

Glad Tidings

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

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FROM THE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
LET US GIVE THANKS FOR OUR RELIGION
Strength For Today And Bright Hope For Tomorrow

Philippians 4:13

I Corinthians 15:19

FROM THE PASTORS DESK

Faith is one of the great subjects in the Bible and has many facets. We come into possession of faith when we are born of the Spirit of God. It is a product of the new birth. “For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.” (I John 5:4) We do many things **in faith** so consider the following:

Strong in faith: Faith trusts in God in all kinds of circumstances and delivers from worry, anxiety and doubt. God promised Abraham he would have a son even in old age and thus we read about Abraham: “He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was **strong in faith**, giving glory to God; And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.” (Rom.4:20-21) When God makes a promise, He always delivers but in His own time frame so may we all be strong in faith believing His word is true.

Weak in the faith: Just as those who are strong in faith, there are some children of God who are weak in faith. Paul gives an example of some who believe they can eat all things while others who are weak believeth they only eat herbs. How are those who are weak in faith to be received? We are explicitly told, “Him that is **weak in the faith** receive ye, but not to doubtful disputations.” (Rom. 14:1) The one that eats is not to despise him that eateth not; neither is the one that eateth not to judge him that eateth but each one is to be fully persuaded in his own mind. (vs.3-4)

Sound in Faith: Paul tells Titus to speak the things which become sound doctrine. Titus spoke sound (healthy) doctrine howbeit he was to speak it in such way it would become (suitable, proper, adorning) sound doctrine and goes on to give reasons for this; one of which was: “That the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, **sound in faith**, in charity, in patience.” (Titus 2:2) If it is possible to be sound in faith, it is also possible to be unsound in faith. Rightly dividing the word of truth is essential to being sound in faith. Paul admonishes Timothy about holding fast that which is sound: “Hold fast the form of **sound words**, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.” (II Tim. 1:13) We are not to be led away with the error of the wickedness and fall from our own steadfastness. (II Pet. 3:17) Faith in this context is a body of principles of truth and not just as one of the nine-fold fruit of the Spirit.

Ask in faith: Faith reaches out or upward to God for what we perceive as needs. God is always able to separate our needs from our wants and intercede according to His will. If we need wisdom, and we all do, to know how to use the knowledge we possess, we are told: “If any of you lack wisdom, let him **ask of God**, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him **ask in faith**, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.” (James 1:5-6) We are told to approach the throne of grace with faith believing God is able to do exceeding above all we are able to ask or think.

Rich in faith: James warns against treating people of differing status in life in a way to be construed as partiality. Someone might come into the assembly with a gold ring and wearing goodly apparel and given a prestigious place whereas one who came that was poor and dressed in vile raiment and told where to sit or even under someone’s footstool. Remember that God has chosen the weak things of the world to confound the wise. In this instance, James says, “Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor of this world **rich in faith**, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him?” (James 2:5) Which would be better: to be rich with worldly goods or to be rich in faith? The answer I believe is quite obvious.

Continue in faith: We have salvation (deliverance) for heaven through the shed blood of Christ. There is a salvation here in time that we experience through faithful obedience to God. There is also a saving through the faithful obedience of others. For instance, Adam was not deceived but Eve was deceived being in the transgression but the scripture goes on to say, “Notwithstanding she shall be saved in childbearing, if they **continue in faith** and charity and holiness with sobriety.” The woman will be saved (delivered) when they (her children) continue in faith, charity and holiness. What greater joy could a mother or father have than to have their children continue faithful to God. The opposite of children continuing in faith is described by Solomon, “A wise son maketh a glad father: but a foolish son is the heaviness of his mother.” (Prov. 10:1)

What we do as children of God in faith is pleasing to God. It is the opposite that stirs his anger due to sin. In all contexts “whatsoever is not of faith is sin” (Rom.14:23) Please consider! (Elder Larry Wise)

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GOD IS IN CONTROL

By Elder Jim Turner Jr. (Deceased)

There seems to be more and more discussion among those who believe in God, as to whether He is still in control of the elements.

One has only to go back to the account of the Genesis flood to see that, as events are unfolding all around us today, that He is very much in control. In Genesis 6:11: "the earth also was corrupt before God and the earth was filled with violence." Does that sound to you, dear reader, like what is going on in the world today? As the events leading up to the flood, we have much said about the wickedness and corruption of man.

God in His wrath, brought the flood upon the earth, and destroyed all living, with the exception of those that were with Noah in the ark. He controlled the rain in those days, and I am convinced that He still controls it today. When the scripture speaks of the corruption and violence in the days before the flood, I find myself wondering if it was any worse than it is today.

Every time we turn on the news or pick up a newspaper we see all sorts of violence, unbelievable sexual sins, people killing each other in the streets, children being abducted and never heard from again, and we could go on and on. I have made the comment a number of times, that I believe we are already under the wrath of God. For the most part, those among our brothers and sisters with whom I have discussed this, are in agreement. Some have raised an eyebrow and given me a rather questioning

look. Many of other persuasions have just outright rejected the idea.

However, I would ask all who read this, to consider all the natural disasters we have witnessed just in recent years. The hurricanes, earthquakes, tornados, floods, droughts, not to mention the numerous wildfires that have burned thousands of acres of our timberland and destroyed countless homes. Regardless of your position on the power of God, I would ask you to carefully consider just a few accounts both in the Old and New Testaments, of examples of God's power over the elements.

In 2 Kings 2:11 Elijah was taken up into heaven in a whirlwind. Do you think that whirlwind just happened, or did God send it to bring that old prophet home? Of course, it did not just happen!!! Job 38:1: The Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind. Did that whirlwind just happen to be there? Of course not!! When Jonah ran from the Lord's call to go and preach to the people of Nineveh, the Lord sent a great wind into the sea, and there was a mighty tempest in the sea, so that the ship was like to be broken.

A tempest is defined as a great storm. When Jonah confessed that he was the cause of the great storm, and they cast him into the sea, the sea ceased from her raging. Jonah 1:15. Without taking up space to quote more scriptures, I would suggest you look up the scriptures in the New Testament which give account of Jesus calming the sea.

I know that there are multitudes out there in the world who look down on Bible believers, and call us old fogies, out of touch, Bible thumping radicals, and even claim that our Christian values are a threat to the rights of others. I submit to you, that Christian values have never been a threat to anyone but the devil and his cohorts. The threat is not from Bible believers, but instead, the threat is from the ungodly behavior all around us, the corruption of many of our elected officials, the thumbing of the noses at marriage and the traditional family as God established it, the uncontrolled trafficking of illegal drugs, the epidemic of sexually transmitted diseases, and we could go on and on.

Some may say, now wait a minute, what does sexually transmitted diseases have to do with God's judgment? I remember reading where He told the Israelites that if they would keep His laws and statutes, He would not put the diseases of Egypt upon them. Deut. 7:15.

The tsunami that hit Japan a year or so ago, and wrecked their nuclear power plants has caused much concern, but I dare say that we have been told very little about the far reaching effects of this disaster. We could go on and on talking about the examples of God's power, but to those who have no use for the Bible, it would [be] like pouring water on the proverbial duck's back.

To the believers, it is clearly taught in the scriptures, that God judges His people here in time, and many times He inflicts His wrath upon them for their disobedience. The eternally wicked will suffer His wrath forever, but His people will suffer for their sins here in time, but will finally be housed in Heaven without the loss of one.

In closing this writing, I would encourage each of you to carefully consider 2 Chronicles 7:14 and heed the instructions contained therein. Prayer, and the privilege of approaching the throne of God's rich grace and mercy, is the most powerful weapon that poor mortal man possesses. Let us be careful to use it every day.

We find in the Old Testament scriptures that when God blessed Israel and they turned against Him, that the cursing of the nation was equally as great as the blessing had been. This nation in which we live, have been blessed above any other in the history of mankind. I fear that the cursing of this nation may be under way as we speak.

Elder Jim Turner Jr.
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(From "The Banner of Love", August, 2012)
(Things haven't gotten any better since 2012 and onward we go until the second coming of the Lord. The believers should say "Lord Jesus, come quickly".—Editor)

EBENEZER

Elder Walter Cash--*Messenger of Peace*, 1932

In the first line of the second verse of the song "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" we sing, "Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by thy help I've come." For many years, I did not realize the meaning of the word *Ebenezer*. We find it means a "stone of help," the name which Samuel gave a stone, commemorative of God's help to Israel (1 Sam. 7:12). This helps us to understand this verse, and it means that we shall not forget the help which God has given us thus far, it is in perfect harmony with the line in "Amazing Grace" which says, "Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home."

The stone of help is a sort of monument that, by far, outshines the most expensive marble monument, and grows brighter in the Christian life as he leads a devoted life, remembering all the way his Christian experience. We are told to let our light shine, let this stone be seen, that others may see our good works and glorify our Father in heaven. We are not to boast of our works, which, at best, are filthy rags, but **our hope is in what the Lord has done for us**. We should ever keep that fact ever before us, and let it be the keynote of all we build. Judging by what the Lord has done for us, "we hope by His good pleasure safely to arrive at home."

(From "Christian Baptist", Nov./Dec., 2000)

DO NOT LOOK BACK

Elder Jack M Anderson
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And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God (Luke 9:62).

Jesus spoke these words to some would-be disciples who expressed a desire to follow him, but had something else to do first. Anytime we put something else first, ahead of following Him, we disqualify ourselves as a disciple.

One man had said to Jesus, **...Lord, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest. And Jesus said unto him, Foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay His head (vv. 57-58).**

He made it very clear that following Him would not be easy, but would require sacrifice. This being the case, He [said] in Luke 14:28, **For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it?**

From these and other scriptures, we are taught that, if we would truly be a disciple of Jesus, we need to give serious prayerful thought to the strength of our commitment to His service. There is a price to pay in following Him. We could say that it will cost you your life to follow Him.

For whosoever will save his life shall lose it, and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it (Mat. 17:25).

To be His disciple, we must lose, or lay down, the old life of sin and disobedience so that we might find the life of service to Him—a life of peace, joy and happiness in His kingdom.

After considering the cost or price we must pay, and [being] convinced we want to be in His service, we then make a commitment. Jesus says [that] when we do this, and then look back, longing for and seeking to hold onto the old life we previously lived, then we are not fit for His kingdom.

We need the kind of commitment the apostle Paul displayed. After his Damascus road experience, he said he conferred not with the flesh and blood, but went immediately to the work. We see no sign of straying, no quitting the race, but he was faithful to the commitment. Probably close to thirty years after his Damascus Road experience, we find him writing these words:

But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ. And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith (Phi. 3:7-9).

Paul had paid the price, had made the choice to give up the great life of honor and esteem as a Pharisee to cast his lot with the persecuted followers of Jesus. As His disciple and apostle he had suffered greatly. Read 2 Cor. 11:23-28 for a statement of things he suffered for the cause of Christ:

[Are they ministers of Christ? (I speak as a fool) I am more; in labours more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent, in deaths oft. Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one. Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep; In journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness. Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches.]

In spite of all these trials, persecutions, etc., he remained faithful. I believe he was able to rejoice in the Lord in the midst of his sufferings. As he seemed to be approaching the end of his journey, he could write these words to Timothy from a Roman prison:

For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith...(2 Tim. 4:6-7).

Yes, he had kept the faith. He had put his hand to the plow, and he never looked back. During this period of his life, through all the hardships and sufferings, surely he found the most joy and peace he ever experienced in life.

We find our greatest blessings in the very acts of service to our Lord and to His people. May we have the kind of commitment and faithfulness in our efforts at serving the Lord, that we see in the apostle Paul.

(From *The Bonds of Love*, Jul/Aug. 1998)

(From *“Christian Baptist”*, Nov. /Dec. 2000)

BELIEF

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

C.S. Lewis, *A Grief Observed*

“Trust in him at all times...” (Psalm 62:8)

USING YOUR OWN FAITH

By Elder Jerry McMinn
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“Hast thou faith? Have it to thyself before God.” (Rom. 14:22) Too many of God's children drift through their spiritual lives on “borrowed” faith. Although all born again persons have that faith which is the fruit of the spirit, not all of them are using their own faith.

It is a scriptural example for one generation to teach another and to set an example for them in godly living. It is quite another thing for the generation being taught and led to begin walking in their own faith.

Check Yourself Out—“Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith.” (II Cor. 13:5) Why do you believe as you do? Do you understand the basic doctrines and religious practices taught in the word of God? Are you only repeating what you have heard and imitating what you have seen? Do you really have any religious convictions of your own? When some people sing the hymn, “Faith of our fathers,” that's all the faith they have. How about you and me?

There is a story told of a newlywed young woman who sawed off the small end of a ham before she baked it. Her husband asked why she did it? “I don't know,” she replied, “but Mother always did. I'll ask her some time.”

When mother was asked about the ham sawing, she said, “My mother always sawed off the ham; so, I did it, too; but I never thought to ask why. I'll call her and find out.”

When Grandmother was called about the ham sawing process, she replied, “I had to saw off a ham before I baked it because my pan was too short to hold a full ham.”

Is your faith or mine based on a deep set of personally held convictions or is it just something we do without any serious thought or understanding? Are we needlessly sawing off the end of the ham?

Using Others as a Crutch—Some are so dependent upon others to believe for them that their faith is easily undermined. Have you seen people join a church just because they liked a certain preacher; and when he moved away, they quit going? Maybe you have also noticed that often when a friend or a family member backslides that many others slide with them.

Learn for Yourself—Is there a way you can avoid falling away from serving the Lord no matter what others do? The apostle Peter said, “be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear.” (I Pet. 3:15)

In other words, learn the basic principles of the faith for yourself. Build your own storehouse of spiritual knowledge. Dig into the Bible for yourself. Don't

depend on your preacher or others to know all your religion for you. When you sing the hymn, "Lord I believe," let it not be a false report.
(From "Southern Sentinel", Ripley, MS, May 2, 1991)

GIVE US BARABBAS

By Elder Louis Culver
Deatsville, Alabama

"Give us Barabbas! Give us Barabbas!"

This was the cry then; this is the cry today: "Give us Barabbas!" The people cry out, demanding Barabbas. Never mind the fact that Barabbas is guilty. Neither guilt nor innocence has anything to do with this situation: the people want Barabbas. The people have spoken, voicing their demands; therefore, everyone is expected to heed their demands and comply accordingly. Right and wrong have nothing to do with this demand - just blindly obey it.

Actions have consequences. Proper, upright, honorable actions reap proper, upright, honorable results. When the widow used the last of the oil and meal to make a little cake for the man that God sent rather than making one for herself and her son, eating it and dying - the oil and the meal did not cease, but remained for many days. The baking of that first little cake was a proper, upright, honorable action for that Mother to take.

God can take very little and increase it many times over. After all, He spoke the world into existence by the sound of His voice. He did not haul in anything for the process. Take for example the lad's lunch of bread and fishes: God multiplied that lad's meager lunch until it was able to feed the multitudes. And then, wonder of wonders, there were twelve baskets of "leftovers"!

The world in general wants the abundance of the worldly goods, but without benefit of the earning process. If we will not work, we shall not eat. By the sweat of our face shall we eat, providing sustenance by our own labors. Labor not, eat not. Our labor must be in the proper place and in the right manner: If the fish are not biting on the left side of the boat, then fish on the right side.

When we follow the ways of the Lord, even our enemies will be at peace with us. We are able to lie down beside the lions and sleep the peaceful sleep of a child of God throughout the night. We will awake refreshed in the morning. It does not take heavy artillery to vanquish the foe: one smooth stone, from among a collection of five, is all that is required to bring down the largest of our enemies. Try smoothness rather than roughness when confronting the enemy. Words softly spoken are far more effective than thunderous rantings and ravings.

Plant a seed of kindness and see how great grows the tree that is the result of that kindness. Its branches will spread abroad, giving comforting shade of peace and joy.

Life is precious; it comes from God. The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh; blessed be the name of the Lord. Mankind has decided that life is no longer precious; they forget that it is from God. Many times, they find it to be a hindrance to their way of life. Precious in the sight of God is His children.

Lord, give us courage to stand for truth, for right, for freedom. Enable us to see, to recognize, error. Bless us with courage to choose right rather than wrong. Strengthen us where we are weak; lift us when we fall; direct our paths, even when we stray, that we shall be able to find the old paths and walk therein.

"Give us Barabbas" the people cry. But we, the redeemed by the Holy Spirit, do not want Barabbas; we want the Lord Jesus Christ, our Saviour, our Redeemer, our All in All. He is the Husband of His Bride - the Church.

These are some thoughts I have had as I think of the worldly situation today. If you, the reader, have any comments concerning what I have written, please feel free to share them with me, be they good, bad or indifferent. I look forward to hearing from you, either publicly or privately.

No Scripture references have been given. How many times was Scripture indicated?

In The Master's Service,
Elder Louis Culver

PRAISE GOD

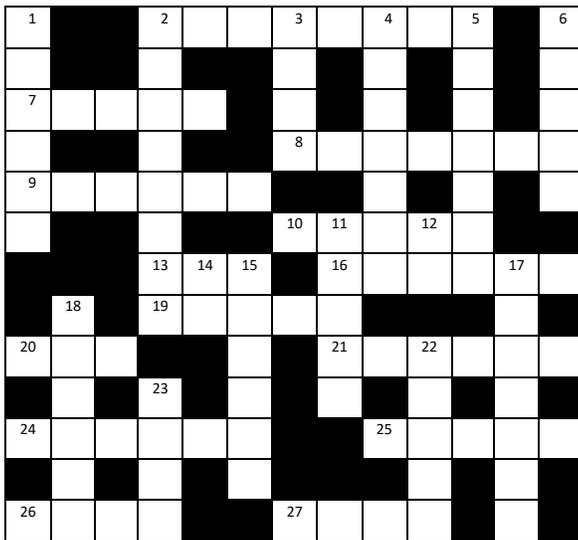
A body is not crippled 'til its heart has ceased to praise. Louis Albert Banks tells of an elderly Christian man, a fine singer, who learned that he had cancer of the tongue and that surgery was required. In the hospital after everything was ready for the operation, the man said to the doctor, "Are you sure I will never sing again?" The surgeon found it difficult to answer his question. He simply shook his head no. The patient then asked if he could sit up for a moment. "I've had many good times singing the praises of God," he said. "And now you tell me I can never sing again. I have one song that will be my last. It will be of gratitude and praise to God." There in the doctor's presence the man sang softly the words of Isaac Watts' hymn, "I'll praise my Maker while I've breath,/ And when my voice is lost in death,/ Praise shall employ my nobler power;/ My days of praise shall ne'er be past,/ While life, and thought, and being last,/ Or immortality endures."

Our Daily Bread

BIBLE CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS:

- 2. Where is ____ then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith.
- 7. ____ was seller of purple whose heart God opened.
- 8. Behold this ____ cometh said Joseph's brothers.
- 9. Jesus was asleep in the ____ part of the ship.
- 10. Jesus poured water in a ____ to wash disciples feet.
- 13. The Passover lamb was not to be eaten ____.
- 16. A good name is ____ than precious ointment.
- 19. Sin left a crimson ____ which Jesus washed whiter than snow.
- 20. God called the ____ land Earth in the creation.
- 21. ____ afflictions as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.
- 24. Jesus warned to ____ of the leaven of Pharisees.
- 25. Ezekiel was carried into the valley of dry ____.
- 26. Noah found grace in the ____ of the Lord.
- 27. The second bird that Noah sent from the ark.



(Answers on Page 9)

DOWN:

- 1. All our righteousnesses are as ____ rags.
- 2. The stone which the ____ rejected is made the head stone of the corner.
- 3. Jacob ____ his birthright for a mess of pottage.
- 4. Moses was told to make altar to burn ____ upon.
- 5. Rend your heart and not your _____. Singular.
- 6. Two she ____ killed 42 children for calling Elisha a bald head.
- 11. The captain of Saul's army.
- 12. ____ is not in man that walketh to direct his steps.
- 14. Judgment must begin ____ the house of God.
- 15. The prodigal ____ his substance in riotous living.
- 17. We ought to give the more ____ heed to things we have heard lest at any time we let them slip.
- 18. A minister is not to be ____ of filthy lucre.
- 22. Jesus made a whip and ____ money changers out of the temple.
- 23. A double-minded man is unstable in all his _____.

OUT OF THE MOUTH OF BABES

Isaac and my wife had a busy morning at the playground, in the garden and finally to our house. She was tired and went inside, got a drink and told Isaac, "Ok, now let's take a load off." Isaac replied, "Who's the load off?" She cracked up and strangled on her drink. "You all right Nana," said Isaac—*Editor*

MEN AND WOMEN

The Perfect Story: There was a perfect man who met a perfect woman. After a perfect courtship, they had a perfect wedding. Their life together was, of course, perfect.

One snowy, stormy Christmas Eve this perfect couple was driving along a winding road when they noticed someone at the roadside in distress. Being the perfect couple, they stopped to help. There stood Santa Claus with a huge bundle of toys. Not wanting to disappoint any children on the eve of Christmas, the perfect couple loaded Santa and his toys into their vehicle. Soon they were driving along delivering the toys. Unfortunately, the driving conditions deteriorated and the perfect couple and Santa Claus had an accident. Only one of them survived the accident. Who was the survivor?

Answer: The perfect woman. She's the only one that really existed in the first place. Everyone knows there is no Santa Claus and there is no such thing as a perfect man.

A Male's Response: So, if there is no perfect man and no Santa Claus, the perfect woman must have been driving. This explains why there was a car accident.—Source Unknown

CHURCH NEWS

Pleasant Hill Primitive Baptist Church, Mantachie, MS will have a meeting Sept.21-22, 2019. Services Sat., Sept. 21, at 10:00 a.m. with lunch and afternoon services. Services Sun., Sept. 22, at 10:30 a.m. Elder Chris McCool, Gordo, AL is invited minister. Elder Neil Hones is Pastor of Pleasant Hill. Everyone is invited to come and worship.

Pine Hill Primitive Baptist Church, Ripley, MS will have their fall meeting the 4th weekend in September, 2019 (Sept. 20-22). Services Friday night, Sept. 20, at 7:00 p.m. Sat., Sept. 21, at 10:30 a.m. followed by lunch. Supper at 5:30 p.m. and worship at 7:00 p.m. Sunday at 10:30 a.m. followed by lunch. Brother Matt Green is invited speaker but other ministers may be used. For further information contact Elder Darren Owens, Pastor at 662-587-1193. Everyone is invited to come and worship.

CHURCH NEWS

Everyone is invited to the annual meeting at Bethany Primitive Baptist Church, Ecrú, MS the 2nd weekend in September, 2019 (Sept. 6-8). Bethany will celebrate its 100th anniversary of continual services during this meeting. Services Friday night, September 6, at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, September 7, at 10:00 a.m. with a recap of church history followed by regular services and then lunch. Concludes Sunday at 10:30 a.m. followed by lunch. Elder Ricky Harcrow, Fort Payne, AL is invited minister. Elder Larry Wise is Pastor of Bethany.

The Tombigbee Association of Primitive Baptists will convene with Poplar Springs, Primitive Baptist Church in Winfield, AL the 3rd weekend in September, 2019 (Sept. 13-14). Services Friday, September 13, at 10:00 a.m. followed by lunch and afternoon services. The same schedule for Saturday, September 14. Elder Clayton O'Mary is Pastor of Poplar Springs.

Friendship Primitive Baptist Church, Winona, MS will have their annual meeting the 4th weekend in September, 2019 (Sept. 21-22). Services Saturday, Sept. 21, at 10:00 a.m. followed by lunch and afternoon services. Sunday at 10:30 a.m. with lunch. Open meeting. Elder B.T, Strum is Pastor of Friendship.

The 5th Sunday night in September Fellowship Meeting on September 29, 2019 will be hosted by Bethany Primitive Baptist Church, Ecrú, MS with supper at 5:30 p.m. and worship at 6:30 p.m. This meeting rotates between New Prospect, Laodicea, Bethany and Hopewell Churches. Elder Larry Wise is Pastor of Bethany.

Everyone is invited to the annual fall meeting at Macedonia Primitive Baptist Church, Ackerman, MS the 1st weekend in October, 2019 (Oct. 5-6). Meeting begins with services Saturday, October 5, at 10:30 a.m. followed by lunch and afternoon services. Sunday, October 6, at 10:30 a.m. followed by lunch. Elder Michael Gowens, Calabash, NC is invited minister. Elder David Wise is Pastor of Macedonia.

Everyone is invited to the fall meeting at New Prospect Primitive Baptist Church, Fairground Rd, New Albany, MS the 2nd weekend in October, 2019 (Oct. 11-13). Services Friday night, October 11, at 7:00 p.m. Saturday night, October 12, Supper at 5:30 p.m. and worship at 7:00 p.m.. Sunday at 10:30 a.m. followed by lunch. Elder Mark Quarles, Madison, MS is invited minister. Elder Grady Camp has resigned as Pastor of New Prospect due to health reasons.

Pray for the Holy Spirit to bless all services!

CHURCH NEWS

James Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Tremont, MS will have their annual meeting the 3rd weekend in October, 2019 (Oct. 18-20). Services Friday night, Oct. 18, at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19, at 10:00 a.m. followed by lunch and afternoon services. Regular services on Sunday at 10:30 a.m. James Creek is currently without a Pastor.

Elder Steve Weaver, Shannon, MS will be with Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church, Randolph, MS the 5th Sunday in September, 2019 (Sept. 29) with services beginning at 10:30 a.m. Elder Tom Bouchillon is Pastor of Hopewell.

Elder Tom Bouchillon, Tupelo, MS will be with Laodicea Primitive Baptist Church, Lafayette Springs, MS the 5th Sunday in September, 2019 (Sept. 29) with services beginning at 10:30 a.m. Elder Steve Weaver is Pastor of Laodicea.

We are thankful to report that five Primitive Baptist ministers have returned safely from a trip to Kenya, Africa and Tanzania, Africa preaching the doctrines of grace. Elder Paul Blair, Elder David Wise, Elder Charles Kitchens, Elder Derrick Kitchens, and Elder Silas Ford were blessed to preach and teach the truth to those who were hungering and thirsting after righteousness. Twenty six people were baptized at one time in a dammed up creek in Kenya. Others received the doctrines of grace and professed faith in Jesus Christ and were also baptized in Tanzania where Elder Paul Blair and Elder Charles Kitchens had extended gospel labor before their return.



Elder David Wise (L) and Elder Derrick Kitchens (R)

Elder Grady Camp will be with Chewalla Primitive Baptist Church, Potts Camp, MS the 5th Sunday in Sept. (Sept. 29) with service at 10:30 a.m. Elder Jerry Wise is Pastor of Chewalla

Elder Jerry Wise will be with New Prospect PBC New Albany, MS 5th Sun. in September, 2019 (Sept. 29).with services at 10:30 a.m. Elder Grady Camp was Pastor of New Prospect but has resigned for health reasons.

Children vs. Kids

By Elder Herman Clark
Iuka, Mississippi

Have you noticed, how over a period of time, many words of the English Language change in their meaning? For instance, in some cases, "cool" has nothing to do with temperature. We, my generation, thought we were "cool" when we wore our shirts with the collar turned up, white "tee" shirts, pants with the cuffs rolled up two or three folds, even a "narrow" and I do mean narrow, white belt, hair worn in the style called a duck tail, or a "flat top" and "chewed our Juicy Fruit gum." Yeah, we were "cool," like man, we were very "cool." We were "sharper than a tack, even a bantam rooster in combat boots." Cool meant hot and hot meant we were cool. Does that make sense? No, but we thought it did. Much could be said about those days of Rock and Roll, the Blues, and Country music. This brings to remembrance of Mr. Claude Curtis who operated a small restaurant in Iuka and his delicious hamburgers. Yes, can one believe a hamburger and a "pop" for 15 cents?

I want to bring something to your attention that I am guilty of saying. No, it is not a curse word, which some spits out of their mouths at a rapid pace revealing what is in their heart, but the word that I use often is "Kids." I doubt that many of you that read this article will or do commit such a crime. You mean a breaking law crime? Yes a Crime! A crime against those to whom we sometime call "Kids." It is a common thing in our society today. I hear it on every hand and at times I just want to cry. One can read in the dictionary and find the word "kids" referring to a little four legged animal called a goat. Think about it! Yes, one can also find the word "kid" in the Webster's Dictionary and quickly see that one of the meanings is "a small child." The first and second meanings are dealing with animals called goats. The last definition of the word referring to goats and children has been added over a long period.

Let's think about the word "Children." We see immediately that the word "Child" jumps out at first glance. We know that Children are a gift from God. After all, you as man and woman are responsible for "making" the precious little child but they are a gift from God. Look at your child or children. Do you really love them enough to use their given name instead of some off the wall name?

Psalm 127:3-4 "Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward. As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth."

Now "grandpa and grandma" we need to remember the following: "Children's children are the crown of old men; and the glory of children are their fathers." Proverbs 17:6. How many of us have grandchildren and fail to understand that they are the crown of old

men? Do we realize that the glory of children is their fathers? It really makes a Father or a Grandfather smile when that offspring introduces them to their friends. It is the same with Mothers and Grandmothers and their daughters or sons.

A man was bragging several years ago about his little son who was learning to talk. He bragged how he had taught his little boy to say curse words and call his mother terrible names. I felt sorry for the mother showing her fear of correcting the little boy because of that boisterous windbag husband. In fact I heard it with my own two ears and quickly vacated the scene. The father thought that was really something, teaching his son to act and talk "like dad." Shame on a man that has no more care or respect for his wife, son or daughter than to do such, and the same goes for a so-called mother! Surely that was the only dad that ever did such. What do you think? Shame, shame on any dad who does such! There was an old saying I heard many times while growing up, that went something like: "Little children have big ears." That was saying that we sometime forget about young children in our presence when we are conversing with others. They hear and learn fast. My dear friends, I ask you the question, "Do you call your children "kids" (goats)?" I hope not. Yes, I am trying to break myself from referring to little children as "Kids." Remember they are the offspring of their parents. Are you as parents "speaking" and acting like "goats?"

(From "The Good News Newsletter" March 2010)

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

By Elder Robert Payne—7-25-2019

Thought of the day:

For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed. Malachi 3:6

Many today claim that God has changed his mind about sin, how he saves or the pattern of church worship. If God said it was a sin in the beginning of time, it is still a sin today. God's children have always been saved by grace and that has not changed.

The pattern for church worship has been set up by Jesus and it has not changed to satisfy man in modern times.

The form of worship set up by the Lord is one of simplicity of praying, singing and preaching. Many institutions have been added to the church in modern times to supposedly increase numbers and entertain the masses. Many have changed to versions of the Bible that have eliminated or changed portions of scripture.

When I came to the church I was satisfied with its doctrine and practice and still am today. If you are not, please leave the church in peace and find a place that suits your beliefs and practices.

“And it Ceaseth For Ever”

By Elder Guy Hunt (Deceased)

David in speaking of the redemption of the soul of man says that it *ceases forever*. David is not speaking of an *attempt* at redemption. Redemption lasts as long as the person redeeming retains his power. This is reason the redemption David is speaking of lasts forever. Should Christ bankrupt, then the redemption of the Lord’s people would end. However, I am glad that our God is all rich, all powerful, and that he endureth forever.

The redemption of the Lord’s people is precious. It was not purchased by corruptible things as silver and gold, not attained by the temporal glory of man, which today is, and tomorrow is not. Were it so purchased and attained, it would not be a *forever* redemption. We should ever remember that without the shedding of blood there is no remission.

We see the pattern of this in the keeping of the Passover. We see it clearly as the chief priest entered *once each year* into the holiest with the blood of the proper animal. However, it was not pleasing to God that such should take away sin, but Jesus said, “a body hast thou prepared *me*.” “Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood, *he entered in once* into the holy place, having obtained redemption for us.” Heb.9:12. The very best and most pure that man had was required to enter into the holy place once each year, but *Jesus entered once* and that was *eternal* redemption.

As David was permitted to see Jesus redeeming his people from their sins, he also saw the need for redemption of the soul of man *ceasing forever*. Certainly the Bible speaks of Christ coming to redeem our bodies from the grave. But as far as the price of redemption, that was paid in its entirety by Jesus on the cross. He said, “It is finished.” When something ceases, that means it is through. The redemption of God’s people, not only ceased forever, but *it is finished*. Can you think of anything better than it being finished and staying that way forever?

This condition leaves us to consider our worship of our God. We should be thankful and comforted by this truth. We should spend all our time praising God for his goodness and mercy.

The redemption was paid by the blood of Jesus. Thus offerings for it ended forever. It would be foolish for anyone to attempt something that is finished. David did not mean redemption was non-existent; redemption exists eternally. He just meant offering for the sins of God’s covenant people is over and done. There is no reason for people today to feel that what they do will give them a home in heaven. What a person does, bears the evidence, if it is good works, that God has blessed them, and they are his children, and he is their everlasting, unchangeable God, because of the redeeming blood of Jesus. (April, 1965)
(From “*The Best of Elder Guy Hunt*”)

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

ACROSS:

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7. aidyl
8. remaerd
9. rednih
10. nisab
13. war
16. retteb
19. niats
20. yrd
21. erudne
24. eraweb
25. senob
26. seye
27. evod

DOWN:

1. yhtlif
2. sredliub
3. dlos
4. esnecni
5. tmemrag
6. sraeb
11. renba
12. ti
14. ta
15. detsaw
17. tsenrae
18. ydeerg
22. evord
23. syaw

ANAGRAMS OF FAITH

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

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

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

Earl Daily

(From “*Advocate and Messenger*” October, 1942)

WE SHALL SEE GOD

By Elder Rickey Taylor
Booneville, Mississippi

"As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness."
Psalms 17:15

We have never seen God, yet we believe that He hears our prayers, and blesses us. We can't see the wind, but we can see its effects upon the trees when it blows. The air we breathe we cannot see, but we must have it to live. The scriptures tell us that we will someday see God Job 19:26 "And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God." That is a promise to all of us. David says that he will be satisfied when he sees God, in our above text.

Yet the scriptures also tell us that God is invisible. "Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen." 1 Timothy 1:17. If God is invisible, then how will we see him? For our answer we look to the Godhead. It refers to the three persons in the Godhead 1John 5:7. Trinity means three. Each one of these three persons have a specific work to do. The Holy Spirit who is also invisible, does the work of regeneration and His presence is among us here on earth John 3:6,8. God the Father does the work of judgment Revelation 20:12. He sent his Son to earth, John 3:16, for the work of redemption, by dying for his children on the cross. God the Son who is not invisible, who sits at the right hand of God the Father Hebrews 3:1. It was He that came in the bodily presence of a man John 1:14. Flesh and blood you can see with the eye. The Father chose to show his image through his Son the Lord Jesus Christ. Colossians 1:15 "Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:" 2 Corinthians 4:6. "For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ." If Christ were invisible would he have a face to shine upon? Down through the pages of the scriptures when we see God coming and speaking to his children here on earth this is in the person of Jesus Christ. When God came to Adam in the garden it was Christ. When God came to Abraham in the heat of the day, it was in the person of Christ Genesis 19:1.

So our text is speaking of seeing God in his likeness, is none other than the Lord Jesus Christ. The greatest man who ever came to this earth. He is both man and God, which makes him the perfect mediator between man and God. As the song says "oh I want to see him, look upon his face". Then we will be satisfied!
Rickey Taylor

Faith for earth—Due to the new birth

EXCERPTS GLAD TIDINGS READER LETTERS

Dear Ones,

I believe our Dear Lord treats women tenderly and has given all of us a role in which is best for us.

It's good to think of being content with what our Dear Lord gives us. Rev.12:11 and also Phil. 4 is very encouraging.

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

In precious Hope & Love,
Sister Loreta Lilly
Akron, OH

Dear Elder Wise,

Please find enclosed a \$20 bill to help with the publishing of paper "Glad Tidings" which I enjoy reading.

May God bless you,
Thelma Long
Palestine, AR

Brother Larry,

Please accept this contribution toward Glad Tidings.

Please also publish our meeting at Pleasant Hill PBC 9/21-9/22 2019.

Thank you,
Neil Honea
Elrod, AL

ASK IN FAITH—BELIEVING

When Hudson Taylor went to China, he made the voyage on a sailing vessel. As it neared the channel between the southern Malay Peninsula and the island of Sumatra, the missionary heard an urgent knock on his stateroom door. He opened it, and there stood the captain of the ship. "Mr. Taylor," he said, "we have no wind. We are drifting toward an island where the people are heathen, and I fear they are cannibals." "What can I do?" asked Taylor. "I understand that you believe in God. I want you to pray for wind." "All right, Captain, I will, but you must set the sail." "Why that's ridiculous! There's not even the slightest breeze. Besides, the sailors will think I'm crazy." But finally, because of Taylor's insistence, he agreed. Forty- five minutes later he returned and found the missionary still on his knees. "You can stop praying now," said the captain. "We've got more wind than we know what to do with!"

--Source Unknown

(Mark 11:23)

"For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith."

VEXATION OR CONTENTMENT

By Elder Larry Wise
Randolph, Mississippi

Some people of God put too much emphasis on obtaining this world's goods to the detriment of their own spiritual happiness. It is easy to get caught up in this worldly mentality and none of us are immune from being captivated by this false measure of success. It is true that children of God may be successful with the accumulation of earthly treasure but that is not the scriptural measure of success. Solomon was the wisest man on earth, excluding the Lord Jesus Christ; however, his accumulation of wealth in the form of earthly treasure brought him no true happiness. Instead Solomon says, "Then I looked on all the works that my hands had wrought, and on the labour that I had laboured to do: and, behold, all was vanity and vexation of spirit, and there was no profit under the sun." (Eccl. 2:11)

Solomon indulged in everything his eyes beheld and increased in riches more than all that were before him in Jerusalem. He rejoiced in his labour at the time but that soon passed and that which remained was nothing but vanity and vexation of spirit. Vanity means "empty" or "unsatisfactory" while vexation indicates "a feeding upon", "to devour or eat up"; none of which do the child of God any good. Solomon's riches fed his earthly desire but it did not feed his spiritual craving. It is the same with us as children of God today. Satan appeals to our natural craving and if we are unarmed in meeting this daily temptation we may be drawn into the same situation as Solomon and mourn our spiritual poverty. Solomon could fold his hands and look upon his labours and what it produced but what did it produce from a spiritual standpoint?

Solomon answers the above question by observing the field and vineyard of the slothful which had grown over with thorns and nettles. His observation brought this declaration: "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. 24:33-34) As this is true from a natural view, so it is true from a spiritual view. Solomon spent more time working for that which brought no satisfaction or contentment rather than labouring in the service of God, particularly in his later years. Solomon would tell us today to do as I say and not as I have done as he writes, "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man." (Eccl. 12:13)

Solomon did not persevere unto the end but the scriptures tell us that he loved God (I Kings 3:3) and that God loved him (2 Sam. 12:24) and that cements his future in heaven and immortal glory. He traded contentment for vexation of spirit. How tragic!

We are admonished in scripture not to trust in the uncertainty of riches; they may be here today and gone tomorrow but not so with God. Paul writes to Timothy how to address those who are rich in worldly goods. "Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy;" (I Tim. 6:17) Riches are a gift from God but are not to be abused. Abraham was a rich man and so was Job. Job lost his riches but declared he would still trust God, even though He might slay Job. (Job 13:15) Job was blessed twice as much at the end of his trial of faith than at the beginning.

Paul was willing and happy to give up all his friends and prestige under the law after the Lord dealt with him. He counted them but dung that he might win Christ. The church at Philippi had sent Paul a love offering to help his gospel labours and minister to his necessities; however, he would have them know, "Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content." (Phil. 4:11) He was as content before their gift as he was afterward because his trust was in Jehovah God, the great provider. His imprisonment did not vex his spirit. On the contrary, he rejoiced that it emboldened his brethren to speak God's word without any fear. (Phil. 1:14) Paul's prayer for relief of his thorn in the flesh had been answered by the Lord telling him, "...My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness..." (II Cor. 12:9)

The sufficiency of God's grace actually leads to contentment even with just the necessities of life. Solomon's riches wouldn't do him any good in the day of his death but God's grace would. Paul's riches in Christ would do him good in the day of his death as he declared he was "ready to be offered" at the time of his departure from this life. (II Tim. 4:6) Solomon couldn't take his earthly riches with him at death and neither can we today. So what is the conclusion, to use the words of Solomon? "But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us be therewith content." (II Tim. 6:6-8)

We may have untold riches in material goods but that doesn't buy happiness and contentment. Joy Gould was a great millionaire but as he was dying it was reported that he said, "I suppose I am the most miserable man on earth." His hope was in this life which produced misery but not so those that trust in Christ as Paul said, "If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable." (I Cor. 15:19) Let us trade any vexation for true contentment by serving God and foregoing worldly pleasure.

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