

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

The atmosphere in which we live today makes it very difficult to discern who is telling the truth. I remember an episode of “Murder She Wrote” in which she (Jessica Fletcher) was appointed to fill the position of a legislator. When she met an influential member of the legislature, he gave her a spill about a certain canary bill. After his speech, she looked him in the eye and said, “Very good; you didn’t even bat an eye whether what you said was true or untrue.” That seems to be the case today as politicians, news media and people in general can tell a lie and never bat an eye.

Jesus is coming again to take His ransomed bride home but we are scripturally told some signs that will precede His coming. Paul writes Timothy, “Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;” (I Tim. 4:1-2). This is expressly stated by the Spirit that there will be a departure and “the faith” that is departed from is “the faith” that was once delivered to the saints for which we are commanded to contend. We are not to compromise with the world but be transformed by the renewing of our mind.

Some are speaking lies in hypocrisy and have their conscience seared with a hot iron. Though they may give the appearance of concern in certain areas, they are past feeling any true sensitivity as they are branded with the lies which they actually believe to be the truth. They can give their spill for the public’s consumption and never bat an eye as the politician did on “Murder She Wrote”. When men and women can smile and celebrate passing a bill into law that gives legal permission to kill a baby just prior to being born into the world indicates one past feeling or having been seduced by the doctrines of devils.

Paul also writes Timothy and tells him that in the last days perilous times would come. “For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.” (II Tim. 3:2-5).

These aren’t the most pleasant scriptures to read but we are warned not to be partakers with these evil doers but indeed to turn away from their heinous deeds. Timothy was told that evil men would wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. So what are the disciples of Christ to do when the ungodly seem to rule the roost? The answer is the same thing Paul told Timothy: “But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them;” (II Tim. 3:14). Satan and his angels are surely having a great time as he runs (rather walks) rampant seeking whom he may devour. He has to wreck havoc now because he knows he is doomed to be cast into the lake of fire.

Paul wrote to the church at Thessalonica and told them that the day of the second coming of the Lord (the day of Christ) was not at hand which some had concluded from his first letter to them. (II Thess. 2:2). His writing to them is consistent with what he wrote to Timothy when he said, “Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;” (II Thess. 2:3). There will be a “falling away” or defection from the truth prior to the day of Christ or His second coming.

Surely we see such a falling away today as many have left the assembly of the saints and religious leaders with their congregations are embracing those things the Bible condemns. Homosexuals are being ordained to the ministry and anyone condemning such activity is considered a bigot. Women are being ordained and chosen as pastors, even though the Bible commands they be silent in the church in a teaching capacity. Biblical marriage between a man and a woman is being made a mockery and the list grows ever too long.

We should not expect for things to improve a great deal for the children of God as the devil continues to spread his lies. We can rest with Paul and others knowing that the Lord shall soon be coming in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God and obey not the gospel of Jesus Christ; who will be punished with everlasting destruction. (II Thess. 1:7-9). The wicked have always plotted against the just but the Lord will have the last laugh: “The Lord shall laugh at him: for he seeth that his day is coming.” (Psalm 37:13). Stay the course children of God. Come quickly, Lord Jesus. (Elder Larry Wise)

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CARNAL

By Elder J. R. Haymon (Deceased)

We find the word carnal used 10 times in the New Testament. One place it is used is in Rom. 8:7. "Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be." This is without a doubt touching the dead state of man before regeneration. This proves that man cannot save himself but is dead in sin and is not subject to the law of God and cannot save himself because he is dead.

As for spiritual things he does not have any interest in them and does not want to hear about them. He is completely satisfied in his depraved condition. He cannot hear the preached word. He hears only with the natural ear but it means nothing to him. In 1 Cor. 2:14, Paul states, "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned." Could we not say that this is a carnal state? If this is true, and it is, then man is in a sad condition. He can't help himself and does not want to. Within him there is no hope, but thanks to the wonderful mercy and grace of God there is hope. Paul tells us in Titus 3:4-6 "But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour." When I read scriptures like this one, I sometimes wonder why so

many of God's people do not believe in grace, but believe instead in the eternal salvation works system of man. Eternal salvation is by the mercy and grace of God. One's unbelief of this works system, or not having a proper gospel belief is another way for us to be carnal.

Do we preach a doctrine void of works? Yes and no. There is another way to be carnal. The word carnal according to Strong's Concordance means to be bodily temporal or fleshly and it also means to be unregenerate. So the word carnal is always used as pertaining to the flesh or the outward man and not to the inward man. The outward man is the one who gives us so much trouble in this life, but the inward man never gives us any problems but is continually warning us to resist the desire of the outward man or the flesh. In 1 Cor. 2:1-3 we have this passage, "And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, *even* as unto babes in Christ. I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto you were not able to *bear* it, neither yet now are ye able. For ye are yet carnal: for whereas *there* is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?"

Brethren, when we allow envy into our life we are walking after the natural man and not after the spirit. The flesh causes strife and divisions. This is the nature of the carnal man. This condition is ever present with us. Paul did not leave himself out of this condition.

In Romans 7:7-8 he tells us of his own condition. "What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet." Paul is saying that he knew what sin was through this knowledge of the law or through this head religion that he had, but it did not worry him at all, but there came a change in him. Verses 9-10, "For I was alive without the law once: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died. And the commandment which was *ordained* to life, I found to be unto death." Now he could see sin after his experience on the road to Damascus. Before this condition he was in a carnal condition and was satisfied with it. But when the Lord appeared unto him, he could see sin and he died. What death? He died to the joy of sin. Did he quit sinning? No, he was still carnal from the natural state but now he could see what he was. That is why Paul would write later 1 Tim. 1:15 "This is a faithful saying, worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I AM CHIEF." Romans 9:14 "For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin." So Paul put himself in the same condition. How long then will we be carnal? It will be just as long as we remain in this fleshly body. We will always be a sinner. What then must we do? We must pray continually and watch out for that old man of sin,

and that we do the best we can while in this world. When we come out of that old grave then and then only will we not be carnal, but will be made like unto the Son of God.

Carnal basically has two applications. The first and most serious is that it can be used to describe someone not being born of God. That is the application of Romans 8:7. That person does not have the inward Spirit.

The second application is that it applies to bodily nature. In this as pertaining to man and his walk in obedience or disobedience, sometimes we can act in such a way as would be giving place to things which are not commendable in the child of God. This is a cross that we bear as long as we live trying to suppress the natural tendencies and follow the spiritual ones. When we are born of the Spirit of God, it does not take away the old nature or ability to sin but adds conflict and direction in our lives in dealing with it.

Heb. 9:10 gives us a passage relating to the worship ordinances being carnal due to the nature of them being bodily sacrifices of flesh. They accomplished no spiritual cleansing as the cleansing by the sacrifice of the Lord. Much of the law service had to do with civil aspects and were required of all without consideration as to if a person was born of the Spirit of God or not. May God bless.

(From "GOOD NEWS NEWSLETTER", Aug. 2006)

ECSTASY

By Nena Holder (Deceased)

("Glad Tidings" Sept. 2001)

I stand full draped in
 Robes of night and blackness,
 And then my lifted eyes
 Behold adornments of the heavens.
 My soul soars up in joy,
 In love and prayer,
 And I am overcome in awe.
 My voice can only utter praise,
 "Oh Father, for your wondrous works,
 I thank you".
 But my soul shouts, atop
 Its pinnacle of ecstasy,
 Oh, thank you, Father,
 For your faithful love!
 YOUR PRECIOUS SON!
 And for YOUR HOLY WRITTEN WORD!!!
 Nena Holder

"I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word. Deal bountifully with thy servant, that I may live, and keep thy word. Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law." (Psalm 119:16-18)

SURE PROMISES

"There hath not failed one word of His good promise." We find these words spoken by Solomon in 1 Kings viii. 56. That is only a part of the verse, but there is enough in them for us to meditate upon for a long, long time. Are the promises of God sure? I am sure there is not a child of God that they have tasted of the goodness of God, but what would answer the question in the affirmative. But, still, it pleases the Lord to withdraw His presence from our sight, lest we forget how dependent we are upon Him. Yes, at times, we find ourselves in doubt and swallowed up in the gulf of unbelief. How sweet it is to feel His sweet presence with us; it is there we can rejoice in declaring the surety and security of His blessed promises. In Psalm lxxvii. 8, David spake this: "Is His mercy clean gone forever? Doth His promise fail forever more?" I wonder how many of God's little children have spoken these sentiments from the very depths of their souls; then when we begin to think upon how sure His precious promises are, we can join David in verses 10 and 11 of the same Psalm, "And I said, This is my infirmity: but I will remember the years of the right hand of the most High. I will remember the works of the Lord; surely, I will remember thy wonders of old." Read on down and including verse 15, in which David declares, "Thou hast with thine arm redeemed thy people, the sons of Jacob and Joseph. Selah." Yes, when we begin to think upon His great works and wonders, and how good He has been to all of us all the days of our life; how He delivered the children of Israel out of Egypt; how He redeemed His portion out from under a death in sin to a life in Christ Jesus, through the blood of the Father's only begotten Son, it is then that we are enabled through His blessed Spirit to declare with Solomon that "not one word of His good promise hath failed."

The old servant, Joshua, just before he left the walks of men, left some wonderful and sweet encouragement to his people concerning the promises of God; some of the last desires of his heart were that they remember how sure and secure the promises of the Lord were; Joshua xxiii. 14, "And, behold, this day am I going the way of all the earth; and ye know in all your hearts and all your souls, that not one thing hath failed of all the good things which the Lord your God spake concerning you; all are come to pass unto you, and not one thing hath failed thereof." Those precious words of admonition were spoken by that faithful old servant of God hundreds of years ago, and I am sure they are just as true and dear to us today as they were to his people of that day, and will continue the same throughout all the time to come, for our God is a God of wisdom and changes not, the same yesterday, today and forever; therefore, His promises are sure. (Para. Ed)

Abraham of old believed faithfully that the promises of his Lord were sure. Paul, in speaking to the brethren at Rome, about the faith of Abraham concerning the promise of God, said (Romans iv. 21). "And being fully persuaded, that what He had promised, He was able to perform." It matters not whether or not the promises of God concern things pertaining to this life here on earth or to our eternal destiny, one is just as sure as the other. Then, why should we complain about rationing, and fear we are not going to get enough food and clothing, and many other things of that sort, when He has promised us all the things we need? I must confess I have been guilty many a time. Oh, how weak and forgetful we are. There hath not one word of His good promise failed. We find in the inspired Word of God, that there were folks back yonder who doubted the Lord's promises. I believe, on one occasion, they were called "scoffers" (2 Peter iii. 3). They were walking after their own lusts and began to doubt about His coming. Yea, they were ignorant, and when we start walking after our own lusts, and put our trust and affections too much on worldly things, to my mind, we are liable to become "scoffers," and begin to doubt and get uneasy about this thing and that, and forget that the promise of God is sure. But the Word of God does not leave room for one doubt. Let us read a part of 2 Peter iii. 9, "The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness." (Para.-Ed)

What a happy band of people we should be to be enabled to believe a doctrine that teaches us there is no slackness on the part of our Lord and Saviour; that He doeth His will in heaven and on earth, and that none can stay His hand, nor say what doeth thou. Though we may be ever so slack toward Him, and at times wonder about, in doubts, fears, afflictions in body, and persecuted from every side,, we can still rely on Him, for He has promised to be with us unto the end. Psalm iii. 2,3, "Many there be which say of my soul, There is no help for him in God, But thou, O Lord, art a shield for me; my glory, and the lifter up of mine head." Are not these words sweet? David, at that time, was satisfied with the surety and security of the promise of God, in being his shield, his light, strength, life, and salvation. Then, precious little children of God, after all our doubts, fears, persecutions and afflictions, trials, troubles, wars and sad goodbyes, (sic) are over, yes and death has come and gone, we have a sweet and sure promise that comes from the lips of our blessed Saviour, "In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go to prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." Yes, His promises are sure and secure. I pray these few thoughts, though feebly presented, may be to His honor and glory.

E. W. Singletary

(From "The Primitive Baptist", Nov. 16, 1944)

BIRTH

By Doris Webb Smith

Most people in the West Tennessee area who've visited the Jackson-Madison Co. Hospital have probably heard the "chimes" (Brahms Lullaby) played when the new babies are born. They may do this in other hospitals but the first time I noticed it was when my husband was a patient in Jackson and I spent a couple of days and nights there. I asked why this pretty music came through the speakers quite often and was told they do this each time a baby is born. Everytime (sic) I heard these beautiful chimes I was amazed to think of another new born taking its first breath and crying out because of LIFE. I wished I could have seen each one and held it for a short while. These little ones are being born at any moment all over the world. Whether it be a cold, stormy midnight hour or during the bright sunshine at noonday.

I thought of spiritual birth in human hearts in the same way. God steps into the soul and the new creature cries out because of spiritual life. Their Father takes them into his arms, holds them, and gives them support for all the days ahead. It could be the baby of an African savage or of a college professor at a well known university. Maybe it suddenly transpires in the heart of a young child in a small church or on the heart of an old man in a prison cell. In the morning or evening as traffic swirls by on New York City or Moscow, someone's eternal birth has occurred and made him a new creature.

Isn't this miraculous? I can just imagine that some beautiful chimes are playing an eternal melody each time at the Master's touch.

--Doris Webb Smith, Milan, TN

(Sister Smith is the natural sister of the late Elder T. L. Webb Jr. This writing appeared in a previous issue of GT but still good reading.—Editor)

DARK AND SINFUL WORLD

We are living in a dark and sinful world and what is the church to be in the midst of this darkness? The only relief from this darkness is the church in which it is called out to be a light in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation. The respected Elder J. H. Oliphant who died in 1904 said, "We are living in a sinful world where evil examples and influences are on all sides. The current is stiff in the direction of ruin, and blessed is that man who sees and prizes uprightness, and who will not go with the multitude in folly, and whose heart is set on a good name." The church is the light of the world and a city that is set on a hill and may our lights ever be shining and pass by the direction of evil and have or maintain a good name which is better than great riches.—Editor

NATURAL—SPIRITUAL FOOD

By Elder Larry Wise
Randolph, Mississippi

There is one characteristic that most people have in common; they all love to eat. You can drive through our neighboring city of Tupelo, MS on any night and especially on weekends, and it seems that the parking lots of the restaurants are filled with people eating out. Moms and dads get off work and stop by the local eatery to obtain something quick for supper. People are not going to do without food as long as they have money to satisfy their desire with the right purchase to appease their appetite.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if people loved to eat from the spiritual table that God has established for His people here in the world as well as they do from the natural table? People will go out of their way and drive a long distance to eat at a good restaurant. How far will the people go to eat of the spiritual food that God provides His people when they meet in the church assembly on Sunday or any other appropriate time? "And I appoint unto you a kingdom, as my Father hath appointed unto me; That ye may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel." (Luke 22:29-30). It is evident that people love to eat natural food more than they do spiritual food. It is true that people must have natural food to sustain the natural body with which we have been endowed. We must also have spiritual food that nourishes our spiritual life or it will wither as does any natural plant that is deprived of water and nourishment for any length of time.

There is nothing like a good spiritual meal to give us energy to face the complexities of a changing world. Isaiah said, "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). Your soul is vitally important to God. He sent His Son to save us from our sins; and not a single soul that He saved from sin will ever be lost to the fire of eternal hell. God is also vitally concerned, along with God's ministers, with our soul's welfare while we live in this world. Jesus said, "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). Jesus will never lose a single soul given to Him by God the Father but will present every chosen child of God faultless before God after the resurrection. On the other hand, we can and do lose our own soul to the torment of this world when we put our trust in anyone or anything besides the Lord Jesus and fail to eat at His table as our first priority. Jesus' voice rings out loud and clear: "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." (Matt. 6:33).

It seems that some people do not need much spiritual food which is evidenced by their absence from the worship service. Then they wonder why they are so cast down and seem to be drowning in a world that can give no peace. It can only be because they have become slothful and idle in spiritual service to God and have drifted off to sleep. The wisdom of Solomon declares, "Slothfulness casteth into a deep sleep; and an idle soul shall suffer hunger." (Prov. 19:15). It doesn't take a deep sleep to produce spiritual poverty in our soul; just a little will do the damage. "Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep: So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth, and thy want as an armed man." (Prov. 6:10-11).

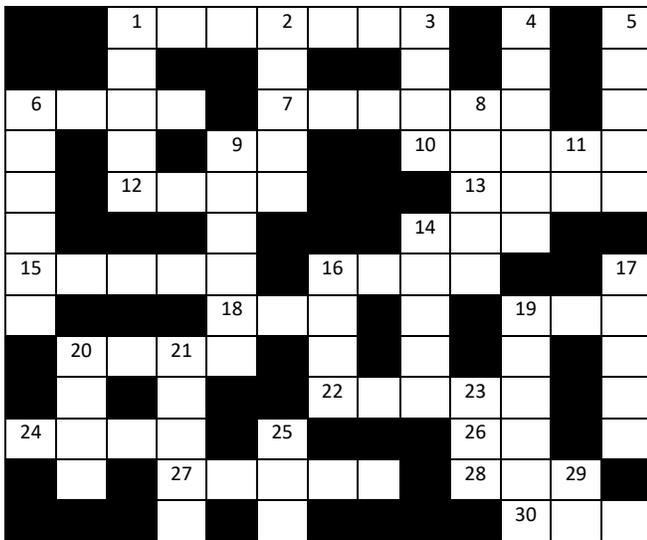
We should truly thank the Lord for those pillars in the church that are found in worship service every Sunday unless sick or hindered in ways beyond their control. These saints are usually not hard to feed because they are hungry. Conversely, if a saint only comes to church once or twice a month or less, he or she is much more difficult to feed because they are not as hungry. An appetite first has to be cultivated before there is a hunger to be satisfied. Jesus has promised that those who hunger and thirst after righteousness shall be filled. People know where to go for their natural food. They should know where to go for their spiritual food and be advised of the very real consequences of their failure to heed God's instructions. Yes, we need more pillars in the church! I've heard it said that there are two kind of people in the church, pillars and caterpillars; The pillars uphold the church and its truth as they are there every Sunday while the caterpillars just crawl in a Sunday every now and then. Which might the reader be?

I heard Elder Sonny Pyles speak via tape recently on the house of Stephanas which had **addicted** themselves to the ministry of the saints. (I Cor. 16:15). As Elder Pyles pointed out, we need to be filled with the Spirit and be not drunk with wine wherein is excess. We need to be addicted to feeding our spiritual soul and take all the necessary steps to satisfy it that the winebibber would take to satisfy his. When we are deprived of our spiritual addiction, we should experience the same withdrawal symptoms that an alcohol or drug addict would have when deprived of their daily fix. When deprived of natural food for a time, the natural body will experience hunger pains as the stomach begins to roll and growl. We should desire that our spiritual soul will also experience hunger pains and growl repeatedly until we take the necessary measures to appease its goodly demands.

Think about this the next time you go out to eat and pray that our church parking lots would be as filled as those earthly establishments. Pray that we would be more Spirit filled and do as commanded. (*From an article I wrote in Sept. 2001 but still true.—Editor*)

BIBLE CROSSWORD PUZZLE

1. ___ us our debts as we ___ our debtors.
6. Unto us a child is ___ unto us a son is given.
7. Where there is no ___ the people perish but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.
9. ___ ye perfect as our Father in heaven is perfect.
10. By faith Old Testament saints subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, stopped the mouths of ___
12. A woman in travail hath sorrow because her ___ is come.
13. When ___ hath conceived it bringeth forth sin.
14. Where neither moth ___ rust doth corrupt.
15. All they that see me laugh me to ___ about Jesus.
16. Cattle went with Israel from Egypt. There was not a ___ left behind.
18. The mother of all living was ___.



(Answers on Page 8)

19. Dwelt in Sodom and nephew of Abraham.
20. A living dog is better than a ___ lion. Expired.
22. The harlot in Jericho that hid the spies_
24. The poison of ___ is under their lips. Vipers.
26. For God ___ loved the world He gave His Son.
27. It is in vain to rise up ___, to sit up late, eat the bread of sorrows so He giveth His beloved sleep.
28. This planetary body rules the day time.
30. The memory of the just is blessed: but the name of the wicked shall ___. Decay.

DOWN:

1. Jesus cried with a loud voice Lazarus come ___.
2. Don't give of necessity for the Lord loveth a cheerful ___.
3. The children being not yet born, neither having done either good or ___.
4. ___ thy father and mother that thy days be long.
5. ___ not thyself of tomorrow for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth. Brag.
6. The publican smote on his ___ crying for mercy.

BIBLE CROSSWORD PUZZLE

DOWN:

8. Thou anointest me with the ___ ___ gladness above thy fellows. Two words.
9. Moses saw a bush ___ with fire but not consumed.
11. Noah and Sarah initials.
14. He stretcheth out the ___ - over the empty place and hangeth the earth upon nothing. Direction.
16. He that hath an ear let him ___.
17. The Lord hath His way in the whirlwind and the ___ and the clouds are the dust of His feet.
19. ___ not for that meat that perisheth but for that which endureth unto everlasting life.
20. Man was made from the ___ of the ground.
21. Jesus rode in Jerusalem on a colt the foal of an ___. Plural.
23. 21 above but singular.
25. Israel walked upon ___ ground in the Red Sea.
29. The tongue ___ man can tame.

OUT OF THE MOUTH OF BABES

The wife of a member of the church I pastor was keeping her young grandson and granddaughter and it came time for lunch. She fixed chicken nuggets and the grandson wanted to ask the blessing. This was the blessing he asked, "God is good, God is great. Thank you for food. Thank you for God. Thank you it's eat time. Thank you it's **not** nap time. Amen." Then he ate all his nuggets.

EXCERPTS GLAD TIDINGS READER LETTERS

Bro. Larry,

I appreciate all you do, and we greatly benefit from and enjoy Glad Tidings. Enclosed is a donation.

Sincerely,
Neil Honea
Elrod, AL

Dear Sirs,

My mother has gone to be with the Lord. Thank you for sending her the newsletter. She enjoyed it, Daughter of Janice Kennedy. Donna,
Amelia, OH

Elder Wise,

I am enclosing a small contribution to your good paper. I was told to send this writing of mine for publication if you wish,

Doris Webb Smith
Milan, TN

Elder Larry Wise,

Hiii! Enjoyed reading your church paper "Glad Tidings. Sign me up as subscriber. Donation enclosed.

Sincerely, Keith Blair
Sherwood, AR

CHURCH NEWS

Everyone is invited to Enon Primitive Baptist Church, Houston, MS for their annual meeting the 1st weekend in March, 2019 (Mar. 1-2). Services Friday night, March 1, at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, March 2, at 10:30 a.m. with lunch and afternoon services at 1:30 p.m. Elder Ronald Lawrence, Nashville, TN is invited minister. Elder Calvin Warren is Pastor of Enon.

Everyone is invited to Mt. Hebron Primitive Baptist Church, Hamilton, MS for their meeting 2nd weekend in March, 2019 (Mar. 8-10). Services Friday and Saturday, March 8-9, at 10:00 a.m. with lunch and afternoon services. Sunday at 10:30 a.m. This is an open meeting. Contact Bro. Leroy Blair for more details 205-495-5310.

The 5th Sunday night in March, 2019 (Mar. 31) Fellowship meeting will be hosted by New Prospect Primitive Baptist Church, New Albany, MS with supper at 5:30 p.m. and worship at 6:30 p.m. What better way to spend an evening to conclude the month of March than in worship of our great God! Elder Grady Camp is Pastor of New Prospect. This meeting rotates between New Prospect, Laodicea, Bethany and Hopewell Primitive Baptist churches. Everyone is invited.

Clear Springs Primitive Baptist Church, Maben, MS will have its annual meeting on 4th weekend in April, 2019 (Apr. 27-28). Services begin on Saturday, Apr. 27, at 10:00 a.m. with lunch and afternoon services. Concludes Sunday at 10:30 a.m. followed by lunch. This is an open meeting. Clear Springs is currently without a Pastor.

Pine Hill PBC, Ripley, MS invites all to its annual spring meeting beginning Friday April 5 at 7:00 pm with refreshments to follow. Services on Saturday morning at 10:30 followed by lunch. Dinner will be served at 5:30 pm with worship at 7:00. Sunday service at 10:30 with lunch at noon. Elder Tim McCool from Gordo, AL is the invited minister. Come and hear the gospel of grace. For information contact the pastor, Elder Darren Owens at 662-587-1193.

Elder James Hall, Pontotoc, MS will be with Bethany Primitive Baptist Church, Ecu MS the 5th Sunday in March, 2019 (Mar. 31) with services at 10:30 a.m. Elder Larry Wise is Pastor of Bethany.

Elder Grady Camp, Germantown, TN will be with Clear Springs Primitive Baptist Church, Maben, MS the 5th Sunday in March, 2019 (Mar. 31) with services at 10:30 a.m. Clear Springs is without a Pastor.

By faith we see—Jesus on Calvary's tree

CHURCH NEWS

Elder Larry Wise will be with Yalobusha Primitive Baptist Church, Water Valley, MS the 5th Sunday in March, 2019 (Mar. 31) with services at 10:30 a.m. Elder James Hall is Pastor of Yalobusha.

Elder Bob Ward, Columbus, MS will be with Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church, Randolph, MS the 5th Sunday in March, 2019 (Mar. 31) with services beginning at 10:30 a.m. Elder Tom Bouchillon is Pastor of Hopewell.

Elder Rickey Taylor, Booneville, MS will be with New Prospect Primitive Baptist Church, New Albany, MS the 5th Sunday in March, 2019 (Mar. 31) with services at 10:30 a.m. Elder Grady Camp is pastor of New Prospect.

Everyone is invited to Chewella Primitive Baptist Church, Potts Camp, MS for their meeting the 2nd weekend in April, 2019 (Apr. 12-14). Services Friday night, Apr. 12, at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, Apr. 13, at 10:30 a.m. followed by lunch. No afternoon service. Sunday, Apr. 14, at 10:30 a.m. followed by communion and lunch. Elder Mark Quarles, Madison, MS is invited minister. Elder Jerry Wise is pastor of Chewella.

Harmony Primitive Baptist Church, Tupelo MS, invites everyone to come worship our Lord and Saviour during our annual meeting the 1st weekend in May, 2019. The invited preachers are Elder Luke Laird and Elder Tom Griffin. Services will begin Friday night, May 3rd, with supper at 6:00 and service at 7:00. Saturday, May 4th, morning service will be at 10:00, followed by lunch and afternoon service. Sunday, May 5th, morning service will be at 10:30, followed by lunch and communion service. We look forward to sweet fellowship with our beloved brethren and sisters. If you are unable to attend, please remember us in prayer. Elder Tony Lester is Pastor of Harmony.

Everyone is invited to New Hope Primitive Baptist Church, 60627 Hatley Rd, Amory, MS for their 200th Anniversary Meeting May 10-12, 2019. Services Friday, May 10, at 10:30 am followed by lunch and afternoon services at 1:30 pm and supper at 6:00 pm and worship at 7:00 pm. Saturday service, at 10:00 am followed by lunch and afternoon service at 1:30 pm. No night service. Sunday, May 12, at 10:30 am followed by lunch. Contact Elder Tim Cunningham, Pastor of New Hope, at 931-201-7881 for more information.

Take your stand—In Canaan's land
God will bless—More not less

CHURCH NEWS

Everyone is invited to New Salem Primitive Baptist Church, Walnut, MS for its March 3 day meeting on the 4th weekend . Services will start on Friday night, 3/22/2019 at 7PM. (No food). On Saturday the 23rd services, start at 10:00 AM, followed by lunch and afternoon services. On Sunday the 24th, services start at 10:30 AM, followed by lunch. Visiting ministers are Elder Danny Adcock from Hopewell AR and Elder John Cooper, Jonesboro, AR. The Pastor of New Salem is Elder Dwayne DuBard. Please pray for our meeting.

INTERCESSION

By S.N. Redford (1872-1950)

'INTERCESSION OF CHRIST FOR THE SAINTS'

'And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.'--Ro 8:27.

'Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.'--Heb 7:25.

'For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us.'--Heb 9:24.

These scriptures teach that Christ intercedes for His people and I am sure this blessed truth is full of comfort to the poor child of God who daily realizes his sinfulness. We learn from the above Scriptures that Christ makes intercession according to the will of God. That is the ground upon which He pleads our cause, a righteous ground, and hence is pleasing to God. Christ does not plead our innocence or our righteousness, for we have no righteousness of our own to plead. The lawyer in defense will try to establish the innocence of the prisoner, although his hands may be red with blood but not so with Jesus. he confesses that His people are guilty, that they have no righteousness, no justification, no redemption of their own. He confesses that within themselves considered they deserve no mercy, but He pleads His own blood for their redemption. He holds forth His hands that the cruel spikes pierced, He calls attention (so to speak) to His pierced side and the cross. He pleads His righteous justification, and perfect obedience. Oh, what joyful news to the poor saint! For such intercession is according to the will of God. He says, 'It is enough. Spare them.'

Dear saint, so you feel so imperfect that it seems your prayers rise no higher than your head? If so, I bring the news that Jesus prays for you and He says His Father always hears Him.

Next we learn that he ever lives to make intercession for us. God's poor people will need a Saviour to intercede for them until they are safely landed home in heaven. We feel to praise God for the knowledge of the fact that Jesus ever lives to plead their cause. The Bible teaches that Christ, our High Priest, has entered heaven itself to appear before God the Father for us-- even in His presence, and thus we feel to hope for mercy. God will be merciful to our unrighteousness. 'If we sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.' Truly Jesus is full of grace.

This doctrine attacks the doctrine of the righteousness and it attacks the doctrine of apostasy. The doctrine of the righteous intercession of Christ holds Him forth as the sinner's only hope of heaven and at the same time assures him, if he has an interest in Christ that some sweet day he will hear the joyful news, 'Child, your Father calls, come home.' When that time comes, the loving hand of our blessed intercessor will wipe the tears from our eyes. There will be no pain nor death in that eternal city. There will be no sin in heaven; but, until we triumph over sin, we will need an intercessor.

ANSWERS

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It is a most delightful reflection that if I come to the throne of God in prayer, I may feel a thousand defects, but yet there is hope. I usually feel more dissatisfied with my prayers than with anything else I do.—Charles Spurgeon

Prayer is a strong wall and fortress of the church; it is a goodly Christian weapon.—Martin Luther

WE KNOW IN PART

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

For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.- 1Co 13:12.

Can we know that we are heirs of God and that when the battles of life have been fought, we will safely reach that home beyond the river of death which is prepared for those who love the Lord? And can we know it so perfectly in this life that not a shadow of doubt or uneasiness can possibly sweep down upon the soul? Can we be so overwhelmed with the love of God at all times and so full of joy every moment of life that we will never have to ask the question, "Why art thou cast down, oh, my soul? hope thou in God." And do we have to reach that undisturbed felicity of soul here in this sorrowful world before we have any right to claim relationship with the Redeemer of poor sinners? Are we rightfully and justly subject to censure and criticism if we profess the name of Christians and confess that it is a matter of hope with us; that we only know in part and "see through a glass darkly?" And should the dark clouds of sorrow and doubt be banished forever and all tears of grief be wiped away, before we have a right to say that we are following the meek and lowly Lamb of God who once journeyed here "a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief?" If so, then I confess that I have missed it all.

Some who claim to have reached perfection in knowledge concerning their relationship with God and their final destiny beyond this life, seem to be inclined to criticise those who have not reached that high atmosphere, and would, if possible, embarrass and discourage them for claiming to have a hope of heaven.

Of course, in writing on this subject I cannot hope to comfort those who are so far above me that they do not feel the need of comfort, but I hope to reach some poor little sorrowing one, whose life is fraught with trials and disappointments and who, though desiring to be free from sin and sometimes longing for that blissful abode where sorrows never come—is often cast down and has to confess that he is a poor stranger and pilgrim in this world with no abiding home. I would comfort such poor ones by defending them with God's blessed truths and assuring them that if they can only know in part they are in line with all the apostles. I would also call their attention to the dear Old Baptist's with whom I am blessed to be identified and who seem so precious to me today as I think of these things and know that they are the only people in all this world that seem to understand me when I try to give a reason of my hope in Jesus and when I confess that I am poor and unworthy and often dark clouds hover over me. I do not mean to say that there are none in other denominations that feel to be poor and needy and that do not claim to

know perfectly that they are children of God. Indeed there are many of the poor doubting, hoping trembling saints in other churches, but they are starving for comfort. They are away from home and spending their money for that which is not bread and their labor for that which satisfieth not. In the dear Old Baptist Church they could find friends that would understand their sorrows as well as their joys and that would rejoice to hear them tell of their hope of heaven—yes their hope, for they are not ashamed of hope. Paul says, "And hope maketh not ashamed, because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost." So if we have hope, we also have the love of God in our hearts. I had rather have that than to not have any hope. I had rather not know it all than to think I knew it all and "not know anything as I ought to know it." A man once said to me, in criticising the Primitive Baptists for talking so much about their hope, "I know I am saved and there is no such thing as hope about it with me." I told him I would accept his word for it and not accuse him of having a hope, because the Bible said there were some people in that condition—"without God and without hope in the world."

Indeed our people spend some time in talking about their hope and about their doubts and fears, for which they have a Scriptural right. They are commanded to be ready to give an answer to every man that asketh them a reason of the hope within them in meekness and in fear. But how could they comply with that admonition if they were like some folks, without hope and without fear? Primitive Baptists are not extremists on this subject, and hence have a place for hope and knowledge too. In fact we could not have hope without some knowledge. And while the Primitive Baptists do not claim to have perfect knowledge regarding their final destiny, which would be to claim perfection in the flesh, yet on the other hand they do not claim to be so blind and ignorant that they cannot see or know anything. It is with them like Paul said—they see, but it is through a glass darkly. They know, but they only know in part. They rejoice over the text that says, "We know that we have passed from death unto life because we love the brethren," but they find just as much comfort in the text that says, "We know in part." Hence, not having perfect knowledge, there is room for hope to come in, there is room for faith and there is occasion for some fears and doubts along the way. Oh, how sweet to hope that beyond the clouds we will see more clearly and know even as we are known.

How I long for more assurance,
Perfect knowledge in advance;
How I long to see more clearly,
O'er the desert's wide expanse.

But alas! our eyes are holden,
And likewise this fainting heart;
Nature's curtain hides the vision,
We can only know in part.

EYES FASTENED ON THE LORD

By Elder Larry Wise

In the shameful ungodliness of the time in which we live, it may be difficult to keep our eye of faith focused on the Lord. However, we are told that we can do all things through Christ and His strength. (Phil. 4:13). If, our eyes are fastened on the Lord, we are promised the blessing of peace that only the God of peace can give. We are told by the prophet Isaiah, "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee." (Isa. 26:3). When our mind is stayed on the Lord in the midst of any chaotic situation, we are promised peace as we trust in the Lord and look to Him..

The words "perfect" and "peace" are translated from the same Hebrew word *shalom* so we have a multiplied peace in the Lord. Isaiah goes on to tell us to trust in the LORD Jehovah for in Him is everlasting strength. (Isa. 26:4). We are prone to have our mind and eyes fastened on the storm clouds coming on the horizon rather than the One who is above the clouds and forfeit a much desired peace. We can become so distraught that we even destroy ourselves from the presence of the Lord because we have forgotten to trust in the Lord. The following is the record of an individual so focused on an event that he forgot the most critical element in the activity in which he was engaged:

"In April 1988 the evening news reported on a photographer who was a skydiver. He had jumped from a plane along with numerous other skydivers and filmed the group as they fell and opened their parachutes. On the film shown on the telecast, as the final skydiver opened his chute, the picture went berserk. The announcer reported that the cameraman had fallen to his death, having jumped out of the plane without his parachute. It wasn't until he reached for the absent ripcord that he realized he was freefalling without a parachute. Until that point, the jump probably seemed exciting and fun. But tragically, he had acted with thoughtless haste and deadly foolishness. Nothing could save him, for his faith was in a parachute never buckled on. Faith in anything but an all-sufficient God can be just as tragic spiritually. Only with faith in Jesus Christ dare we step into the dangerous excitement of life."

Job was a righteous man but yet trouble came his way but yet we read his crowning statement that we all need to heed: "Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him: but I will maintain mine own ways before him." (Job 13:15). Job wasn't trusting in his riches or his family; he was trusting in the Lord. Only when his eyes failed to fasten on the Lord was he brought low and cursed the day he was born but NOT God. The peace that Isaiah wrote about also can mean, "health", "happy" and "safe". We can have all three when our eyes are fastened on the Lord.

SELF DESTRUCTION

America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves.—Abraham Lincoln

"O Israel, thou hast destroyed thyself; but in me is thine help." (Hosea 13:9)

"If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land: But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it." (Isa. 1:19-10)

REDEEMING THE TIME

By Elder Louis Culver

Time is a precious commodity, limited and fleeting. We are not promised any time other than the instant we are in at any given moment. We may not even draw one more breath. Time is limited.

How we utilized our time is very important. Wastefulness is unforgiveable. Any time we use unwisely is an affront to the giver of Life. God has given us our life to be used in service to Him, praising and honoring His matchless name. To do anything less is to displease God and waste what He has given us. To add man-made things to the time God has given us is to clutter that time with things of lesser importance than the things of God. Both extremes are unacceptable to God.

Often we find ourselves trying to control actions and activities of others while neglecting things we are charged with doing. I find that if I am to remain unspotted from the world, I must be constantly watching my every move, thought, action. In order to do so I must be totally involved with myself. I have no time in which to control or direct others in the way they should live. If I am to preach the Word of God with any degree of understanding, it must come from God. At the same time I must be familiar with the Word through reading and studying. God does not pour His Word into my head such that it can run out my mouth when I open it. God reveals His Word to His people in His own way and manner; however, we must read and study the written word in order to be able to expound upon it. Life is a learning process.

When we attend to our own duties and obligations we do not have any time left over to run the business of anyone else. For each of us, living our life is a full-time process, requiring all our energy.

When we learn to sweep our own porch, and not the porches of others, we will find that more porches are being swept and they are being swept so much cleaner.

"And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but perceivest not the beam that is in thine own eye?" Luke 6:41. (From "ITMS", April, 2006)

HIS MERCY AND SALVATION

By Elder Rickey Taylor
Booneville, Mississippi

Psalms 13:5: "But I have trusted in thy mercy; my heart shall rejoice in thy salvation."

We should put our trust in God. We should trust His practical teachings, by putting them into actions in our lives. A disciple brings glory to God when they put forth a good example of trust that others can see and observe.

What does it mean to put our trust in His mercy and salvation? We begin with his mercy.

Mercy means to show loving kindness. Webster's defines the Lord's mercy as an act of divine compassion and favor. This is what the Lord did for every one of his children. By his love (compassion) God gave us a divine favor by showing mercy unto us. How did he do that? Mercy is something that we don't deserve. If God judged us by what we deserved rather than mercy, then not a single one of us would be going to heaven. We have all fallen short of being perfect obedient children of God. We have a sinful nature in us. Sometimes that sinful nature will cause us to sin against the God that we love. God would be perfectly just for casting us away, but he doesn't. Thus he shows mercy (something that we do not deserve) and this is a divine favor from God. Do you believe that? If you do, then you are trusting in Him. Believe means to trust. You have a home in heaven whether you believe it or not. If you do then it will bless you while here on earth.

His salvation: Salvation means deliverance. I believe in a timely salvation. When I write about His salvation however, I mean his eternal salvation. If I could work my way to heaven, then that would be called my salvation. Because I was the one that worked it out. His salvation that is given to all of God's children is through His Devine favor. You cannot work it out, because you lack being perfect, because of your sinful nature. God has shown to you a divine favor by giving you something that you could not get for yourself. It is something that he has given you, not because you deserve it, but because he loves you and wants you to have this. This is also the definition of grace. Grace means unmerited favor. If you believe that, then you are trusting in God's salvation, rather than your own works. Now you have this eternal salvation, whether you believe that or not. If you do however, then you are being a faithful disciple to the one who has shown you a great favor, by resting in His salvation and mercy.

The author of this Psalm is saying I trust in the Lord's mercy and His salvation, and in doing so he is rejoicing in God's blessings. I pray that you and I would follow the Psalmist example and continue to enjoy his blessings here on earth and resting in His mercy and salvation.

Rickey Taylor

ANTHOLOGY OF PRIMITIVE BAPTIST LITERATURE

(Volume 2, Pages 66-67)

BAPTIST: Origin of the name: C. H. Cayce: As to the name, will say that John was called a Baptist, and the Lord gave him that name. He baptized the persons that first composed the church. The church was composed of baptized believers. Jesus organized His church and the first members, those whom He first placed in the church were baptized persons who had been baptized by John. We would call them Baptists, then. Hence what is known as the Baptist Church is the Church of God. They have been called by different names in the different ages and countries since the days of the apostles.

But the name of a thing does not change its nature. The identity of the church of God has remained with those who contended for Scriptural doctrine and practice in all the ages since the church was established by the Savior while on earth. (*Cayce's Editorials vol. 2, ppg 362*)

BAPTISM: Christ's marriage to the church: S. A. Paine: In Mal. 3:1, the same verse referred to, it is said. "And whom ye seek shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in; behold he shall come, saith the Lord of hosts."

Who is this but the Savior coming to John on the bank of Jordan? And in coming to him he comes to, or confronts those whom John has made ready. He calls this coming to his temple. **Here is where the marriage occurs.**

We hear John exclaiming, "**Behold the Lamb of God** which taketh away the sin of the world." Here is the midnight cry, "**Behold the bridegroom cometh**, go ye out to meet him." Those who were ready, who were prepared in heart, and had obeyed the teaching of John, were admitted to the marriage. Hence Christ suddenly came to his temple, "even the messenger of the covenant whom ye delight in." This was fulfilled in Jesus approach to John, and those whom he had baptized, **here the union of the Bride and Bridegroom was effected**, and the church, there began in its incipency—began to be builded. (*Writings of S. A. Paine*)

Our sweetest comforts are found and enjoyed with fellowship with Christ. "Prisons would palaces prove if Jesus would dwell with me there." And so our most unpleasant moments are when we feel void of His presence and approval.—Elder J. H. Oliphant—1894

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

