus knew Satan from the beginning and was able to tell him what he should have done while being tempted on the mountain, saying, "Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God and him only shalt thou serve." (Matt. 4:10) "For God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell." (2 Pet. 2:4).

Th elect of mankind must be redeemed from their sins, and made spiritual, but elect angels had merely to be preserved in their holy state. "Are they not all (elect angels) ministering spirits for them who shall be heirs of salvation." (Heb. 1:4) We read of angels being sent on special missions, giving Daniel understanding, announcing the birth of Isaac, Jesus, John and to inform Simeon. In announcing the birth of Jesus, they said, "For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior which is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2:10, 11) They worshipped and sang praises in heaven.

Some will reason that if the holy angels could not keep their habitation, how could weak mortals hope to keep ours, but we could not be saved by our works nor can we keep ourselves. We must be saved by grace and kept by the power of God. Blessed hope in the mercies and grace of God.

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Looking At Things Not Seen—2Co 4

When Elisha lived at Dothan, the king of Syria sent a great host there and surrounded the city by night to capture Elisha, because he had informed the king of Israel more than once of the king of Syria's evil designs against him. When Elisha's servant or minister arose early the next morning and went forth and saw the king of Syria's host, he cried out in fear to Elisha, "Alas, my master, how shall we do!" and Elisha answered, "Fear not, for they that be with us are more than they that be with them," and he prayed and said "Lord, I pray thee open his eyes that he may see," and the Lord opened the young man's eyes, and he saw, "and behold the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha."

It was thus he looked upon things unseen; things that the natural man could not see. They were things that could only be seen by faith; and thin (sic) as that when seen, fears were cast out. Faith is a wonderful power, but it of itself creates nothing and provides nothing; but by it we are enabled to see what God has provided as the prophet's servant saw what God had provided, saw the chariots and horses round about Elisha. They were there before the prophet's minister saw them; if they had not been there, opening his eyes would not have put them there. But an unregenerate man, or a man just as he is by nature, could not have seen them, because the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit, they are foolishness to him, neither can he know them because they are spiritually discerned; therefore, the unseen things, or the things of faith, are things that be (sic) cannot see.

When a Christian's eyes, even are closed, in a spiritual sense, he can only see natural things, things that can be seen without faith. I speak of religious things, for there is a letter religion that has a letter faith, a letter experience, and in fact is like the true religion in all things; as much so as Hagar's conception and travail were in the flesh like Sarah's; but one is of the flesh while the other is of the Spirit.

I can see the things of the flesh, and for the most part only the things of the flesh, or the chariots and horses of the king of Syria, and they surround me and cut off all hope, so that I am made to cry like the prophet's servant, "Alas, Master, how shall I do!" But if God opens my eyes, and I see the things unseen, then I have the power of faith, and can say, "With thee is power and might, so that none can withstand thee." And though there be a struggle, the power of the Lord is on my side. I can do all things by my God that strengtheneth me. To be continued. I am too feeble to write at length.—R

"By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible." (Heb.11 :27)

Persecutions

By James H. Oliphant (Deceased)

PERSECUTION EXHIBITED THE POWER OF GOD

Huss and Jerome were burned alive--Huss on July 7, 1415 and Jerome on May 20, 1416. Huss endured his sentence with great courage, and prayed for his tormentors. Previous to his martyrdom he wrote letters to his friends in Bohemia, which gives an idea of his frame of mind. I take the following sentences from his letter: 'My dear friends, let me take this last opportunity of exhorting you to trust in nothing here, but give yourselves up entirely to the service of God'. This advice he gave from a correct view of its importance. Martyrdom was at hand, and all to him was worthless but God. O, that we could all see it in this light all the while! 'Well, I am authorized to warn you not to trust in princes, nor in any of the children of men; for there is no help in them. God alone remains steadfast; whatever He promises He will undoubtedly perform. For myself, on His gracious promises I trust. Having labored as His faithful servant, I am not afraid of being deserted by Him.' (It is sweet, in the hour of trial, to feel conscious that we have stood up for truth through life; that we have not been bribed from it by popular feeling, nor covetousness. All of us must meet death in some form. Oh, how desirable that we be prepared to meet it with a conscience void of offence!) 'May the God of heaven preserve you. This is probably the last letter I shall write to you. I have reasons to think I shall be called upon tomorrow to answer with my life. Sigmund (the Emperor) hath in all things acted deceitfully. I pray God to forgive him. You have heard in what severe terms he hath spoken of me.' (Par-Ed)

It is said that Jerome at first showed less courage than Huss. The dread of death affected him, and the Catholics hoped he would yield up his faith, but his mind became more composed, and regained its wonted strength and vigor, when he was called before the council to answer for his behavior. One who was present says, 'I never knew the art of speaking carried so near the model of ancient eloquence. After many articles had been proved against him, leave was given him to answer. He refused, contending that he had many things to say, and that he ought first to be heard in general before descending into particulars. When this was overruled, he said, 'Here, here is justice; here is equity. Beset by my enemies, I am already pronounced a heretic. I am condemned before I am examined. Were you God omniscient you could not act with more sufficiency. Error is the lot of mortals, and you are subject to it. The higher you are the more dangerous are your errors. As for me, I know I am a wretch below your notice, but an unjust action in such an assembly will be of dangerous example.' He was blessed with wonderful liberty in his address. His actions were

such as to give the greatest force to what he said. 'It was impossible to hear him without emotion.' 'Every ear was captivated, and every heart touched. Wishes in his favor were vain; he threw himself beyond a possibility of mercy.' 'If that holy martyr', said he, speaking of Huss, 'used the clergy with disrespect, his censures were not leveled at them as priests, but as wicked men.' 'His voice was sweet, distinct and full; his actions every way the most proper.' 'With a cheerful look he met his fate, fearing neither death nor the horrible form in which it came. When he came to the place, he pulled off his upper garment, and made a short prayer at the stake, to which he was soon bound with cords and a chain, and enclosed as high as his breast with fagots.' 'Observing the executioner about to fire the wood behind him, he cried, 'Bring thy torch hither, perform thy office before my face; had I feared death I might have avoided it.' As the wood began to blaze, he sang a hymn, which the violence of the flame scarcely interrupted. Thus died this prodigious man.' Persecution exhibited the power of religion. Trials, opposition, the hate of the world and poverty, all tend to bring us low at the feet of our Saviour. What are all the honors and riches of earth compared to that which sustained these men in their last tremendous trials! How we should crave to be supported by the sweet felt presence of God! We should long to serve Him in His house and among His people faithfully and sincerely.

ANSWERS

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| 11. tallabnas | 6. deerga |
| 12. paer | 10. deniadro |
| 14. tsaob | 11. evirts |
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PERSECUTION

When the emperor Valens threatened Eusebius with confiscation of all his goods, torture, banishment, or even death, the courageous Christian replied, "He needs not fear confiscation, who has nothing to lose; nor banishment, to whom heaven is his country; nor torments, when his body can be destroyed at one blow; nor death, which is the only way to set him at liberty from sin and sorrow." --Source Unknown

THAT HOLY THING

By Elder Larry Wise
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The angel Gabriel is mentioned four times in scripture; twice in the book of Daniel and twice in the book of Luke. Gabriel brings glad tidings to Elisabeth and Zacharias in announcing that the barren womb of Elisabeth would be opened and a son would be born unto them (John the Baptist) who would be filled with the Holy Ghost from his mother's womb. (Luke 1:13-15). The same Gabriel appears to Mary and tells her she has found favour with God; that she would also conceive in her womb and bring forth a son who would be called Jesus. Mary wonders how this could be seeing she knew not a man. Then we read, "And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God." (Luke 1:35)

It is interesting that Gabriel would call the Son of God "that holy thing." Jesus is described as holy, harmless, undefiled and separate from sinners (Heb. 7:26) but what about being described as a thing. Jesus was God made manifest in the flesh; He was verily God and Wholly man yet He possessed not the sinful nature of man because He bypassed the union of man and woman in His conception as He was conceived of the Holy Ghost. He inherited not the nature of his earthly father and mother. It seems that the human nature is "that holy thing" that was born of Mary and called the Son of God.

Why was it necessary that Jesus be made flesh and possess a human nature to atone for the sins of His people? We read in Heb. 2:14, "Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;" Since it was flesh and blood that brought sin into the world, it was critical that flesh and blood fulfill the law of God in its entirety; this could not be done with the human nature of his earthly father and mother; therefore, the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us. The scripture says He took "part of the same" of flesh and blood. Thus that holy thing was called the Son of God.

Jesus could not take on Himself the nature of angels because they could never die so He took on Himself the seed of Abraham. (Heb. 2:16). God told Abraham that in his seed all the families of the earth would be blessed and Galatians tells us who that seed is. "Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ." (Gal. 3:16). That holy thing in Christ Jesus was an incorruptible seed; how else could He fulfill

the law of God to a jot and tittle, finish the work of redemption and set down on the right hand of God? The human nature of man could not keep the law of God which was added because of transgression until "the seed" should come to whom the promise was made. (Gal. 4:19).

Jesus was born of a virgin and brought forth as a clean "thing" out of an unclean thing which is contrary to nature. (Job 14:4). It is the presence of sin in our human nature that causes death. Since Jesus possessed not the sinful human nature of His people, how could He possibly die? He could and did die because the sins of His chosen people were laid on Him at the cross of Calvary. "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all." (Isa. 53:6).

Jesus is the mediator of the New Testament and something is necessary for this New Testament (covenant, will, contract) to be effective. "For where a testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. For a testament is of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth." (Heb. 9:16-17). Jesus died for our sins and without the help of man and sat down which is something that the high priest could not do in the Old Testament as he entered into the holy of holies. "Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;" (Heb. 1:3).

Jesus could not succumb to the temptation of Satan in the wilderness because there was nothing in Christ for which Satan could appeal. Jesus said, "...for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me." (John 14:30). Even though there wasn't anything in Christ for Satan's appeal, Christ used the word of God to combat his temptation attempts to show us how to combat the wiles of Satan. The born again people of God do have an incorruptible seed within which cannot sin and succumb to Satan; however, they also have a sinful human nature subject to sin.

The word of God is one of the weapons that the people of God, contaminated with sin, can use to thwart the efforts of Satan to rob them of the joys of their salvation. "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word." (Psalm 119:8). "And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:" (Eph. 6:17).

Jesus was that holy thing and one day we all will be holy and without blame before Him in love because of His successful foray into this world to wage the war against sin that His people could not possibly fight. What a day that will be when the Lord comes back the second time without sin unto salvation!

THE OTHER SALVATION

By Elder Rickey Taylor
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2 Timothy 2:10: "Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sakes, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory."

I firmly believe that there are two salvations that are taught in the word of God. One is the eternal salvation, and the other is what I refer to as time or temporal salvation. The eternal salvation is that which is concerning our salvation or deliverance from eternal hell, that was accomplished by the Lord Jesus Christ on the cross. The time salvation is what we can have here in this temporal side of heaven. A deliverance that we need and will make our spiritual lives grow more in praise to God.

Not ever subject in the Bible has two such elements contained within them. For example there is only one Savior and he is Jesus Christ. Acts 4:12: "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." No one else is our Savior, not any other man or works can be substituted for Christ who saved us on the cross. All glory and praise should be given to him.

Another example is there is not another gospel beside Jesus Christ and him crucified. Galatians 1:6-7: "I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ." However if there is more than one element of a subject, the scripture will point them out if we are truly listening to the word and not what man is saying.

Our above text is stating and making a distinction between the two salvations that are mentioned in the text. Observe the latter part of our verse:

"that they may **also** obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus **with** eternal glory. "

Notice the words **with** and **also** how they are positioned in the verse. These two words are used to make the distinction between the salvations of God's elect. Paul says that he endures all kinds of persecution for the sake of preaching the gospel to the elect of God. Since they are already in the elect then we see that Paul is not concerned about their eternal salvation because God chose them before the foundation of the world, thus making them his elect. He promised a home in heaven for his elect, when he chose them, Ephesians 1:4, 5. Yet he is doing it for some reason and the answer is that they "may also" obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. If they needed to obtain something, then they aren't currently in possession of it at that time. Since they already have eternal salvation then they don't need to "obtain" it. What they needed to obtain is the salvation that can come **also** with

eternal glory. It is a salvation or deliverance that we obtained through belief and obedience to God's commandments for our spiritual life while here on earth. We need deliverance here today from Satan's devices and the wicked world. When one believes that salvation is by grace it delivers him from trying to establish his own righteousness Romans 10: 1-3.

Belief and obedience are both "works" we can do after we are born of the Spirit. Grace is not of works lest any man should boast, Ephesians 2:9. Grace is for our eternal salvation. For our temporal or time salvation we must engage in works to obtain it. In doing so, we will enjoy a precious wonderful life in service to our Savior. One should learn about these two salvations, and separate them when reading the word of God. In doing so, he will read with confidence and assurance of God's love for him and his elect.

May God bless you.

Elder Rickey Taylor

OBEDIENCE

How we admire the obedience a dog shows to its master! Archibald Rutledge wrote that one day he met a man whose dog had just been killed in a forest fire. Heartbroken, the man explained to Rutledge how it happened. Because he worked out-of-doors, he often took his dog with him. That morning, he left the animal in a clearing and gave him a command to stay and watch his lunch bucket while he went into the forest. His faithful friend understood, for that's exactly what he did. Then a fire started in the woods, and soon the blaze spread to the spot where the dog had been left. But he didn't move. He stayed right where he was, in perfect obedience to his master's word. With tearful eyes, the dog's owner said, "I always had to be careful what I told him to do, because I knew he would do it."

Our Daily Bread.

Jesus humbled Himself under the mighty hand of God and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. He was faithful to Him that appointed Him to be the Savior. It would be a great blessing if we would be obedient to our Lord, no matter what the cost. It does cost something to be obedient unto the Lord but the gain in His service far exceeds the cost. "And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth." (Deut. 28:1). Obey and be blessed!—*Editor*

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