

# 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 scriptures teach that there are two classes or types of people in the world. There is the righteous and the wicked; the just and the unjust. All people are by nature unjust and wicked and only the grace of God can make anyone just and righteous. It is said concerning the wicked, "The wicked are estranged from the womb: they go astray as soon as they be born, speaking lies." (Psalm 58:2) The reason they speak lies is because of their inherent sin from Adam. It was David that said, "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me." (Psalm 51:5) Unless born again while in the womb of their mother, everyone will exhibit that sin nature from Adam. This is true even of those that have been born again because of the conflict that exists between the flesh and Spirit.

The righteous and the just are the same whereas the wicked and the unjust are the same. God from the ancients of eternity looked down and saw, not the goodness of men, but the corruption of men: "The LORD looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, and seek God. They are all gone aside, they are all together become filthy: there is none that doeth good, no, not one." (Psalm 14:2-3) In spite of the terrible corruption, God chose a huge number from its sinful confines to live with Him in heaven.

These chosen people could not possibly go to heaven in their wicked and unjust state. They must be made righteous and just. God then provided the means whereby His banish be not expelled from Him. He sent His only begotten Son as the just One to die for the unjust. Paul tells us, "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." (II Cor. 5:21) God's chosen could only be made just and declared righteous through the blood of the Lamb of God; consequently, not a single sin can be charged to God's chosen because they were charged to Christ on the cross. "Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth." (Rom. 8:33)

Jesus ascended on high and sat down on the right hand of God having (by Himself) purged His people's sins. (Heb. 1:3) There is only one mediator between God and men, the MAN, Christ Jesus. He did what no other man could do because they were born in sin. Jesus was sinless and made the perfect offering!

Not only must the chosen be made righteous and just in the court of God, but they must be born again by the Spirit of God as the earthly vessel is not in any condition to go to heaven. Once again, God is the only One in charge of this. Jesus told Nicodemus that one must be born again. Then He tells him how that is accomplished. "The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit." (John 3:8) This is the one and only way God has ever brought about the new birth that every child of God must have.

Even though there is the wicked and the righteous and the just and the unjust, the righteous and just can sometimes perform wicked acts for which they suffer the consequences here in this life. Isaiah writes, "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon." (Isa. 55:7) This is not addressed to the wicked, dead in sin, but to that wicked Israelite who has departed from the Lord. He is to repent and return to the Lord. Can anyone return somewhere where they have not once been? The answer is quite obvious.

Paul writes to the Hebrew Christians who were in contemplation about forsaking their faith in Christ and returning to the bondage of the law in Judaism, He writes, "Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God." (Heb. 3:12) The word "evil" in this text can also mean "wickedness". When anyone departs from God, they are going downward which is the pathway of sin and wickedness.

The righteous may wonder why the wicked, dead, in sin, seem to prosper in this world while they seem to suffer unnecessarily. This dilemma is not unique as David thought about this and it pained him until he found the answer in the sanctuary of God. "When I thought to know this, it was too painful for me; Until I went into the sanctuary of God; then understood I their end." (Psalm 73:16-17) The end of the wicked will be when they are judged for their wicked acts and eternally banished from the presence of God. They may seem to prosper in this world but God will have the last laugh. "The wicked plotteth against the just, and gnasheth upon him with his teeth. The Lord shall laugh at him: for he seeth that his day is coming." (Psa. 37:12-13) Keep Looking up! (Elder Larry Wise)

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**WALKING IN DARKNESS**

By Elder John Clark (Deceased)

(Copied from *Zion's Advocate*, October 15, 1870)

*If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth.—I John i. 6.*

This is not to be understood as applicable to Christians in their experience on their pilgrimage, that they are always in the light, and have no dark seasons to pass through while sojourning in the militant kingdom. The words of encouragement which God addressed to His ancient Israel by the prophet, meets the case directly, and is applicable to the redeemed in all ages and dispensations. "Who is among you that feareth the Lord, that obeyeth the voice of His servant, that walketh in darkness and hath no light? Let him trust in the name of the Lord, and stay upon his God."—Isa. i. 10.

The character here described that walketh in darkness, is not an ungodly sinner, is not under the darkness of death in sin, but is one that feareth the Lord, that obeyeth the voice of His servant, and, consequently, he is encouraged to trust in the name of the Lord, and stay upon God. The walking in darkness of which the apostle speaks in the text is, that if any profess to know God, to be in the light of His countenance, to have been delivered from the power of darkness, etc., and yet walk in darkness as to the character of God, the way of salvation by Christ, and are ignorant of the truths of the gospel, and take delight still in sin and folly, they lie; they are still in nature's darkness "and do not the truth;" that is, they do not know the truth as in Jesus; for, if they

knew that truth they would be free from all lies, and from a false profession. (John viii. 32) Of such it is further said by the prophet: "Therefore is judgment far from us. Neither doth justice overtake us: we wait for light, but behold obscurity; for brightness, but we walk in darkness."—Isa. lix. 9. This stands in connection with the description that God gives by the prophet of the corruption of our nature, a part of which is quoted by the Apostle Paul in the third chapter of his epistle to the Romans. It is the darkness of death, the death in trespasses and sins. While one is in this death, and walks in the darkness that is peculiar to it, and finds delight in everything consistent therewith, and then to affirm that he has fellowship with Christ, he makes Christ the minister of sin, and consequently, he lies.

But, nevertheless, the believer often has to walk in darkness, and feels that he has no light; often has to grope like the blind man hunting for the wall; is shut up and cannot come forth. He is not in darkness as to the true character of God as He is revealed in Christ, nor of Christ in His true character in the flesh, and of his own helpless, lost and ruined condition, nor of the way of salvation by the blood of Christ—the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than the blood of Abel. He does not walk in the darkness that represents the Son of God as a creature—"The first production of divine power." He does not walk in darkness as to the work of Christ or of his entire dependence upon Him for everything.

The darkness in which the God-fearing man walks arises from the light of truth in his heart—the heart of flesh in which the law is written, the law, first, that convinces of sin and condemns, and the law of peace, of love, of union and fellowship with Christ, which is the new commandment. The light makes the sinfulness of sin apparent, discovers the downward tendency of the fleshly powers that serve the law of sin, and this power—the old man, which is corrupt with his deeds—seems almost to get the ascendancy. The assurance, however, which is given the believer is, that "sin shall not have dominion over you, for ye are not under the law, but under grace." "Grace reigns through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord." It is the light that makes manifest the dark spots. Those that dwell in the congregation of the dead have no complaints of walking in darkness. It is the living in Jerusalem that go mourning all their days, that often walk in darkness and have no light, and feel often as Zion's muse describes:

My moments are lonesome, small comfort I  
find,  
Dark clouds hover o'er me and darken my  
mind;  
The cold, dreary winter with tempests doth  
blow;  
I'm chill'd with the cold, and in darkness I go.

Disperse this thick darkness, O Jesus, my  
friend,  
And cause this cold winter in summer to end;  
Thy soul-cheering presence to me restore  
And give me my harp from the willows once  
more.

(From *"For The Poor"*, November, 1943)

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#### Like Daddy use to say: "About Light"

- Folks love the light when they are doing what is right; but don't like it much when they are not.
- The Lord said: "Let your light so shine." He was not saying to let folks see what you have done for the Lord, but what the Lord has done in you.
- Men love darkness rather than light, because they don't want folks to see what they are doing.
- Walking in the light is a full time job: The minute you take your eye off it, your (sic) back in the dark.
- Folks sometimes don't like the division of light and darkness much, and think there has to be a gray area for them to coast a while. Nope.
- I never heard anybody say: "I do my best anything in the dark." Except maybe sleeping.

(From *"Zion's Lamp"*, April, 2017)

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#### LIE

First, somebody told it,  
Then the room couldn't hold it,  
So the busy tongues rolled it  
Till they got it outside.  
Then the crowd came across it,  
And never once lost it,  
But tossed it and tossed it,  
Till it grew long and wide.  
This lie brought forth others,  
Dark sisters and brothers,  
And fathers and mothers--  
A terrible crew.  
And while headlong they hurried,  
The people they flurried,  
And troubled and worried,  
As lies always do.  
And so evil-bodied,  
This monster lay goaded,  
Till at last it exploded  
In smoke and in shame.  
Then from mud and from mire  
The pieces flew higher,  
And hit the sad victim  
And killed a good name Source Unknown

#### REVELATION III. 20.

Behold I stand at the door, and knock; if any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with and he with me.—Rev. iii. 20.

How many times this text has been used by preachers of Arminian belief, telling alien sinners to open their heart's door and let Jesus come in, could not be numbered, but a close observance of the text discloses the fact that the heart is nowhere mentioned. Not only is this true, but the language of the text is addressed to the church, and from this I am persuaded that it is addressed to a child, or rather to children, of God, for if it is to alien sinners, then what were they doing in the church? Not only so, the verse above this makes the statement that "as many as I love, I rebuke and chasten." From this I reason that God was giving a message to someone that He loves and that they had lived in such manner that the chastening hand of God was upon them. They were in a lukewarm state, and trusting in their own riches, not knowing that they were blind and naked, and poor and wretched; yet, despite this, the message was to anyone that heard His voice and opened the door, that He would come in to him. This is true and experimental with God's child. Many times I have set in the congregation of the righteous, and was downcast and heavy hearted, filled with gloom and despair, was not getting much out of the service, while my brother who sat beside me was feasting on heavenly food divine. He was surely supping with the Lord, because he had opened the door. Has this ever been your experience, kind friend?

Gen. xviii. 14 reads thus: "Is anything too hard for the Lord?" This is answered by the Prophet Jeremiah in chapter xxxii. "Ah, Lord God! Behold, thou hast made the heavens and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee."

Now is it true that a sinner whom God has created meets with the Holy Spirit of our Christ, and the Spirit tries to come into the sinner's heart and is not able, because the sinner will not open the door? Then does this not prove that the sinner is stronger than God? And does this not belie the text on which the prophet declares that there is nothing too hard for the Lord? Was this demonstrated to be true when Paul was struck down on the road to Damascus, and when Christ cast out the devils and healed the mad Gadarene? I do not believe that God asks the sinner's permission to come into his heart. God is not that weak, that He has to wait the invitation to enter; but with power the Spirit sweeps into the benighted sinner's heart, and then we behold a man who repents and who mourns his condition, and then trembling with a new-found hope he calls upon God to have mercy. Sure David says, "Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power." This is God's way, and we cannot change it, and we would not change it

if we could, because it is the sure way, the safe way to life.

So, then, the text in Rev. iii. 20 is not speaking of the alien sinner but to the erring child of God, who must open the door, if he ever expects to sup with his Saviour here in this world, to feel His divine presence and to rejoice with His faithful saints. May we be able to eat and drink with Him at His table in His kingdom, is my humble prayer, for Jesus' sake. Pray for me.

J. A. Rowell

(From "*The Primitive Baptist*", October 5, 1944)

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### BRING UP CHILDREN IN THE RIGHT WAY

A good Baptist in Indiana, whose daughter was leaving home to enter college, gave her a Bible and wrote in it the following: "Daughter:--Our own daughter in the faith; grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord. 'Of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of a faith unfeigned' you have been a rich blessing. 'Keep that which has been committed to thy trust, avoiding...opposition of science falsely so called...And trust in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy' (I Tim. 6:17 & 20).—Father."

This brother wrote me an interesting letter recently. In part, here is what he said:--"It has not been my practice to write for the religious press. But it occurs to me that our people who have children entering colleges need some exhortation and some warning as to conditions in those institutions. We are commanded to bring up our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. There is a question in my mind whether we are obeying that command unless we forewarn and forearm our children before sending them to those "hotbeds of infidelity" as Elder Hassell correctly styled them several years ago. Perhaps the northern colleges are worse than those of the south. Certainly on the average they are. In looking over a southern catalogue I was agreeably surprised to find the characteristic statement, 'students will be required to attend all classes unless providentially hindered.' (The fruit perhaps of the walk of our forefathers in the church.) Fancy such in a northern catalogue. Yet the same college, a state institution, gives much prominence to its fraternities and sororities. Such are the most far-reaching influences for evil in our colleges—objectionable morally, undemocratic, a constant oppression to the poor student, *and deserving upon the grounds of religious opposition the same condemnation as do secret oath-based orders* by Primitive Baptists.

I once heard a noted surgeon remark for the benefit of some young students that when he decided to go to a certain school whose head surgeon was a widely known infidel that 'I made up my mind before I went that he was not going to shake my faith.' Such advice

is in accord with the teaching first noted by me on some of your writings, that of 'avoiding the opposition of science falsely so called.' Elder Hassell and other students of science have held that *true science* does not conflict with the Bible, but concurs and strengthens one's belief. Let our children be admonished to 'keep that which has been committed to thy trust, avoiding oppositions of science *falsely so called*.' Let them take with them their God-Given faith and belief, guard and protect it by the knowledge that *any teaching*, regardless of how famed the instructor, that opposes the teaching of the Bible is error and '*science falsely so called*.' And they may be perfectly safe and duty bound to reject the same, but may assume the attitude of respect, not casting their pearls before swine unless circumstances demand.

Enclosed is a superscription written in daughter's Bible. A few days before she left for such a university she brought the new Bible I had secured from you for her and asked that I write something in it. Later when she came for it and picked it up and read it tears came freely and she disclaimed worthiness of such. But she has met much opposition and oppression in order to walk in the old way among the new order, and often says that her parents' confidence in her has been a great stay, and her faith, and the grace of God alone, enabled her to pass through the presence of (the fire) profanity, smoking, immorality and unbelief among the girls without injury.

Let Baptist parents, in sending their children to colleges, look into the question of both faith and morals of such colleges. Anything that leads from the truths of the Bible is leading the "broad way" to ruin.

Elder R. H. Pittman

*Advocate and Messenger*—1928

(From "*Advocate and Messenger*", July 1986)

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### PRAYER FOR CHILDREN

By Elder Larry Wise

Children of parents, they try to train,  
In this, parents often find it a strain.  
But nothing is easy that has real worth,  
Even for those they've given birth.

From birth children grow up too quick,  
Trust that their training will firmly stick.  
There's a way they've been taught to go,  
Pray they walk therein and godly grow.

When they're grown and now are old,  
Still the same-haven't broken the mold.  
They still walk in the path of peace,  
Until death finally gives them release.

"Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right." (Eph. 6:1)

**A CHILD SHALL LEAD THEM**

By Elder Floy Gross (Deceased)

The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. Isa. 11:6

And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them, And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.

Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Matt. 18:2-4

I believe the prophecy contained in the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter of Isaiah deals primarily with conditions which shall exist in a later day than this. For we find the expressions, "Then shall the earth be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters that cover the sea." There are also many Scripture passages which lead me to this view.

I also believe, however, that this condition is now partly accomplished in God's heaven born people who have been incorporated into the Christian Church. I hardly think this language is to be taken literally because I doubt if there will ever be a time on this earth when the beasts of the wild will have their natures changed to fit the prophecy.

It think this prophecy refers to men, and how God, by His grace, subdues the wild natures of men and cause them to eat the same spiritual food, and drink the same spiritual drink. Under grace men, who by nature were fierce as the lion, are subdued, given the nature of sheep and made to "lie down in green pastures."

Man is, by nature, proud, willful and rebellious against God. The effect of the new birth and the Christian experience is to subdue this natural tendency, and to conform rebellious man to the love and obedience of God. But even among the followers of Christ we find the old nature cropping out again and again. We have need to humble ourselves "under the mighty hand of God."

It seems the disciples had been arguing the question as to which one of them should be the greatest in the Master's kingdom. Each of them, or at least a number of them, each wanted to be His right-hand man.

Jesus said unto them, "Ye know that they which are accounted to rule over the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and their great men exercise authority over them. But so shall it not be among you: but whosoever shall be great among you, shall be your minister: and whosoever of you will be the chiefest shall be servant of all."

Then He explained this teaching by saying, "For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto,

but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many." Mark 10:42-45.

Again He emphasized this most important teaching when supper being ended He girded Himself with a towel and began to wash His disciples' feet, a humble task, reserved for servants.

Again He emphasized it by setting a little child before them and pointing him out as an example of what they should be in this particular respect. They wanted to be the greatest but He told them they could have no part in the kingdom at all unless they be converted and become as a little child; and if they would be the greatest in the kingdom they must "humble themselves as this little child."

A little child possesses many qualities which are becoming in the Christian but the quality especially referred to is the quality of humbleness. A little child trusts in parents and recognizes their authority, and the lesson of this; unless we trust in our heavenly Parent, and obey Him, we can have no part in His spiritual kingdom here in the world.

It would immediately follow that our importance in this kingdom will depend upon the degree of our trust and obedience (faith and good works). Our eternal inheritance is not based upon these things, but our joy and our worth in the kingdom is.

(From "Sovereign Grace", by Elder Floy Gross)

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**WEATHER REPORT FROM MARCH, 2009**By Elder George D. Walker  
1943-2011

Tuesday, March the 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009 under clear skies, wind from the northwest at twelve mph, with the temperature at sixty-three degrees.

"For thou, Lord, hast made me glad through thy work: I will triumph in the works of thy hands." (Psalms 92:4)

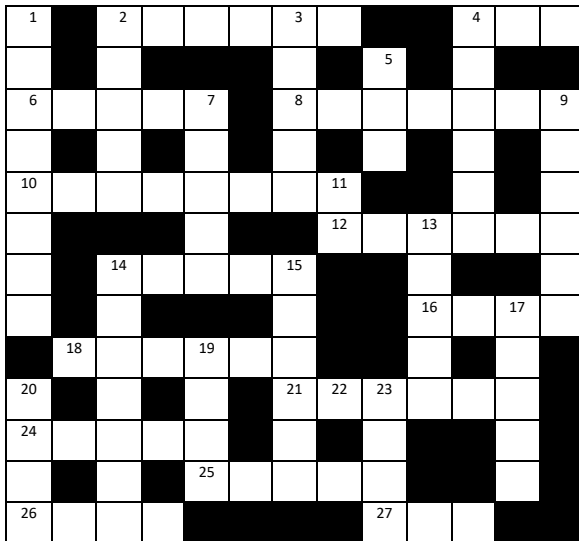
Most of us when we are blessed to do a work that is pleasing unto the Lord, afterwards we sit back and think to ourselves, "Look what I have done." When really we have done nothing except use the gift that the Lord has given us. Every good thing that we have, every good thought that comes out of our minds, comes from the Lord. Who's works is it that makes us glad? Who's works can we rejoice in? Surely it is not our works, it is not our goodness, it is not the works of our hands, nor the thoughts that provoked us in doing better. You see we are speaking about the finished work of Jesus Christ. As David speaks in this verse, "For thou, Lord, hast made me glad through thy work." Your work O Lord is what delivers me, your work that paid the price for my salvation, your work that made me free from the law of sin, death, your work O Lord, your work alone.

(From "Zion's Lamp", April, 2017)

**BIBLE CROSSWORD PUZZLE**

**ACROSS:**

2. Render to \_\_\_ the things which are Caesar's.
4. Judas was a thief and had the \_\_\_.
6. Adam used fig leaves to \_\_\_ his nakedness.
8. The Lord \_\_\_ and no man shutteth.
10. When \_\_\_ conceived it brings forth sin and when sin is finished it brings forth death. 2 words.
12. The name Jacob gave to the place where God appeared unto him as he slept on a rock.
14. Can God furnish a \_\_\_ in the wilderness? Eat on.
16. God \_\_\_ forth His son made of a woman.
18. Paul said he had fought with \_\_\_ at Ephesus.
21. The Lamb of God \_\_\_ away the sin of the world.
24. God confounded language at the tower of \_\_\_.
25. Disciples were to \_\_\_ at Jerusalem until endued with power from on high.
26. Love not in word and tongue but in \_\_\_ and truth.
27. The one who betrayed Jesus was given the \_\_\_.



(Answers on Page 9)

**DOWN:**

1. A chosen generation, a holy nation, a \_\_\_ people.
2. By faith some wandered in deserts, mountains, dens, and \_\_\_ of the earth.
3. The multitude Jesus fed was \_\_\_ 5,000 men.
4. God breathed into Adam's nostrils the \_\_\_ of life.
5. I have \_\_\_ you with milk and not with meat: for hitherto you were not able to bear it.
7. She hid the spies in the city of Jericho.
9. Rahab had the reputation of being a \_\_\_.
11. Initials. Herod and Bathsheba.
13. The \_\_\_ of manna was like wafers with honey.
14. In evil days the keepers of the house shall \_\_\_.
15. Christians celebrate Jesus' resurrection this day.
17. The book of the vision of \_\_\_ the Elkoshite.
19. Lot's wife was turned into a pillar of \_\_\_.
20. The child from the union of Ruth and Boaz.
23. Peter was given the \_\_\_ to the kingdom of God.

**OUT OF THE MOUTH OF BABES**

My daughter was returning her two little grandsons home to Nashville from Jackson. As they were nearing there, there were some very dark ominous clouds ahead. She said, "Lord, let us hurry and get there before they descend on us." Little Max, the 7 year old, said, "Lord, please let all the stop lights be green." (I wonder if the Lord had ever heard that prayer before)—submitted by Sister Doris Smith, Jackson, TN

My wife had picked up our grandson, Isaac, several months ago and returning home over some rough side roads that are common in Mississippi. Isaac was playing with his Batman figures. I think Batman had already fallen to the floor. He said, "Grab something and hold on tight, Joker and Penguin; it's gonna be rough."—*Editor*

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**LOOK OVER ONE ANOTHER FOR GOOD**

A couple married for 15 years began having more than usual disagreements. They wanted to make their marriage work and agreed on an idea the wife had. For one month they planned to drop a slip in a "Fault" box. The boxes would provide a place to let the other know about daily irritations. The wife was diligent in her efforts and approach: "leaving the jelly top off the jar," "wet towels on the shower floor," "dirty socks not in hamper," on and on until the end of the month. After dinner, at the end of the month, they exchanged boxes. The husband reflected on what he had done wrong. Then the wife opened her box and began reading. They were all the same, the message on each slip was, "I love you!"—Source Unknown

We all have our little idiosyncrasies that may irritate those we love; however, love looks over those for good and not for evil. We would never have peace and harmony in a marriage, in a church, or in any kind of relationship if we were keeping track of all the faults of each individual. Matter of fact, we are even taught to confess our faults one to another. (Jam.5:16)

Many terrible things happen because someone allows his anger to get the best of them. Something is done that irritates them and they explode with anger rather than remembering the conquering power of love. The scripture informs us the right way to go as Solomon declares, "The discretion of a man deferreth his anger; and it is his glory to pass over a transgression." (Prov. 19:11) Charity (love in action) doesn't keep score but rather acts as a covering for transgression that would otherwise cause us grief and pain. Peter writes, "And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins." (1 Pet. 4:8) Remembering the truth helps deflect the devices of Satan.—*Editor*

**CHURCH NEWS**

Everyone is invited to the annual fall meeting at Mt. Hermon Primitive Baptist Church, 163 CR 427, Vardaman, MS the 4<sup>th</sup> weekend in October, 2019 (Oct. 25-27). Services begin Friday night, Oct. 25, at 7:00 PM. No Supper. Saturday morning, Oct. 26, at 10:00 AM, with lunch and afternoon service. This is an OPEN meeting. Praying to be blessed with several Elders to do the preaching. Come worship with us, and enjoy a weekend of preaching and fellowship. Be in prayer for us. You can contact me at 662-871-6007—Elder Calvin Warren, Pastor.

Everyone is invited to the annual fall meeting at Macedonia Primitive Baptist Church, Ackerman, MS the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**IN MEMORIAM**

It is with sadness we report the death of Elder Loyce Fuller of Huntington, TN who went to be with the Lord he preached about for so long on Sunday August, 25, 2019 at his home. He was 88 years of age. Pray for his wife, Marjorie, with whom he was married 67 years as well as the rest of the family.

“Farewell vain world, I’m going home; My Savior bids me come; Sweet angels beckon from on high; Then, O how sweet to die.”

**CHURCH NEWS**

James Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Tremont, MS will have their annual meeting the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in October, 2019 (Oct. 18-20). Services Friday night, Oct. 18, at 7:00 p.m. with Elder Steve Weaver speaking. Open meeting 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.

This is the presbytery for the ordination of Brother Joe Ott (Center by his wife) to the office of deacon at Clear Springs Primitive Baptist Church, Maben, MS on August 24. Elder David Wise was moderator; Elder Dwayne DuBard was clerk; Elder Larry Wise prayed ordination prayer; Elder David Wise preached the charge. Thanks from Clear Springs Church to everyone who came to support them as they are currently without a Pastor.



On the 4<sup>th</sup> weekend in October, 2019 New Salem Primitive Baptist Church at Walnut, MS will have a 3 day meeting. Services will start on Friday the 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM, no food will be served. On Saturday, the 26<sup>th</sup>, services start at 10:00 AM followed by lunch at noon and afternoon services. On Sunday the 27<sup>th</sup>, services start at 10:30 AM followed by lunch. The invited minister is Elder James Klmbrough, from the Ozark Association in Missouri. Everyone is invited to attend. Elder Dwayne DuBard is the Pastor of New Salem. Please pray for our meeting.

Primitive Baptists have several ministers who are disabled and currently unable to preach. Pray for them as they cope with being unable to go to the house of God and especially unable to fulfill their calling. Pray also for all the little churches that are without pastors; that God would send them that overseer of the flock. Pray that the Lord of the harvest would send forth labourers into His harvest, Remember that prayer is one of the most powerful weapons available to the people of God.



**CHURCH NEWS**

Raleigh Primitive Baptist Church, Memphis, TN has glad news and sad news. The very glad news is that on August 4, 2019, a young couple came forth professing their faith and asking for a home in the church. Russell and Jessica Butler were baptized the following Sunday into full fellowship with Raleigh Church.

The sad news is that one of its charter members, Ouida Phillips, went to be with her Lord on August 13, 2019. She was born in Hodges, AL, on August 20, 1930, and she passed away peacefully at the NHC Place Sumner Health Care Facility in Gallatin, TN. She had worked for the Kellogg Company and was the first female maintenance worker there. She was a faithful member of the church and a joy and blessing to all. Her presence on this earth and in Raleigh Church will be greatly missed. Submitted by Carol Wise Rushing:



“Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,” (Luke 2:29-30) “For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.” (Phil. 1:21)

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**THOUGHT OF THE DAY**

By Elder Robert Payne  
August 17, 2019

Thought of the day:

Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. Hebrews 9:12

Notice the scripture says obtained not obtainable. If he obtained eternal redemption, it can't be lost or rejected. Does your belief or acceptance make it any more effective? Do you believe that any of Christ's blood was shed in vain or made more effective because of your belief? Do you believe Christ failed to accomplish what the Father gave him to do? NO, NO,NO! IT IS FINISHED! He paid the sin debt for every heir of promise and he will have what he paid for whether you ever believe it or not.

**A DAY OF RECKONING**

By Elder Louis Culver  
Deatsville, Alabama

**A day of reckoning** is a time when the effects one's past mistakes or misdeeds catch up with one.

We have seen recently the devastation brought about by one deranged individual. Such carnage is inexcusable, horrendous, devastating and unnecessary. What is the cause of such inhumane actions?

While we are not able to know the thoughts going through the killer's mind, we do know many things that tend to influence people, especially those with a little less care for humanity than they should possess.

The so-called entertainment industry is guilty of fomenting bizarre and wicked thoughts in the minds of many who frequent the sites and places that promulgate devious and satanic methods of influence in the name of entertainment.

We may laugh at a scene through the entertainment medium while we would be aghast should the same scene play out before us in reality. If such is the case, then we ought not to avail ourselves of such. While it may appear innocent at first glance, we need to look beyond the obvious to the core meaning of the situation.

What are the underlying consequences of the material we integrate into our lives? Are these materials conducive to good behavior? Are they uplifting to the spirit? Are they beneficial to mankind? Could they ultimately lead to detrimental consequences? Do they have any redeeming qualities? Do they glorify God and His kingdom here in this world? These questions must be answered with truth and honesty in order that we may be able to determine the real value of these activities. Could one's time be better spent in other endeavors? I honestly think so.

Many years ago there was a question that seems to be needed today: *“Do nothing you would not like to be doing when Jesus comes: say nothing you would not like to be saying when Jesus comes: go to no place where you would not like to be found when Jesus comes.”* Jesus is coming to this world again and He is going to call His children and take them home to Heaven. How will He find us; what will we be doing; will we be ashamed for Him to see us?

We must remember that Jesus knows our every thought, deed, and misdeed—everything about us. Let us not place stumbling blocks in the pathways of each other. Clean up the environment by removing the filth and perversions we often seem to enjoy. There is surely coming a day of reckoning. Are we ready for that day? I honestly do not think so.

(From *“ITMS”*, January, 2013)

Jesus knows the way—But we still should pray.



**THE SWORD OF GOD**

By Elder Rickey Taylor  
Booneville, Mississippi

Matthew 10:34 “Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword.”

What does Christ mean by sending a sword in his kingdom? Does it mean that he came to do physical battle with those that oppose him? If so, then why did he say these words to Pilate who asked him if he was a king? John 18:36. “Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence.” In this statement Jesus is saying that his kingdom is not a physical kingdom but a spiritual kingdom. It was not a kingdom that could be observed such as what Israel had at Jerusalem. For Christ said in Luke 17:21: “Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.”

So this kingdom being a spiritual kingdom, does Christ want us to fight physical battles with those that disagree with us? I believe the Lord answers that question when Peter on the night that they came to take the Lord unto the Sanhedrin for trial. Judas having brought the men to take him away, they had upon them swords and staves. Therefore Peter took up the sword and cut off one of the soldier’s ears. Was this pleasing to the Lord; did Peter do the right thing?

Let us see what the Lord had to say about this. Matthew 26:52 “Then said Jesus unto him, Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword.” So Jesus was not talking about a real sword for us to take up and do battles with our opponents. What he meant by bringing a sword among them at the time that he said it was the word of God! That is our sword that we use today, the word of God and truth is what we use as our weapon when we do battle with Satan and his legions. Once when I was walking out of the church after a good service, I got half way to my car when I realized that I was empty handed. I had forgotten my Bible! As I was walking back to retrieve it, a brother said to me, “you forgot your sword.” That is the sword my Lord desires for us to take up when we fight for his cause. In Matthew 4 when Satan came to tempt the Lord, what did Jesus use to overcome him? The word of God. It is written is what Christ would reply to Satan.

It seems however as one would read the pages of history some forgot this simple lesson about what weapons we are to use as we battle with the devil. In 1095 A.D Pope Urban II declared that all who would take up the sword and take back Jerusalem for the cause of Christ would have his esteemed approval.

What came from that was about 3 centuries of death, famine and robbery. Not just of the Muslims who occupied Jerusalem at that time, but people along the way to Jerusalem. They confiscated livestock, people and many other things all in the name of Christ and his Crusade! Though Christ himself had nothing to do with any of it. There are many other wars that we can name that men use for shedding blood and fulfilling their lust for land and wealth all in the name of Christ and his kingdom! Men either forgetting or ignoring altogether the sword that Christ spoke about was not the sword of death and famine, but the sword that came out of his mouth that represented the word of God.

Revelation 1:16, “And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength.” Revelation 19:15, “And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.”

Revelation 19:21, “And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.”

The way to defeat those that oppose the wonderful doctrine of salvation by grace is to use the weapon of the word of God. Ephesians 1:4; Romans 8:29,30. This is the two edge sword that cut deep into the heart of a child of God to show them the glorious truths of his word!

Elder Rickey Taylor

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**ANSWERS**

**BIBLE CROSSWORD PUZZLE  
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| 10. htahtsul   | 5. def       |
| 12. lehteb     | 7. bahar     |
| 14. elbat      | 9. tolrah    |
| 16. tnes       | 11. bh       |
| 18. stsueb     | 13. etsat    |
| 21. htekat     | 14. elbmert  |
| 24. lebab      | 15. retsae   |
| 25. yrrat      | 17. muhan    |
| 26. deed       | 19. tlas     |
| 27. pos        | 20. debo     |
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“The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it.” (Prov. 10:22)

**WHAT IS MAN?**

By Dale Kennedy  
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What is man that thou art mindful of him? The writer of Hebrews in Hebrews 2:6 uses the 8<sup>th</sup> Psalm to preach Christ by using the "son of man" to represent Christ. God the Father was mindful of Christ in his earthly life, on the cross, and by his resurrection. God the Father was well pleased with the earthly life of Christ and he, by the power of his resurrection, accepted the offering. If we use "man" to represent the children of God we can still see Christ as our Savior, our Redeemer, our Lord, and our God. Christ will say, "Behold I and the children which God has given me." We have been given to Christ—he has redeemed us, not with silver and gold but by his precious blood and we have been given Christ as our Savior, our Lord, and our God. We are his and he is ours.

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**The Amen Corner:**  
by Elder Ricky Harcrow ... 11-29-16

**It is by Purpose**

Before the foundation of the world, the redeeming love and purpose of God staked out and forever settled the very limits and exact bounds of salvation. Nobody will ever think very much of the redeeming love of God and work of Jesus Christ so long as they attach a mere POSSIBILITY of Salvation to it. It is only upon the belief that the Son of God was sent to perform a purposed work that was certain to be accomplished. We say that all who were embraced in the work shall be saved. The nature of His purpose by all means encompasses all that is effective, certain and well defined.

I cannot see in the bible any provision made for those who will finally be cast off and I do not find that Christ made salvation possible for them if they avail themselves of the opportunity. The redemption of His bride includes everything in relation to the person and work of Christ and the character of her gracious redeemer. It is what we possess in him. Listen to Eph. 1:7, "**IN WHOM we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins according to the riches of His grace**".

It is well for the children of God to know that their election does not rest on the views which may be entertained by uninspired men. Whatever men may think or preach cannot change what God has spoken by HIS prophets and APOSTLES on the subject. Holy men have spoken as they were inspired by the HOLY GHOST. UNHOLY men have contradicted that testimony. NO accident, casualty or fortuitous event can interrupt the counsel of God. He who is not an object of Grace nor an heir of heaven is no nearer to heaven today than he will be a hundred

years from now. God is immutable in His counsel, of ONE mind and not one can turn Him (Job 23:13). Human theology tells us that when men die suddenly they go UNPREPARED before the BAR OF GOD, but the testimony of God reveals to us that "**As many as were ordained to eternal life believed**". Therefore it is not of him that willeth nor of him that runneth but of God that sheweth mercy. This tells me of the triumphing power and infallible efficacy of our redeemer's blood. It has triumphed over death, sin and hell, it has led captivity captive, it has become the destruction of death and the plague of the grave (Hos. 13:14).

I ask the question; What would all the purposes of God in the work of Christ have availed us if there had not been power and efficacy enough in the blood of Christ and purpose of God to redeem his people and secure their salvation? That demands an answer. I say NO OTHER BLOOD COULD AVAIL and if ANOTHER would have offered blood it would not have been acceptable to God. Only HE; the Son of God and Son of Man could perform such a work. To deny the sovereign power of the blood of Christ in the complete salvation of all for whom it was shed is to call the blood of the covenant wherewith he was sanctified an unholy thing. The world preaches that Christ blood was shed alike for all men, but it has not the power to save any outside the will and works of the man. Primitive Baptists preach that Christ's blood was purposed and designed to save those for whom it was intended and the power thereof, makes us Kings and Priests to God. It transforms and translates, sanctifies and separates and makes us living members of the body of Christ. AMEN!

Elder R.D. Harcrow  
Ft. Payne, AL.

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**LIFE WITHOUT A PURPOSE**

There is a relationship which makes life complete. Without that relationship, there is a void, a vacuum in life. Many people, even those who are well-known, can attest to that void.

For example, H.G. Wells, famous historian and philosopher, said at age 61: "I have no peace. All life is at the end of the tether." The poet Byron said, "My days are in yellow leaf, the flowers and fruits of life are gone, the worm and the canker, and the grief are mine alone." The literary genius Thoreau said, "Most men live lives of quiet desperation."

Ralph Barton, one of the top cartoonists of the nations, left this note pinned to his pillow before taking his own life: "I have had few difficulties, many friends, great successes; I have gone from wife to wife, from house to house, visited great countries of the world, but I am fed up with inventing devices to fill up twenty-four hours of the day."

*Morning Glory*, May 29, 1993.

**CONSIDER ONE ANOTHER**

By Elder Jerry McMinn  
Linden, Tennessee

“And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and good works.” (Heb. 10:24)

Giving time and thought to the needs of others is a special blessing of the Christian life. Greed, selfishness, and boredom don't have much room in our lives if we fill our days with loving service to those around us.

People who never think of others, but focus only upon themselves, live very empty lives. Some spend their time in complaining. Others are busy collecting money and things. Some run over anyone in their way as they hurry to be the front rat in the race to achieve power and success.

How thankful we should be that the Lord allows his children to forget themselves and “consider one another.” As we think about the problems of others, as we pray for their needs, as we spend time caring for them, it enriches our own lives.

One of the reasons the Lord Jesus gave us the Church is to bring us together so that we WILL “consider one another.” Hebrews 10:24 teaches us to consider others for two reasons. (1) We are to provoke others to love. As we spend time loving others, that will prompt most to love us back. (2) We are able to provoke others to good works. The best way to encourage others to do good things is to provide them a good example to follow. Let us show them how to love and how to labor by what we do ourselves.

A religion LIVED before others gets much better results than a religion that is only TALKED. Instead of telling our neighbors how holy and sanctified we are, let us use our time in loving service to them. Then, we will be too busy being useful to brag about ourselves. Also, the more we learn about being a good example, we are humbled by how hard it is to do.

God's ways are so much better than our own. When He tells us to “consider one another,” it doesn't rob us of a thing. Instead, it enriches us with the friendship and fellowship of those around us. Let us, therefore, look carefully for more opportunities to “consider one another.”

(From “*Southern Sentinel*”, June 6, 1991)

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What am I? What am I before God, but just two mites—a body and a soul? mere mites as regards His great infinitude. How happy I would be if I could give unreservedly my two mites to God, according to His right in them and claim upon them, and not according to mine! How sure I might be that He would graciously receive them, and how infinitely happy should I be in that acceptance.—Bishop Hall.

(From “*Advocate and Messenger*”, August, 1966)

**BEING A GOOD EXAMPLE**

It has been said that we all are making a record for ourselves. The record is being made in the eyes of those who observe our behavior and come to a certain conclusion, whether right or wrong. We surely do not desire to be an example where others believers would conclude we are not what we profess to be. Timothy was a young minister but Paul charged him to “Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.” (I Tim. 4:12) Timothy's manner of life was to reflect the goodness that God had placed within and the responsibility that was placed upon him as a minister of the gospel.

The way for Timothy to be a good example to others was to take heed unto himself and the teachings of God and conform his life to their precepts. Paul exhorted Timothy, “Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.” (I Tim. 4:16) There is a mutual benefit (saving) for both Timothy and his hearers in being a good example in word, conversation, charity, spirit, faith, and purity. The saving is not eternal but a deliverance here in this world. The scriptures, when followed, can thoroughly furnish the man of God unto good works. Please remember, however, the child of God cannot be a good example and ignore the teaching of scripture.

David was not a good example as a father and had those rebellious sons who attempted to usurp his throne. Perhaps he was too busy running the affairs of Israel that he neglected his parental responsibility. However, he was a great example of courage and trust in God in fighting Goliath and his enemies but then he fell into adultery. His behavior didn't reflect the hope within that had been placed there as a child. We all are prone to sin, just as David, and unless the old man is continually crucified we cannot be that good example.

We never know how many people we influence by our example, whether it is positive or negative. As a church member, we should always want to reflect the solid attributes of the church to which we belong. Satan is after the weak child of God and if he or she is not armed with the “word of God” they are more vulnerable to be devoured by his devices.

Those Israelites that fell in the wilderness are recorded in scripture as an example to show us what happens when we fail to listen and heed the things God instructs. We all are going to miss the mark at times, but may we strive to keep that to a minimum and be an influence for good and not evil.—*Editor*

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