

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

People dial 911 when there is an emergency and it is sometimes a matter of life and death as help is needed. Sometimes it is a matter of life and death for the people of God as they try to serve Him in this life. We know that God's beloved have been saved or delivered from the wrath to come (Rom. 5:9) and will have the enjoyment of eternal life in the world to come. (John 10:27) There isn't anything that can separate the children of God from His everlasting love that sent Jesus Christ to save them from their sins. That life is permanent as recipients of grace that saved them from certain eternal death.

Sometimes, however, it is a matter of life and death for children of God who make the wrong choices in this life and go the way of the world. Paul writes in Romans 8:13, "For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live." There is death (separation) when the flesh is followed and life if the Spirit is followed. If the choice is to live after the flesh, the child of God will experience separation from the blessings and fellowship with God while they live in this world. This pertains to born again children of God as Paul writes, "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." (Rom. 8:14)

The truth is the Spirit is not always followed and there is a yielding to the inclinations of the flesh. The born again child of God has a dual nature. There is a Divine spiritual nature and there is a carnal and fleshly nature which war against each other. (Gal.5:17) Satan always is tempting with his worldly allure and some succumb to these temptations and lose the joy of their salvation; this is a death that can be avoided. David chose to follow the lusts of the flesh with Bathsheba and died to the joy of his salvation and it ever bothered him; so much so that he prayed that God would blot out his transgressions with His tender mercy. (Psalm 51:1) David desired sins to be blotted out of his own eyes and not God's.

The flesh leads to an empty life as Solomon found out when he departed from the ways of God. He said all was vanity and vexation of spirit when God is excluded. He had everything the flesh and the world could provide but God's word says, "For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Matt. 16:26)

No matter how long a child of God may live, it is a lifetime of sowing and reaping with difference results depending on what is sowed. Paul says, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting." (Gal. 6:7-8) The reaping takes place in the same place as the sowing. Farmers sow cotton seed and they reap the crop in the same field they sowed the seed. Sowing to the flesh breeds certain corruption and death (experienced now) while sowing to the Spirit results in everlasting life now. Remember Paul said, "For as many as are led of the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." (8:14)

Solomon wrote the book of Ecclesiastes as an old man; consequently, he admonishes "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them;" (Eccl. 12:1) It is too bad he didn't remember his Creator in his old age as he loved many strange women and died to the blessings he could otherwise have enjoyed. He had everything the world could offer, but he found no joy and peace. All in the world was vanity (empty) so he could write that the eye is not satisfied with seeing nor the ear with hearing. The only time Solomon or any other child of God will ever be satisfied will be in the resurrection. "As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness." (Psalm 17:15)

God commands His children to love Him with all their heart, soul, strength and mind. God set before the children of Israel life and death; a blessing and a curse. "I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live;" (Deut. 30:19) If they kept the commandments of God they would dwell in the land of Canaan and if they did not they would perish from that land. Isaiah says virtually the same thing, "If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land: But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it." (Isa. 1:19-20) The choice is not between heaven and hell but between living after the flesh or following the leading of the Spirit. One must crucify the old man in order to do this. It is truly a matter of life and death. (Elder Larry Wise)

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NEGLIGENCE OF CHURCH MEMBERS

By Elder John R. Daily
(1854-1920)

When we consider what our holy profession is, and what sweet promises the Lord has given us, and what manner of teaching the Spirit imparts on our souls, if we are the children of God, it does seem that it ought never to become necessary to exhort the members of the church of Christ to be punctual in their attendance at their regular church meetings.

It does seem that the love they have for the dear cause they have espoused, and the utter dependence upon the Lord which they have been brought to feel, and the feast of good things to be enjoyed in his sweet service, would be sufficient inducements for them to take all possible pains to fill their seats every time the church meets in sacred worship. But the shameful neglect of many to regularly attend the worship of God renders it necessary to remind them of their duty and urge them to be more faithful in this very important matter.

On Sundays when the weather is favorable, or on Saturdays when they have nothing else to do, or on some special occasion when a big crowd is expected, some members are to be seen at the house of God, who otherwise would not be there. Usually they sit well up in front and appear to be really interested in the service!

They seem not to realize that the other members and their faithful pastor know that if it were an unfavorable occasion they would not be there, so that it can hardly be said; to be the love they have for the cause of Christ that has brought them out. They do not seem to realize how very ugly such conduct is. If

they did a blush of shame would be seen upon their faces. Why, do they not know that the world of non-professors attend meetings on such occasions?

Look what crowds come to our associations, or our yearly meetings, or at any time when a great big crowd is expected! How are God's people to be known if, they act in all this like other folks?

Some members are so weak as to be easily offended, and when something does not suit them, or somebody says or does something they do not like, they will leave off attending the worship of God. If such could see themselves as they are they would bury their faces in sackcloth and stick their heads into an ash pile. I will say no more about this class. I cannot afford to waste words.

Some members seem to think that no sacrifice is required of them, and they are not expected to lay aside their work and spend a few hours in the service of God when they would have to sacrifice a little to do so. Such persons seem to be ready to make offerings if they cost them nothing to make them. In this they are very different from David, who would not accept the threshing floor and the oxen from Arunah as a gift saying "Nay, but I will surely buy it of thee at a price: neither will I offer burnt offerings unto the Lord my God of that which doth cost me nothing;" II Sam. xxiv. 24.

At another time he made a similar statement to Ornan, who likewise offered to give him oxen for a burnt offering the threshing instruments for wood, and the wheat for a meat offering. David said "Nay; but I will verily buy it for the full price: for I will not take that which is thine for the Lord, nor burnt offerings without cost;" I Chron. xxi. 24.

The poor pastor leaves his home and goes out to serve the flock. How very sad it makes him feel to find some of the members engaged in secular affairs while he has left all behind to serve them! How much better it would be to remove obstacles out of the way of duty and fill their seats among the faithful ones! Of most of our churches it could be truthfully said that if all the members were like some, we could scarcely ever hold a meeting. What a shame this is!

Jesus left far greater riches than we would possess if we owned ten thousand worlds like this, and became poorer than the foxes and the fowls, that we through his poverty might be rich. Can we not lay the world aside long enough to devote the hours appointed for divine service at the house of God? A neglect or refusal to do so is not to be excused.

What shameful ingratitude is shown by anyone who professes to be a follower of Christ and neglects his duty in this respect! "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another; and so much the more a ye see the say approaching;" Heb. x. 25

(Excerpted from *The Primitive Monitor*, 1941)
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THE WET GRIST

A reliable gentlemen gives the following account of the preservation of the lives of himself and all his father's family by a remarkable interposition of Divine Providence.

"My father was a man of prayer, and in our home the family was never permitted to fall down, nor its fire to expire or grow dim. Around that altar our dependence on God was constantly acknowledged, and the Divine blessing continually invoked. Nor was that blessing sought in vain, but mercies new and fresh from day to day were granted in answer to a father's prayers. One bright morning in the spring of 1850, after commending us to the Divine protection, my father put two bushels of rye into his wagon and started for the gristmill at Rockland, Rhode Island, a few miles distant from our home. When more than half-way there he had to cross a bridge called 'The Wharf', along the sides of which there were no railings, but only some logs laid upon the end of the planks. When on the middle of this bridge the horse stopped and began to back. My father leaped from the wagon, and the horse continued backing until the hind wheels went over the logs and off the edge of the bridge, and the wagon-seat and grainbag tumbled out and fell into the stream. At this moment the horse stopped, the forward wheels caught the log, and the hinder part of the wagon hung over the edge of the bridge, being held by the horse and the forward wheels. Four or five men soon came to the rescue, the wagon was lifted back, the grist fished up from the water, and in half an hour he was on his way back home to dry his grist and get it again ready for grinding. There was no mystery about the transaction.

We could not imagine what had made the horse back when upon the bridge. He showed no signs of fright, and had never acted so before. My father was troubled. He had earnestly prayed that morning that the angel of the Lord might encamp round about us that day, and now to be subjected to such an unusual occurrence and to so much inconvenience was something of a trial to his faith, though it did not shake his confidence in God. He returned home, and we went to work to dry our grain and prepare it for grinding; but, when we spread out the rye upon a cloth in the sun to dry, we noticed, scattered all through it, fragments of a fine, glittering substance, which on examination proved to be alas thousands on thousands of little fragments and splinters of broken glass mingled with those two bushels of rye—enough to have caused the death of all our family and a hundred others if the grain had been ground and baked and eaten. We were amazed at this revelation; and with the most grateful hearts we knelt around the family altar and thanked God for His wonderful providence which had so strangely preserved our lives. But how came the glass thus

mingled with the grain? It was all explained very soon. The rye had been kept in an open barrel, and over this barrel our neighbors had smoothed axe-handles, using pieces of glass to scrape and polish them. These pieces of glass were thus broken and splintered, and the fragments dropped unnoticed into the grain, and were measured up and placed in the bag to be carried to the mill. No one suspected the danger, and, if the grist had been ground, no human power could have averted the calamity, or saved our family from the terrible effects of a poison so deadly as powdered glass. God in His merciful providence interposed and preserved our lives. Truly it is but right that they should be consecrated to His service."

(From "*Remarkable Providence*", Edited by Elder R. H. Pittman)

ALL THE COUNSEL OF GOD

Those preachers who avoid preaching any practical godliness by using the argument that "they were never called to be duty preachers," are deceiving themselves and possibly others. We never find anything in the Bible indicating that God calls some men to preach duty, others to preach doctrine and yet others to preach experience. All true ministers of Christ are called and commanded to "preach the word," and the *word* covers all phases of the gospel, including the government of the church. The Scriptures are not only profitable for doctrine, but also for "reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness" (II Tim. 3:16). If this were not so then God's people could not and would not be thoroughly furnished unto all good works. The apostle Paul told the brethren of Ephesus that he had kept back nothing that was profitable unto them, and he also asserted that he had not shunned to declare unto them all the counsel of God (Acts 20:20, 27). No minister, including Paul, knows all the depths of God's counsels and decrees, and that is not what he meant when he spoke of declaring "all" the counsel of God, but he meant he had preached all aspects of the truth—the comforting parts, as well as those which sometimes reprove the errors and omissions of God's people. All ministers of Christ should follow His example, and they should do it as He did it—"with all longsuffering and doctrine," even if it occasionally causes some of their hearers to become their enemies because they tell them the truth (See Gal. 4:16).—*Editor* (Elder Ralph Harris)

("Advocate and Messenger", 2007)

"Through mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God; so that from Jerusalem, and round about unto Illyricum, I have fully preached the gospel of Christ." (Rom. 15:19)

PRAY FOR YOUR ENEMIES

By Elder A. D. Wood (Deceased)

“And he kneeled down, and said with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.” Acts 7:60. While he was being stoned Stephen prayed, “Lord, lay not this sin to their charge.” When we are being prompted by the flesh we cannot understand how this can be done, but when we are humbled and led by the Spirit of God, we can pray for those who despitefully use us. Separate and apart from the grace of God we will be unable to pray in this manner, but when we see Jesus as He is and ourselves as sinners we can pray in this way. Stephen saw Jesus. “I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God.”

In the trials of life, when we are serving God in true humbleness of Spirit, we are able to pray for our enemies. This is Christ-like. “But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” While we were yet sinners, God manifested His love for us. He “died for us.” It is Christ-like to be forgiving, it is human to take vengeance on others. Paul says, “And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ’s sake hath forgiven you.”

The spirit of forgiveness has its connection with the thought of being able to pray for others. This does not rule out obedience, but rather embraces the keeping of God’s commandments. God being rich in mercy, He loved us when even when we were dead in sins and quickened us together with Christ. The spirit of humbleness and longsuffering connected with the spirit of prayer, does not mean that we are to fellowship those who have no inheritance in the kingdom of God.

How many of us are in the spirit of prayer, and can pray for those who are at the same time stoning us? This depends in some measure upon our willingness to serve God, which we can do by His grace. The Bible teaches us to pray for our enemies, and we can obey the Bible by the help of the Lord. “Thy will be done,” is the attitude to cultivate and put into practice. Help us Lord to pray with and for one another.

(“Advocate and Messenger” Feb. 1977)

EVERY WORD

Samuel Clement (Mark Twain) attended a Sunday a.m. sermon. He met the pastor at the door afterward and told him that he had a book at home with every word he had preached that morning. The minister assured him that the sermon was an original. Clement still held his position. The pastor wanted to see this book so Clement said he would send it over in the morning. When the preacher unwrapped it he found a dictionary and in the flyleaf was written this: “Words, just words, just words.”--Source Unknown

HE THAT BELIEVETH AND IS BAPTIZED

By Elder Guy Hunt (Deceased)

Mark 16:16, “he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved.”

Christ here taught a basic truth concerning salvation. Let us consider what kind of salvation is under consideration. We consider the phrase, “He that believeth.” 1 John 5:1. “Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ *is* born of God.” Therefore, we see that all those who believe are *already* the sons of God. The apostle Paul states in Rom. 8:17, “And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ.”

Christ is talking about baptizing children of God. Those who are heirs to his inheritance. Then baptizing them does not make them children as some would claim. If they wish to be baptized, it is evidence of eternal spiritual life within them crying out and manifesting itself.

What kind of salvation then is Christ talking about. It is the same salvation spoken of by the apostle Peter in Acts 2:40, “And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, save yourselves from this untoward generation.” We should not have a life of loose tongue, morals and footsteps, but in obedience to the commands of God, not to become sons, but because we are sons. The world is not looking to Christ, depending on him, desiring him, or living in obedience to him. We save ourselves by being the opposite, by conforming our lives as God commands.

This baptism that the minister is commanded to administer saves by water, just like the eight were saved in the ark. 1 Pet. 3: 20,21, “Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water. The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), by the resurrection of Jesus Christ.” If this ark landed in eternal heaven, then would baptism land or assist in landing you there. The ark saved them from the flood and the untoward generation.

The ark of the new birth which gives us eternal spiritual life is a baptism of the spirit. The baptism of the spirit must come before we have the desire or the right to be baptized in the name of Christ. The baptism of the spirit causes a person to want the baptism of the believer into the church in time. 1 Cor. 12:13, "For by one spirit are ye all baptized into one body..." This baptism into Christ is the work of the Holy Spirit, and not of the church or minister. For further evidence, let us look to 1 Cor. 1:30, "But of him are ye in Christ Jesus..." Therefore the minister cannot administer this baptism into Christ. We are in Christ (altogether and totally) of God. (July, 1969)

(From "*The Best of Guy Hunt*", Edited by Elder Harold Hunt)

LEST WE FORGET

When London was being blitzed, an article appeared in one of the British newspapers, which was widely quoted on this side of the Atlantic. It may not be out of place to republish this searching statement.

"We have been a pleasure-loving people, dishonoring God's day, picnicking and bathing—the seashore is barred; no picnics, no bathing.

"We have preferred motor travel to church going—now there is a shortage of motor fuel.

"We have ignored the ringing of church bells calling us to worship—now the bells cannot ring except to warn us of an invasion.

"We have left our churches half-empty when they should have been well filled with worshipers—now they are in ruins.

"We would not listen to the way of peace—now we are forced to listen to the way of war.

"The money we would not give to the Lord's work—now is taken from us in higher taxes and high cost of living.

"The food for which we refused to give thanks—now is unattainable.

"The service we refused to give God is now conscribed for our country.

"Lives we refused to live under God's control—now are under the nation's control.

"Nights we would not spend watching unto prayer—now are spent in anxious air-raid precautions."—From *Biblical Recorder*.

EDITOR'S NOTE: How soon before America will face these dire situations?

(From "*ITMS*", October 2008)

"By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down, yea, we wept, when we remembered Zion. We hanged our harps upon the willows in the midst thereof." (Psalm 137:1-2)

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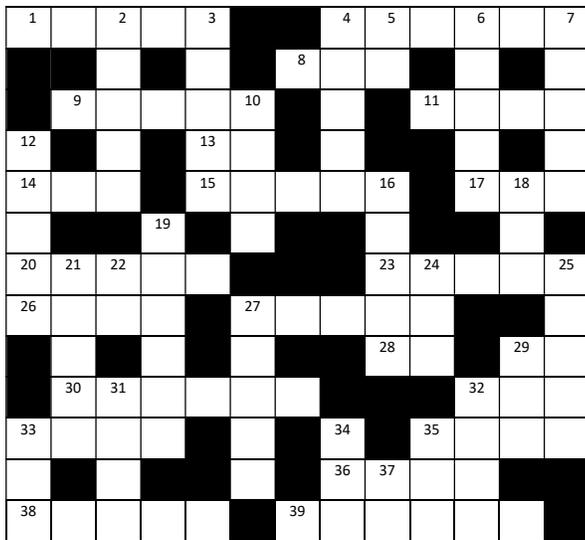
"Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men." (2 Cor. 5:11) I think the object the Apostle Paul had in view was the spiritual welfare of God's children here in time. Evidently the Apostle Paul had that great cause at heart as all of God's children and qualified ministers do, more especially pastors that have charge of the flocks of God. The Apostle Paul said, "We persuade men," that is Paul and others who hold ministerial office. Paul, nor no other Primitive Baptist preacher, that is true to the great cause of Christ ever persuaded or tried to persuade a dead alien sinner to become a child of God or a Christian, that is Arminianism. The carnal professing so-called religious worldly sects and creeds, except the Primitive Baptists, have that object in view, trying to convert the world and to get the world into the Church of Christ, that is why the churches are of the world. The spiritual written law says, "**They are of the world and the world heareth them.**" The same law says, "**Ye are not of the world; I have called you out of the world.**" Christ said "My kingdom is not of this world." Besides this; because the Apostle Paul well knew, like all of God's children, that he did not have the power to convert a dead alien sinner into Christianity by his advice, his arguments, or his persuasion.

Paul knew the dead alien sinner must be born again before he became a subject of advice, or persuasion or Gospel address. On the other hand, Paul knew after the child was born of God, he could be reached by argument, advice, or persuasion. It became his duty as a minister of the Gospel to advise, to persuade the child of God to do his duty in a spiritual way, to point out his duty to him and also to point out the danger of not doing his duty. What is the danger of not doing our duty as ministers and private members of God's family and kingdom? It's the terror of the Lord. What is the terror of the Lord? It's His wrath and judgments, rod and stripes for our negligence of His kingdom, one toward another. If we live after the flesh we die, not with the relative standing with God, but die to the joy and fellowship of the Church here. So from this standpoint Paul said, "We persuade men;" persuade, advise or argue that he that thinks he standeth, advise him to take heed, lest he fall; and those that are out of the way of duty, to return home, repent, go back to their first love, and let your light shine before men. Plenty for us to do, brethren. Christ said, "Take My yoke and learn of Me"—not the law, legal, tyrannical yoke that brought cries and groans to the ears of God under heavy weights in bondage under task masters—no rest to be found in that kind of service, but you are no more under that law, but under grace, in a grace school, and are subjects of that school, and in obedience to
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BIBLE CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS:

1. O Thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou ____.
4. God gave Moses the law written on ____ of stone.
8. ____ not your heart be troubled, ye believe in God.
9. ____ thou the things that become sound doctrine.
11. God made the sun to rule ____ the day.
13. He that glorieth, let him glory ____ the Lord.
14. If any do ____ from the truth and one convert him.
15. God called the light Day and the darkness ____.
17. The evening and the morning were the first ____.
20. As it is written the ____ shall serve the younger.
23. Man who made molten calf from gold ear rings.
26. Jesus grew up as a tender plant and as a ____ out of a dry ground.
27. All who take the ____ shall perish with the ____.
28. South Dakota.
29. General Manager.
30. My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my ____ shall distil as the dew.
32. ____ unto them that are with child and give suck in those days. Jesus pronounced on Pharisees.



(Answers on Page 8)

33. Perfect love casteth out all _____. Fright.
35. Each magician cast his rod which became a serpent but Aaron's rod swallowed up their ____.
36. Father the ____ is come glorify thy Son. Time.
38. ____ for ye know not what hour son of man cometh.
39. A nobleman called his ten servants and delivered unto them ten ____ and said occupy till I come.

DOWN:

2. Blood sprinkled on 2 side posts and ____ door post.
3. I saw the Lord high and lifted up and his ____ filled the temple.
4. A qualified minister must be apt to _____. Instruct.
5. Judgment must begin ____ the house of God.
6. I have ____ thee with an everlasting love.
7. Ye were made ____ after a godly manner. Regret.

BIBLE CROSSWORD PUZZLE

DOWN:

10. Peter saw a sheet ____ at the 4 corners while on the housetop.
12. Peter's wife's mother was sick of a ____.
16. God shall wipe away all ____ from their eyes.
18. Paul knew a man in Christ above 14 years ____.
19. Jesus was made surety of a ____ testament.
21. ____ him and let him go said Jesus of Lazarus.
22. Whatsoever he saith unto you ____ it.
24. ____ to your faith virtue and then knowledge.
25. Rejoice because your ____ are written in heaven.
27. Joseph put his brother's money back in their ____.
29. He is the ____ of the living and not of the dead.
31. God's ways are ____ finding out. Not present.
32. The ____ was made flesh and dwelt among us.
33. Only a ____ find the strait and narrow way to life.
34. ____ shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect?
35. Let us ____ our race with patience looking to Jesus.
37. Oklahoma University.

OUT OF THE MOUTH OF BABES

It seems like Eli, our 2 year old grandson has replaced our other one, Isaac, in this section. Eli was finishing a little bowl of chocolate ice cream and his Nana had a Kleenex tissue in the bottom to mop up the remnants. He pulled up the tissue and it dripped chocolate ice cream. Eli said, "Disgusting!"

Eli was told to pull the wings on his Batman two foot tall figure and his eyes would light up. He tried it a couple of times; then he managed to do it as the eyes lit up. He said, "I did it, I did it." Then he said, "Look at my talent."

Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime.--Martin Luther

You are not only responsible for what you say, but also for what you do not say.--Martin Luther

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the laws of that school you learn to find rest and you learn how to find that Gospel rest. "Whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, not being a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work; this man shall be blest in his deed." May God bless the dear editors of The Messenger and others.

Affectionately, J. R. Wilson

(From "The Gospel Messenger", June 1921)

CHURCH NEWS

Pine Hill Primitive Baptist Church, Ripley, MS invites everyone to their spring meeting to be held April 1, 2, 3, 2022. Services Friday night, April 1, at 7:00 pm. Saturday morning, April 2, at 10:30 am. Saturday night at 7:00 pm. Sunday morning at 10:30 am. Meals will be served. Elder Jeremy Wise, Pontotoc, MS will be our quest minister. Elder Darren Owens is Pastor of Pine Hill.

The Chewalla Primitive Baptist Church, Potts Camp, MS is having a meeting on the 2nd weekend in April, 2022 (Apr. 8-9). Services Fri. night, Apr. 8 at 7:00 pm. Sat., Apr. 9, at 10:30 am followed by lunch. No afternoon service. Regular Sunday services. Elder Gary Rhodes, Little Rock, AR is invited minister. Elder Jerry Wise is Pastor of Chewalla.

Clear Springs Primitive Baptist Church in Maben, MS is having a one day meeting on Saturday, April 16, 2022. It will begin at 10:30 a.m. with lunch to follow, then afternoon services. Elder Buddy Abernathy, Gordo, AL is the invited speaker. Everyone is invited. Clear Springs is currently without a Pastor.

New Prospect Primitive Baptist Church, New Albany, MS will have its annual summer meeting and a ordination service beginning June 2-4, 2022 which will observe their 175 + 1 Anniversary. Services will be Thurs. night, June 2, and Fri. night, June 3, at 7:00 pm followed by refreshments and fellowship. Services Sat. June 4, at 10:00 am followed by lunch and an ordination service in the afternoon to ordain Bro. Ben Shettles to the full work of the gospel ministry. Sat. night supper at 5:00 pm and service at 6:30 pm. Elder Chris McCool, Gordo, AL will be preaching Thurs. night. Elder David Wise, Starkville, MS and Elder Darren Owens, Ripley, MS will be preaching Fri. night. Bro. Ben Shettles and Elder Charles Kitchens, Jasper, AL will be preaching Sat. morning and Elder Joe Nettles, Caledonia, MS on Sat. night. Everyone is invited to this anniversary celebration. Elder Rusty Wise is Pastor of New Prospect.

Beulah Primitive Baptist Church in Saltillo, MS would like to invite everyone to our annual meeting. It will be the weekend of the 5th Sunday in May, 2022. Friday night May 27th, supper at 6pm and worship services start at 7pm, then Saturday morning May 28th starting at 10am with lunch and a afternoon service starting at 1:30pm. Then Sunday May 29th services starting at 10:30 with lunch following worship services. Lord willing we are to have Elder Ronald Lawrence, Goodlettsville, TN and Elder Gary Rhodes, Little Rock, AR with us—Elder Tony Lester, Pastor of Beulah.

CHURCH NEWS

Everyone is invited to Harmony Primitive Baptist Church in Tupelo, MS the first Sunday weekend in May, 2022 for their annual meeting. Friday night April 29th supper at 6:00pm and worship services starting at 7pm, then Saturday morning April 30th starting at 10am with lunch and then services at 1:30pm. Sunday morning May 1st services at 10:30am with lunch and then communion following lunch. Lord willing, we plan to have Elder James Conley, Meadville, MS and Elder Jeb Owen, Lockhart, TX with us. We would love to have everyone come and worship with us and we desire your prayers for the meeting.—Elder Tony Lester, Pastor of Harmony

Sulphur Springs Primitive Baptist Church near Caledonia, MS will have an annual meeting the 3rd weekend in April, 2022. (Apr. 15-17) Elder Heath Williams, Holly Pond, AL and Elder Marty Smith, Atlanta, GA are invited ministers. Singing Fri. night, Apr. 15 at 7:00 pm. Services Sat., Apr. 16 at 10:00 am followed by lunch and afternoon services. Elder Joe Nettles is Pastor of Sulphur Springs.

Everyone is invited to Bethany Primitive Baptist Church, Ecu, MS for their Communion Meeting the 3rd weekend in May, 2022 (May 13-15). Services Friday night, May 13, at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday night, May 14, at 6:30 p.m. preceded by a fish supper at 5:00 p.m. Sun. May 15, at 10:00 a.m. with Communion, then lunch. Elder Jeremy Wise, Pontotoc, MS is invited minister. Elder Larry Wise is Pastor of Bethany.

IN MEMORIAM

Elder Eddie Hicks, Fulton, KY passed away February 8, 2022 in Mesa, AZ at the age of 74. Another soldier of the cross has crossed into glory. Pray for his wife, Miriam, and his survivors for peace and comfort as they mourn his passing. Elder Hicks was Co-Pastor of Macedonia PBC in Martin, TN and the winter Pastor of Lone Pilgrim PBC in Mesa, AZ.

There is one other Church News announcement on page 11 of GT about deacon ordination. Don't know if readers will receive this before time to begin.—*Editor*

IN MEMORIAM



Elder Hugh Montgomery of Lampasas, TX passed away February, 16, 2022 at the age of 90. He served as Pastor of many churches across the state of Texas and membership was at Littlevine Primitive Baptist in Austin, TX at the time of his death at Lily Springs Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center in Lampasas, Texas. Pray for his surviving wife and four sons, three of which are Primitive Baptist ministers as well as the rest of the family. He will be greatly missed and was a faithful soldier of the cross.

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“Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation. Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.” (Heb. 13:7-8)

Baptism and Repentance For the Remission of Sins

By Elder G. E. Griffin (Deceased)

“John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for (with a view to) the remission of sins (Mark 1:4).” (Emphasis in italics by G.E. Griffin)

“Repent, and be baptized everyone of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins” (Acts 2:38).

“Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins” (Acts 22:16).

The word for in Mark 1:4 is taken from the Greek word *eis* which means with a view to. In studying the above Scriptures, without a view to the general scope of the Scriptures, it would seem as though baptism and repentance had something to do with remitting of sins. But, what about the blood of Christ?

“Unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood” (Rev 1:5).

“Justified by His blood” (Rom 5:9).

“Redemption through His blood” (Eph 1:7).

“Without the shedding of blood is no remission” (Heb 9:22).

“The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin” (1 John 1:7).

And since there is no blood shed in baptism, it does not, and can not possibly remit sins. Either baptism is a figure of the suffering of Christ, or the suffering of Christ is a figure of baptism. Since they both are a view to the remission of sins. If we say baptism remits sin, the blood of Jesus Christ failed. If we say the blood of Christ remits sin, washed us from them, justified us, redeemed us, and cleansed us from all sins, please tell me what sins baptism remits? Or repentance? We must take the position that baptism and repentance are only types or figures of the real, that is the suffering of Christ.

Peter says, Baptism is “The like figure” (1 Pet 3:21). The figure will never remit sins. Every child of faith should repent and be baptized with a view to Jesus the Lord, who “put away sins by the sacrifice of Himself” (Heb 9:26).-G.E. Griffin

(primitivebaptistsermons.org)

A sinner can no more repent and believe without the Holy Spirit’s aid than he can create a world.-- Charles Spurgeon

True repentance comes only from God because the goodness of God leads to repentance. (Rom. 2:4) If we are convicted enough to have genuine sorrow for our behavior, then we repent and reverse direction. This is godly sorrow unlike the sorrow of the world. “For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.” (II Cor. 7:10)—*Editor*

JONAH 3:10

August 20, 1907

By Elder C. H. Cayce (Deceased)

Brother W.R. Moore, of Luxomni, Ga., and Brother J.D. Musick, of Walnut Grove, Ala. Have requested our views of Jonah 3:10, which reads as follows: "And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way, and God repented of the evil, that he had said that he would do unto them; and He did it not."

We would say, first, that the Scriptures do not contradict themselves. If we place a construction upon any portion of the Scripture which would make that portion contradict another, it is necessarily true that the construction is wrong. This being true, it follows that any construction placed upon this text that would contradict any plain statement in the Scriptures would necessarily be wrong.

In Malachi 3:6 the Lord says, "For I am the Lord, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed." Here we are positively told that the Lord changes not. If the Lord ever changes, then this statement of the Lord Himself is not true. But the statement is true, and the Lord does not change. If He did change, then the sons of Jacob would be consumed. The sons of Jacob are all the heirs of promise. "The Lord's portion is His people; Jacob is the lot of His inheritance."—Deut. 32:9. Jacob was a representative character hence the heirs of promise are called the sons of Jacob. Not one of them will ever be consumed, because the Lord does not change.

Not only is it true that the Lord does not change, but He is without variableness or shadow of turning. "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning."—James 1:17. The Lord is without even the shadow of a change. He does not vary. Men may, and do, vary, change and turn, but the Lord does neither. He is the same yesterday, today and forever more. The Lord's dealing in the case of the Ninevites was in perfect harmony with His dealing with His people. Nineveh was in wickedness and rebellion, and were not living as God required under the law. Jonah was sent to preach to them, and his preaching was a proclamation of the result of their wicked rebellion and disobedience. Their disobedience would bring destruction and ruin upon them. This was in perfect harmony with the declaration of the Lord himself, as recorded in Ezek. 18:25-30, "Yet ye say, the way of the Lord is not equal. Hear now, O house of Israel; is not my way equal? Are not your ways unequal? When a righteous man turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, and dieth in them, for his iniquity that he hath done shall he die. Again, when the wicked man turneth away from his wickedness that he hath committed, and doeth that

which is lawful and right, he shall save his soul alive. Because he considereth, and turneth away from all his transgressions that he hath committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die. Yet saith the house of Israel, the way of the Lord is not equal. O house of Israel, are not my ways equal? Are not your ways unequal? Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, saith the Lord God. Repent, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions so iniquity shall not be your ruin."

The Lord's way is equal, but their ways were not equal. Nineveh had departed from the Lord's commandments, they were His people in rebellion. A continuation in their wickedness and rebellion would bring death. "For his iniquity that he hath done shall he die." But Nineveh repented in sackcloth and ashes, and "when the wicked man turneth away from his wickedness, and doeth that which is lawful and right, he shall save his soul alive, he shall not die." So Nineveh turned from her wickedness, and the Lord did not inflict the punishment of death or destruction of the city, but spared them, which was according to His promise.

The Lord's people turn away from the right way, and thereby their peace and happiness, in this age, is destroyed. When we all engage in doing what the Lord requires and what He has commanded us as His children to do, we have peace and fellowship abounding. Doing what the Lord requires does not bring strife and confusion among the Lord's people; that is always brought about by something the Lord has not commanded. Our peace is destroyed by doing things the Lord does not command. Let us all try to engage in doing what He requires and nothing more. Let us thereby "strive to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bonds of peace." "Let brotherly love continue." May the Lord help us to be faithful and true to His service, is our humble prayer. C. H. C.

(From *"Editorial Writings From The Primitive Baptist"*, Vol. 1 by Elder C. H. Cayce)

"A bad habit cannot just be tossed out the window; it must be coaxed down the stairs one step at a time."

"Experience is a tough teacher; first you get the test, then you get the lesson."

"When everything goes dead wrong, look and see if you are not facing the wrong direction."

"Reputation is what other people think you are. Character is what you would be if no one else would ever find out."

(From *"ITMS"*, October 2008)

Some drugs are habit forming and you become addicted to them. It would be nice if more people of God would cultivate the habit of being in church on a regular basis to worship the Lord; that it would be so addictive; it would be impossible to break.—*Editor*

WORKING POWER OF GOD



By Elder Larry Wise
Randolph, Mississippi

In the modern scheme of eternal salvation that depends on man's response to God, man has more power than God. God is helpless to save unless sinful man cooperates and receives Him into a heart dead in sin. This is not scriptural. The Bible plainly teaches that God has all power and that He created the earth and the heavens by His power. (Jer. 10:12). That same power is exercised in the spiritual creation in those who are born again by the direct power of God in sending the Holy Spirit to His chosen people. (Gal. 4:6) Prior to this spiritual creation, man hasn't any faith; therefore, it is impossible for him to please God. (Heb. 11:6) After this change of the inward man, he has the ability to please God, but will he do so?

Paul writes to the saints at Philippi and asserts his confidence in the working power of God that has given them power to please God. "Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a **good work** in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:" (Phil. 1:6) Paul had instructed them in how to please God in obeying His commandments and they had complied. Now He is to be absent and he tells these saints to work out their salvation with fear and trembling. (Phil. 2:12) How are they able to work out this salvation (deliverance)? Paul tells them and all those who read and are able to comprehend the scripture. "For it is God which **worketh in you** both to will and to do of his good pleasure." (Phil. 4:13) God was working in them to do of His good pleasure which confirms their eternal relationship with God as Paul states in Rom. 8:14, "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God."

Paul writes a letter to the Hebrew Christians to encourage them to be steadfast in their Christian faith in the midst of persecution. He closes out his letter by appealing to the blood of the everlasting covenant centered around the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. (Heb. 13:20) Then he tells them how they can be perfect (complete) and what gives them that capability. "Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, **working in you** that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen." (Heb. 13:21) God was working in them by his power and guiding them to do His will. By faith they can comply.

The gospel is the good news of salvation by grace to those who are already saved by grace and believers. How is it believers are able to believe? They are enabled by faith given in the spiritual creation. Christ came forth from the grave by His own power as well as the power of God. This same power enables His children to believe. "And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the **working of his mighty power**, Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places," (Eph. 1:19-20)

The gospel is preached by ministers called by God and entrusted with such a precious thing. "But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts." (I Thess. 2:4) Paul was given a ministerial gift as well as an apostolic gift and neither was by His own will or power. Paul felt to be the least of all saints but he had been given power to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ. He tells how this came about. "Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the **effectual working of his power**." (Eph. 3:7)

Paul had been made a minister by the working of the power of God and he diligently sought the welfare of the saints to whom he preached. He writes to the Colossian brethren and said he laboured to warn and preach in order to present them perfect (complete) in Christ Jesus. (Col. 1:28). How was he enabled to fully preach the gospel to them and others in order to accomplish this goal? "Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working, which **worketh in me mightily**." (Col. 1:29) Paul always gave the credit to God for his powerful preaching. "Through mighty signs and wonders, by the **power of the Spirit of God**; so that from Jerusalem, and round about unto Illyricum, I have fully preached the gospel of Christ." (Rom. 15:19) A necessity was laid on Paul to preach the gospel and he said there would be woe unto him if he did not follow this calling. (I Cor. 9:16)

Jesus had the power to lay down His life and the power to take it again. He came forth with a glorified body which the disciples saw. He showed them His nail scarred hands and pierced side. That same working power will raise the dead at the last day and change our vile bodies that are sown in corruption. Paul said our conversation (citizenship) is in heaven from whence we look for the Savior. Then Paul tells the certainty of His return and the effect thereof. "Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, **according to the working** whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself." (Phil. 3:21)

Men haven't any power at all except it be given from above so how can man have any power to arrange his eternal destiny? Man has no such power.

STRIPES AND COVENANT



By Elder Rickey Taylor
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Psalms 89:30-34: "If his children forsake my law, and walk not in my judgments; If they break my statutes, and keep not my commandments; Then will I visit their transgression with the rod, and their iniquity with stripes. Nevertheless my lovingkindness will I not utterly take from him, nor suffer my faithfulness to fail. My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips."

Though Psalms is an Old Testament book, yet it still speaks to us today in the gospel church. **Psalms 89:30-32** If his children forsake my law, and walk not in my judgments; If they break my statutes, and keep not my commandments. Then will I visit their transgression with the rod, and their iniquity with stripes. God loves his children with an everlasting love, he does not require good works from them in order for them to live with him in glory. But here in this time world if they are disobedient God will punish them with chastisement of some kind. This is the rod that is mentioned in our text. In biblical times a Father would use the rod to chastise his sons when they were disobedient and put stripes on their bodies to make them understand his instructions to show them that he is serious about their obedience to him. Likewise is God toward his children. He insists upon us obeying him and following his statues otherwise he will chastise us. **Hebrews 12:6** For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. The word scourge means to "flog"; that is why the text ends with the word stripes. Stripes are put on the body by being flogged, whipped... etc. Those stripes remain there for a long time to remind one of the chastisement. When God gets through with punishing us he leaves an impression on our mind like stripes on a physical body to remember from time to time his seriousness about obeying him. **Psalms 89:33** Nevertheless my lovingkindness will I not utterly take from him, nor suffer my faithfulness to fail. Even though a child of God can get so disobedient that even others see little evidence of his being a child of God. so disobedient that some are given over to a reprobate mind (Romans 1:28 2Timothy 3:8 Titus 1:16); Nevertheless God will not completely (utterly)

take away his loving kindness away from one of his children. Remember God loves with an everlasting love (Jeremiah 31:3). If he took away his love, then it was not everlasting; God would have broken his word, even his covenant that he made with his children. This false teaching would make God a liar, which he cannot do. **Titus 1:2** In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began; God will not allow a single one of his children to enter the gates of hell, if he did then his faithfulness will fail. Our verse says that he will not suffer (allow) his faithfulness to fail. Has God ever failed at anything? No. Nor shall he fail at this.

Psalms 89:34 My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips. God will not break any of his covenants that he has made with man. There is one particular covenant that we would like to bring up; that is the one that he made with his Son Jesus Christ to insure that none of his children would be eternally lost. **Romans 8:28-30** And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified. The Father and Son made this covenant so that not one child of God would be left out that was chosen before the foundation of the world as one of his children. That is why Jesus says that he gives eternal life unto his sheep and they shall never fall John 10:28. This covenant insures that you will be there some day with him and your loved ones who have already gone there. Yes, God will punish his children for their disobedience, with a punishment that he chooses. Eternal hell is not one of those punishments he will choose for his children. That would defeat his covenant that he has made with you. If you believe this then take consolation and comfort in it. Hell is a terrible place, but it is not a place that we need fear for God has insured we will not go there. Let us rejoice!

New Hope PBC Booneville, MS is using our building at Macky's Creek, Burton, MS to ordain two men to the office of deacon. They are Brothers Derek Garvin and Brad Smith. We are having the service on Saturday March 26 starting at 10:30 AM. We encouraged all ordain help that can help us form a presbytery. Their building is damaged and their pastor recently passed away. Elder Benny Burcham. They asked for our help in doing this.

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