

# Glad Tidings

February

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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

Ministers are the overseers of the flock and watch out for their spiritual welfare in the church; Jesus Christ has already accomplished that which was necessary for their eternal welfare on the cross of Calvary. Those sheep need instruction and comfort for their spiritual welfare on earth. True ministers are dedicated to that end. Paul writes, "And I will very gladly spend and be spent for you; though the more abundantly I love you, the less I be loved." (II Cor. 12:15). We would be hard pressed to find any man of God who sacrificed and endured as much as Paul for the flock of God. First he had a love for God and then a love and passion for the benefit of the people of God and thus he writes this verse.

Paul was willing to spend and be spent for the benefit of the church at Corinth and any other people to which he ministered. He was willing to spend his time, strength and energy in preaching the word and reprove, rebuke and exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. He was willing to endure whatever came his way for the benefit of the saints of God. Paul told Timothy, "Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sakes, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory." (II Tim. 2:10).

Was Paul striving to incur favor of the people or elevate his status among them? If that were true, it would seem like he took the wrong approach as he writes these two letters to the church at Corinth and addresses their many problems. Paul had a love for these brethren but what did he seem to get for his love and concern for their welfare? Paul says the more he loved them, the less he was loved. Many of the prophets of old tickled the ears of the people to give them what they wanted rather than what was the truth. They said, "Which say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, Prophecy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophesy deceits:" (Isa. 30:10). Paul wrote the truth to the Corinthian church because of his love for them.

Paul was a true spiritual father to these people with the same comparable love that a natural father has for his child. He calls them his beloved sons and writes, "For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet have ye not many fathers: for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel." (I Cor. 4:15). He was more than an instructor; he was a father to them as true pastors are to their flock.

Our Heavenly Father loves us enough that He will not suffer us to continue in our own ways without the ministering of His chastening hand. Remember that as many as He loves He rebukes and chastens. (Rev. 3:19). Paul writes these letters of rebuke and preaches the gospel because of the love he has for them and the desire that they correct that which was against the principles of God. Many of them evidently did not respond with love and thankfulness for his willingness to spend and be spent for their welfare. This response was also against scripture as Paul writes to the church at Thessalonica, "And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves." (I Thess. 5:12-13). Paul's work was a work of faith and a labour of love and he needed to be esteemed highly in love; however, if he failed to be so honored, that would not deter his mission.

As long as ministers are teaching the truth from the word of God, the flock should obey them as long as they follow Christ and His teachings. Hebrews 3:7: "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." The end of their conversation is Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and forever. This is a watchful love that sounds the alarm whenever necessary. This thought is followed up in Heb. 13:17: "Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you."

The apostle John had the same love and concern for the saints as did Paul. Listen to what was the joy and rejoicing of his heart in 3 John 4: "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth." John also calls the people "his children" indicating that he had the same fatherly relationship with the people as Paul had for the Corinthians. All the apostles died a martyr's death with the exception of the apostle John who was exiled on the Isle of Patmos. They very gladly were willing to spend and be spent for the cause of Christ and the welfare of God's little children. They did not do this for monetary reward or to be esteemed in the eyes of man or of the world. The gift they had was not for them but for the people of God. (Col. 1:25) (Elder Larry Wise)

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**RECONCILIATION**

By Elder Wiley Sammons (Deceased)

FIRST LET US SEE WHO WAS OFFENDED. Of course, God was and that was because man transgressed God's law in the beginning. So God brought about reconciliation through his Son, Jesus, and this between God and his people. We will turn to II Cor. 5:17: "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; and behold, all things are become new. 18: And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; 19: To wit, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, and not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the Word of Reconciliation. 20: Now we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us; we pray you in Christ stead, be ye reconciled to God." We can see that God through Christ brought about reconciliation.

For God to be satisfied, it took perfection—Christ was perfect and made a perfect offering by the sacrifice of himself. He made the offering to God and not to man. It is a wonderful thing for God's people to be led into the understanding of what has been done for them in the work of Christ in justifying and making satisfaction for them. Then he placed them in a condition where God is completely satisfied in regard to the matter. The law is fulfilled in Christ and God is

satisfied. God is just and the justifier because he sent Christ who is our justification. God is the justifier of every one that believeth.

This doesn't mean that the individual believes in order to be justified, but if he believes in Jesus it is because God has given him faith which the Bible says is a gift from God. The person who believes has received the spirit of adoption which enables him to cry "Abba Father!" God was in Christ reconciling the world (that is, his people in the world) unto himself and not imputing their trespasses. Only God could do this work because God required a perfect offering. Man wasn't able because of his imperfections but Christ did satisfy God and his broken law.

When we receive the spirit of Christ, we do not receive a spirit that testifies that we are in bondage but the spirit of Christ testifies that we have been delivered from bondage. The measure in which we are brought to an understanding of those things enables us by faith to look to him for the accomplishment and fulfillment of those things which he had promised. Those promises were in Christ. We experience in part the peace and joy by the earnest of the spirit that keeps us looking to the actual fulfillment and final conclusion of it. This will be when the Lord returns and raises our bodies to make them immortal in his own image and carry us to live with him for ever and ever.

Back to the scriptures quoted above from II Corinthians 5:19 and 20, "To wit, that God was in Christ reconciling the world unto himself, and not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the Word of Reconciliation." This set forth very emphatically that God accomplished this through his Son, Jesus Christ, and did commit to the ministry the word of reconciliation and of course they are to preach this to the people and live before those to whom they preach and with whom they come in contact that they are just faithful servants or ambassadors to preach the word of reconciliation. The 20<sup>th</sup> verse states: "Now we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ stead, be ye reconciled to God." This command is to the ministry, but I think that this admonition is to every individual that has received the benefits of the atonement in his heart that redeemed and justified him. They should be faithful ambassadors and show that they are reconciled to God in their talk, walk, and in everything they do because the Lord has never required us to do anything but that which is good, God honoring, and will bring peace and satisfaction when we engage in it.

Reconciliation in an experimental phase of it, can be experienced in a person's life when he shows by his actions that he is reconciled to God.

We are his workmanship created in Christ Jesus unto good works, and he has before ordained that we

should walk in them May each reader reread these cardinal principles that have been discussed, namely: ELECTION, ATONEMENT, REDEMPTION, JUSTIFICATION, IN THREE PHASES, AND RECONCILIATION. Turn to your Bible and read the scriptures suggested and pray God for light and revelation to see if these principles are true. Life will have a new meaning to you and the Bible will become the most cherished book you can read and meditate upon. There will be real fulfillment in life for you and your family.

May God Bless You to do this.

Wiley Sammons

(From "Identity Of The True Baptist Church" by  
Elder Wiley Sammons)

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### NO LAW AGAINST LOVE

What better thing could one wish than to possess something that there is no law against? Love is of God, "and every one that loveth is born of God." "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, faith, goodness, meekness, temperance; against such there is no law." Everything living is governed by law, both in the natural realm and the spiritual, which is either accusing or excusing. God has never given a law for the government of human beings that was unreasonable. Hence God is not responsible for the violation of the law. But we should remember that there are different kinds of law mentioned in the Bible. However, God does not require anyone to keep a law that he is not under, or not able to keep. That would be unreasonable.

Paul says, "The carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God (spiritual law), neither indeed can be." The dead sinner has no other kind of mind but a carnal mind. "To be spiritually minded is life and peace." The dead sinner can keep the moral law of God, and should, because he is under it and subject to it. However, keeping it will never change his nature or give him a higher order of life, but by keeping it he will get more joy out of the life he already possesses. If you say the dead sinner can keep the spiritual law of God in order to obtain spiritual life, you say God requires an impossibility of him, because he is not subject to it, neither indeed can be. He will never be subject to the spiritual law of God until he is delivered or made free from the law of sin and death—born again.

After one has been made free from the law of sin and death, there is no eternal condemnation against him. "They are preserved forever," the Bible says. Yet this does not release him from the moral obligations and responsibilities of this time life. He may make mistakes and have to suffer in time, but he shall never be under the law of sin and death any more,

because God has made him free from that law. And we know that what God doeth it shall be forever. How are you going to condemn one eternally or keep him out of heaven if he possesses the everlasting love of God—something that there is no law against? If God recognizes him as his child and has no charge against him, what right have we to try to condemn him? "It is God that justifieth. Who is he that condemneth?"

T. L. Webb—Milan, Tenn.

(From "The Primitive Baptist", September 5, 1946)

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### THROUGH BACA'S VALE OR DAILY WORDS FOR ZION WAYFARERS

By J.C. Philpot (Deceased)

September 9

*"But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God."—  
Hebrews x. 12*

It is a fundamental article of our most holy faith that *the man* Christ Jesus is now at God's right hand, a very man, not a shadowy aerial substance. "There is one God, and one Mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." God looks at him as such with eyes of intense delight, with ever new approbation and love; and views him as the representative of all that are interested in him; he being the Head, the church the members; he is the Bridegroom, the Church the bride; he is the great High Priest, and the Church the house of God. As living for her at the right hand of the Father, he is ever presenting on her behalf the validity of his intercession. The fact, the reality that he is there, is the Church's joy, as it is all her hope and all her boast. "Because I live, ye shall live also." To him, then, do we direct our prayers; on his glorious Person we fix our believing eyes; upon his blood we hang our hope; under his righteousness we ever desire to shelter; to feel his presence, taste his grace, experience his love, and know his power, is what our soul, under divine teaching, is ever longing for. See, then, the grounds of holy boldness for a poor sinner to enter into the holiest. Blood has been shed, which blood has the validity of Godhead stamped upon it. A new and living way has been consecrated, in which a living soul may walk. A great High Priest is set over the house of God, who is ever presenting the merits of his intercession. Then, those who feel their need of him, who cannot live and dare not die without him, whose eyes are upon him and hearts towards him, are encouraged to enter with all holy boldness into the holiest, that they may have communion with Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

"Cast thy burdens upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee..." (Psalm 55:22)

**IS GOD'S ELECTING LOVE UNRIGHTEOUS?**

By Elder Guy Hunt (Deceased)

So often people try to down the doctrine of God, as pertains to his choice and election, when actually if we stop and think of its beauty, we wouldn't change it, if we could.

Eph. 1:4, "According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love."

We should not forget that he chose us. Since he chose us before the foundation of the world, we were not around to take part in the choice, nor to advise about his choice. For what reason did he choose us? Note carefully that we should be holy and without blame before him in love. If he chose us for that purpose, and he does not take the necessary steps to carry out his purpose, then God has failed. If he does not fail, but instead carries out his purpose, we can say according to this scripture, that our accomplishments or failures in life had nothing to do with it, because God did the choosing before the world was with foundation.

Rom. 9:13-16, "As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated. What shall we say then? Is there unrighteousness with God? God forbid. For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. So then, it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that showeth mercy."

Let him that sayeth that God is unjust or unrighteous tread lightly, else he be found disputing with God. Let us see the beauty of the scriptures above. **Love is discriminatory.** If it does not single out an object of affection to distinguish it from the entirety, it is not love. If God's electing love is unrighteous, then so were you when you chose your wife or husband. Why didn't you just marry anyone, or the first one that came along? Or better still, why didn't you just call a group of the opposite sex together, and just make this statement: "I love you all just alike, and I'll marry either of you, if you will just come with me."

This, of course, is foolish. Yet, God is accused of this type of foolishness. We know we will have our choice, if we have the power. God has the power. See Rom. 8:28-31. If it is possible for love to be universal, why don't you feel toward every man or woman like you do your wife or husband—or every nation like you do America? Would you be willing to fight or die for Russia like you would America? Why do you have a special love for your parents above other parents? Why do you feel like your children are the prettiest, sweetest and most precious children in the world? Are you unrighteous because you don't feel the same to one and all alike? Of course not, *because love is discriminatory.*

Are you being unrighteous, if you buy and give your wife a pretty dress and don't buy the neighbor woman, or a stranger, or enemy, one just like it? You haven't done any harm toward the one's you didn't buy a dress for, you just did a special favor for your wife, *because of discriminatory love.*

It is the misunderstanding of love, and the thought that it should be universal, together with the disrespect of the obligations of love that leads to fornication, adultery, and divorce. It breeds criminals by not disciplining children in the home and in the school. It lands parents without cause in the care of the state. It causes people to feel we have as much obligation to the people of Russia, Africa, or Asia as to the people of America. It causes people to feel like one church is just as good as another.

God's love is not unrighteous. If it is, then, your love is also unrighteous. Though the Bible says God is not unrighteous, and that should be sufficient, yet many condemn Primitive Baptists for believing it. I have merely tried to point to our own experience for the beauty of the choice, and obligations of pure love. Love is the foundation of all things worthwhile. Love will provide for its own with all the power a person has. With God that power is all sufficient. Rom. 8:38,39, "For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

I hope this poor mortal is embraced in the everlasting arms of God's discriminating love, and if so, I will be privileged to live with the redeemed family in eternity with God, (June, 1963).

(From "The Best Of Elder Guy Hunt")

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**DO A KINDNESS**

(From "Memories of Long Ago" by Elder R.H. Pittman)

Do a kindness—do it well; angels will the story tell.

Do a kindness—tell it not; angel hands will mark the spot.

Do a kindness—though no story it may grace, 'twill ring in glory.

Do a kindness—though 'tis small, angel voices sing it all.

Do a kindness—never mind! What you lose the angels find.

Do a kindness—small or great; 'twill come back double weight.

Do a kindness—never fret, no good deed has been lost yet.

Do a kindness—do it now, angels know it all, somehow.

Do a kindness—any time, angels weave it into rhymes:

Kindly deeds and thoughts and words,

Bless the world like songs and birds.—Selected

**SPIRITUAL VALUES**

By Elder Virgil F. Lowrance (Deceased)

Subject: Spiritual values or "true riches."

Scripture text: Matthew 6:19-21 – *"Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth..."*

What is it upon which we place the greatest **value** or **estimate**? What is the **rule** or **law** by which we determine the things of greatest importance or value? Upon what do we spend the greatest amount of time, and for what purpose? These questions are designed to help us become aware of the nature of our treasures. Giving time and thought to gathering in store earthly possessions is not condemned. It is the extent of time and effort devoted to these things, and for what purpose. Inordinate desire for selfish reasons and more time than is justifiable to use to the benefit of our fellow man and the glory of God is commendable in the sight of God and all good men (Ephesians 4:28; Acts 20:35; I Timothy 6:17-18).

The parable that Jesus spoke (Luke 12:16-21) was not condemning the man because his land had produced bountifully, but because of his carnal, self-centered attitude. "So is he that layeth up TREASURES for HIMSELF, and is not RICH TOWARD GOD." (Emphasis mine. V.F.L.)

This attitude denies God the thanks, honor, and praise that are His due and our fellow man the helping hand that is our duty and privilege; also, our own soul the spiritual growth and stored-up treasure that we shall need in time to come. All such are spiritually bankrupt and are sure to come to want!

On the other hand, all those who are "rich toward God" are those who have been "laying up treasures in heaven." They are rich in **spiritual experiences**, spiritual growth, and deeds of kindness. They are *"...laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come."* (1 Timothy 6: 19)

That time is **sure** to come; when life runs out into the depths of deep sorrow, deep afflictions, when *"Deep calleth unto deep..."* (Psalm 42:7). If there is no response, if there is "nothing but a vast indifference," it is because they are spiritually bankrupt!

*"Bread of deceit is sweet to a man; but afterwards his mouth shall be filled with gravel."* (Proverbs 20:17) *"Stolen waters are sweet, and the bread eaten in secret is pleasant. But he knoweth not that the dead are there; and that her guests are in the depths of hell."* (Proverbs 9:17,18)

On the other hand, *"Bread cast upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days"* (Ecclesiastes 11:1). Verse 6: *"In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thy hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall alike be good."* *"Moreover the profit of*

*the earth is for all: the king himself is served by the field."* (5,9)

Finally, consider what Jesus said about a man gaining the whole world and losing his own soul (Matthew 16:28)!

From "Oasis" and "Advocate and Messenger"  
December 30, 1969

(From "Autobiography and Selected Writings of  
Elder Virgil F. Lowrance")

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**ENOCH TRANSLATED**

April 1, 1924

Brother E. E. Huddleston, Rienzi, Miss., asks us to give our views of Gen. v. 24 and Heb. xi. 5. The first reference says, "And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him." The later reference says, "By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God has translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God." Enoch was a servant and a true prophet of God, who walked humbly before the Lord and obeyed His commands. His obedience did not make him a child of God nor a prophet. God made him that. Then he was an obedient, and not a disobedient, child of God. "He walked with God." Then the Lord translated him. He was taken up to heaven without going through the ordeal of death—simply changed and carried home to glory. That is the same thing as will occur with all the Lord's children who are alive and remain on the earth when He comes again to gather His jewels home. "We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed." This is our understanding of the references, expressed in as few words as we know how. We haven't the time to write at length, but felt to say just a few words on the matter. We are very much behind with our work and are trying to catch up. C.H.C.

(From "The Editorial Writings of C.H. Cayce", Vol. IV)

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**TRUE RICHES**

The greatest legacy one can pass on to one's children and grandchildren is not money or other material things accumulated in one's life, but rather a legacy of character and faith."—Billy Graham

It is certain that the truth of the Christian faith becomes more evident the more the faith itself is known. Therefore, the doctrine should not only be in Latin but also in the common tongue, and as the faith of the Church is contained in the Scriptures, the more these are known in the true sense, the better.—John Wycliffe

**BIBLE FILL IN THE BLANK**

1. I fasted and wept for who can tell whether God will be \_\_\_\_\_ to me that the child may live said David. II Sam. 12:22
2. Hath God forgotten to be \_\_\_\_\_? Hath he in his anger shut up his tender mercies? Psalm 77:9
3. The Lord is my light and my \_\_\_\_\_; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be \_\_\_\_\_? Psalm 27:1
4. We know that we have \_\_\_\_\_ from death unto life because we love the brethren. 1 John 3:14
5. Behold, God is my salvation; I will \_\_\_\_\_ and not be afraid for the Lord Jehovah is my strength and my song. Isaiah 12:2
6. But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God \_\_\_\_\_, hereby we know that we are in him. 1 John 2:5
7. For we are made \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end. Hebrews 3:14
8. And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will \_\_\_\_\_ me unto his heavenly kingdom. 2 Tim. 4:18
9. And we desire that every one of you will shew the same diligence to the full \_\_\_\_\_ of hope unto the end. Hebrews 6:11
10. For when God made promise to Abraham, because he could \_\_\_\_\_ by no greater, he \_\_\_\_\_ by himself. Hebrews 6:13

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**IN WHAT BOOK OF THE BIBLE ARE THESE VERSES?**

1. Therefore I will look unto the Lord; I will wait for the God of my salvation: my God will hear me.
2. And I will satiate the soul of the priests with fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my goodness, saith the Lord.
3. For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead.
4. To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein He hath made us accepted in the beloved.

*(Answers on Page 9)***OUT OF THE MOUTH OF BABES**

Our grandson, Isaac Wise, is two years old and likes Cheese Puffs which is a softer version of Cheetos. We usually treat him to a few Cheese Puffs when he is done eating at Papa's house. Recently he was eating his lunch and his Nana told him to eat all his food for she had a surprise for him. I think it was some kind of candy or something. Isaac thinks otherwise and this is his version of a surprise. He says "A big puff?"—*Editor*

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**EXCERPTS  
GLAD TIDINGS READER LETTERS**

Dear Elder Wise,

We hope you and yours are doing well. We receive "Glad Tidings" every month and enjoy it immensely. Thank you for all the effort you put into it for us to enjoy.

Please find a check to help cover the cost. May God continue to bless you in the coming year.

By grace,  
Wilbur Harris  
Trenton, OH

Bro. Larry,

Thank you for getting the Glad Tidings to us each month. I so enjoy reading the words of wisdom of our present and past Elders.

God bless you and your sweet family. Thanks.  
Dianne & Sonny Phillips  
Guntown, MS

Dear Elder Larry Wise,

I appreciate you and your Glad Tidings so much. I appreciate the effort by you and your family to faithfully publish it. I read it every month and many times reread the issues.

Pray for us at Sharon Church. We recently had our church building broken into (Nov. 2016) by thieves and all the edibles were taken. All paper products, de humidifier, an antique arm chair, microwave.

The Bibles were not taken. (wonder why—*Editor*) We plan to have service the second Sunday each month, God willing.

I hope this finds you and your family well.  
May God be with you.

In Christian Love,  
Eloyce Noel  
Sharon Church  
Fenton, MO

Brother Larry,

We love your paper and hope this donation will help with expenses.

Chewalla PBC  
Potts Camp, MS  
Donald Ash, Clerk.

**CHURCH NEWS**

Macedonia Primitive Baptist Church, Ackerman, MS will be hosting its Spring Fellowship Meeting during the 4th weekend in February, from February 24-26, 2017. This will be an open meeting, so we invite all minister brethren to come be with us this weekend. Services will be Friday, Feb. 24, at 10:00am, followed by lunch, 1:30pm afternoon services. Same schedule and times for services on Saturday, Feb. 25. Meeting will conclude on Sunday, Feb. 26 with services at 10:30 am followed by lunch. Everyone is invited to come worship with us throughout this weekend. Elder David Wise is Pastor of Macedonia.

February 3rd.-4th. 2017---SW Alabama Fellowship Meeting and Deacon Ordination Service. Hosted by: Galilee PBC, Stapleton, AL. Guest Ministers: Elder Ricky Harcrow, AL. and Elder Lonnie Mazingo, Jr., MS. Services Friday Evening: 6:30pm. Saturday: 10:00am. Lunch at noon. Regular Services on Sunday at 10:30am. 1:30pm - Ordination Service for Brother Maylon Hunt as a Deacon of Galilee. For more information contact: Elder Bobby Willis, 251-709-6816 or [sharethewordwillis@gmail.com](mailto:sharethewordwillis@gmail.com)

March 23rd. - 26<sup>th</sup> 2017. Gulf Coast Fellowship Meeting Hosted by: Bethel PBC, Bonifay, FL. Thursday Night: Services at 6:00pm. Refreshments afterwards. Friday: Services at 10:00am., 1:30pm., 6:30pm. Meals at noon and 5:30pm. Saturday: Services at 10:00am. and 1:30pm. Lunch at noon. Sunday: Worship at 10:30am. For more information Please contact: Elder Bobby Willis, Pastor at - [sharethewordwillis@gmail.com](mailto:sharethewordwillis@gmail.com)

Everyone is invited to the annual meeting at Mt. Hebron Primitive Baptist Church, Caledonia, MS the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in March, 2017 (Mar. 10-12). Services Friday, Mar. 10, at 10:00 am followed by lunch and afternoon services at 1:30 p.m. Same schedule for Saturday, Mar. 11. Regular services on Sunday at 10:30 am. For more information contact Elder Cris Hollingsworth (601)741-2505

Clear Springs Primitive Baptist Church. Maben, MS will have its annual meeting the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in March 2017 (Mar. 17-19). Services Friday night, Mar. 17, at 7:00 p.m. preceded by sandwich supper at 6:00 p.m. Sat., Mar. 18, at 10:00 a.m. followed by lunch and after noon services. Sunday at 10:30 a.m. followed by lunch. Elder David Blair is Pastor of Clear Springs.

"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD. Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem. Jerusalem is builded as a city that is compact together." (Psalm 122:1-3)

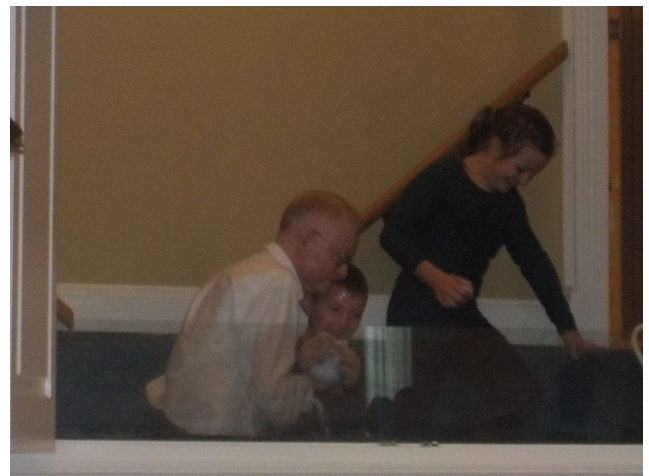
**CHURCH NEWS**

Enon Primitive Baptist Church, Houston, MS will have its annual meeting the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in March, 2017 (Mar. 3-5). Services Friday night, Mar. 3, at 7:00 pm. No supper. Saturday, Mar. 4, at 10:30 am followed by lunch and afternoon services at 1:30 pm. Elder Ronald Lawrence, Nashville, TN is invited minister. Elder Calvin Warren is Pastor of Enon.

Macedonia Primitive Baptist Church Ackerman, MS was blessed to ordain Brother Jeffrey Weeks (Center in white shirt) to the office of deacon on Saturday December 10, 2016. The following is a picture of those elders and deacons that constituted the presbytery. Elder Philip Conley, prayed ordination prayer; Elder David Wise (Pastor) questioned Brother Weeks, and Elder Tony Lester delivered the charge. Elder Mark Quarles served as clerk of Presbytery.



Elder Larry Wise concluding the baptism of Sister Carol Anne Wise and Brother Hudson Wise into the fellowship of Bethany Primitive Baptist Church, Ecu, MS as its newest members on Christmas Day, December 25, 2016.



"And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord." (Acts 22:16). Ananias said this to Saul of Tarsus after his Damascus road experience.

**ACT YOUR AGE**

Elder Larry Wise  
Randolph, Mississippi

I saw this statement on a media site that said, "I cannot act my age, I've never been this age before." I'm sure we have heard or maybe we have been told at some point in our early years that "we should act our age" or asked the question, "Why don't you act your age?" There is a certain behavior that is associated with age. A baby is expected to drink milk at the beginning. Then he or she advances to solid food. They start to crawl and then they learn to walk. If the child did not advance to this expectation, the parents would be worried. As age advances, more expectations of certain responsible behavior need to be realized.

These expectations also come in the realm of spiritual growth. We all start out as new born babes in Christ via the new birth. We are also new born babes in our knowledge of the word of God. The fact that we desire the word is evidence that we are new born. Peter writes, "Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings, As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby: If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious." (1 Peter 2:1-3). Proper growth expectation in the spiritual realm then could only come by laying aside all the worldly things mentioned by Peter.

There are certain character traits we are to maintain that are outside that normally associated with age. Children are expected to do one thing and adults are expected to do another thing. Paul writes in 1 Cor. 14:20: "Brethren, be not children in understanding: howbeit in malice be ye children, but in understanding be men." Paul gives a tremendous contrast between children and adults in regard to malice and understanding. Children aren't expected to understand as much as adults so adults are not to act like children in their understanding of the word of God. Conversely, they should act outside their age (as a child) with regard to malice. Children usually do not harbor grudges but quickly forget and go back to a normal association with friends and classmates. Adults sometimes are prone to go in the other direction. Here we are instructed both to act our age and not act our age and both have positive results.

How much have we grown as a member of the church? Do we act our age in the church regarding our spiritual growth and understanding? Have we progressed as our age in the church has increased? Just as a baby starts out on milk and advances to meat so do (or should) the children of God in their Christian walk with God. Paul writes of some people that needed to be taught again the basics. "For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles

of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil." (Heb. 5:12-14). Here were some people who were not acting their age in the service of God.

The house will never be built or finished if the foundation is the only thing that is laid. Our spiritual house is built on the foundation of Jesus Christ but that is just the beginning. Paul follows up his thought on milk and meat in the following sixth chapter of Hebrews. "Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God," The goal is to go on unto perfection; not forsaking the principles but using them to go forward toward growth and maturity.

Maybe we can act our age in service to God and influence others in our family and with whom we associate or with whom we come in contact. Fathers and mothers have an influence on their children as well as do grandparents. The children of Israel were commanded to take twelve stones from the midst of Jordan and place them on the other side where they were lodged. What was the purpose of these stones? "That this may be a sign among you, that when your children ask their fathers in time to come, saying, What mean ye by these stones? Then ye shall answer them, That the waters of Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD; when it passed over Jordan, the waters of Jordan were cut off: and these stones shall be for a memorial unto the children of Israel for ever." (Josh. 4:6-7). The Israelites passed over Jordan on dry land just as they did when they crossed the Red Sea by the mighty hand of God.

Children are an heritage of the Lord and grandchildren are the crown of old men according to the Bible. Solomon writes: "Children's children are the crown of old men; and the glory of children are their fathers." (Prov. 17:6). Here we see a spectrum of age and the blessing that accompanies each. Just because we naturally advance in age doesn't mean we cannot bear fruit to the glory of God. David tells us, "Those that be planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing;" (Psalm 92:13-14).

So are we acting our age? Does our conduct reflect our spiritual age as well as our natural age? We have no control over our natural age except through proper diet, exercise and honoring our father and mother. We have more control over our age in spiritual maturity in the house of God. Probing questions but worthy of our meditation.



**SEALED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT OF PROMISE**

By Elder T. L. Webb Sr. (Deceased)

*In whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise.- Eph 1:13.*

The people under consideration in the above text after they heard the word of truth trusted in Christ, thus manifesting the fact that they had previously been born of God, as I showed in my last article. Even so I shall endeavor to show that the new birth, or work of God in salvation, precedes the sealing with the holy Spirit of promise as is expressed in this text.

Because these people were not sealed with the holy Spirit of promise until after they believed, some conclude that salvation is uncertain and hinged on belief. But, my friends, this sealing under consideration is not salvation. These people would have lived eternally with Jesus in the glory world if they had never heard tell of this sealing. For proof of this statement I call your attention to Joh 5:24, "He that heareth my word and believeth on Him that sent me hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation, but is passed from death unto life." Many texts could be given that plainly show that those who believe are already in possession of eternal life and can never perish. Not only so, but this life was promised before the world began. Paul says, "In hope of eternal life, which God, who cannot lie, promised before the world began."- Tit 1:2.

The Bible teaches also that if one believes in Christ it is an evidence that the Spirit of God already dwells in him. "He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself."- 1Jo 5:10. "And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth."- 1Jo 5:6. So it is an evident fact that the people under consideration in the text at the head of this article possessed the Spirit of God even before this sealing of the holy Spirit of promise came. If so, there must be another sealing. The word seal, like other words, has more than one meaning. It means an impression, device, sign or mark given by statute law. It means that which confirms, ratifies or makes stable, a pledge, guaranty, assurance, etc. It means to guarantee security, as to seal a letter. It also means to determine irrevocably. In this way these people had been sealed in the mind and counsel of God before they believed or even existed. "Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are His."- 2Ti 2:19. David said, "My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them."- Ps 139:15-16. So I understand that even after regeneration there is a sealing takes place, and it is according to promise, too. It is the Spirit of God

bearing witness with our spirit that we are the children of God—the assurance of our interest in that final home of rest on the other shore. It is an earnest of the wonderful things there, which are prepared and reserved for all that love God. An earnest is something given beforehand as a pledge—a token of what is to come. We call it a foretaste of heaven. Yes, "tasted the good word of God and the powers of the world to come." Sometimes it seems, as the poet says, "Heaven comes down our souls to greet, and glory crowns the mercy seat." When the sweet Spirit of God comes into our hearts with the assurance of our acceptance in Him, then we are sealed with that holy Spirit of promise. Some sweet day we hope to drink from the living fountain of God's everlasting love and thirst no more.

Sometimes when tired and sad with the battles and conflicts of life, with no hope of anything much so far as this world is concerned, we feel that when our little work is done here, we will really become anxious to depart and be with Christ.

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

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**ANSWERS  
IN WHAT BOOK OF THE BIBLE  
ARE THESE VERSES**

1. Micah (Micah 7:7)
2. Jeremiah (Jer. 31:14)
3. II Corinthians (II Cor. 5:14)
4. Ephesians (Eph. 1:6)

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**RISE AGAIN**

"Here it appears either Paul or Barnabas went too far. It must have been a violent disagreement to separate two associates who were so closely united. Indeed, the text indicates as much.

"Such examples are written for our consolation: for it is a great comfort to us to hear that great saints, who have the Spirit of God, also struggle. Those who say that saints do not sin would deprive us of this comfort.

"Samson, David, and many other celebrated men full of the Holy Spirit fell into grievous sins. Job and Jeremiah cursed the day of their birth; Elijah and Jonah were weary of life and desired death.

"No one has ever fallen so grievously that he may not rise again. Conversely, no one stands so firmly that he may not fall. If Peter (and Paul and Barnabas) fell, I too may fall. If they rose again, I too may rise again."—Martin Luther

"Rejoice not against me, O mine enemy: when I fall, I shall arise; when I sit in darkness, the LORD shall be a light unto me." (Micah 7:8)

**EXHORTATION TO MINISTERS**

By Elder Lee Hanks (Deceased)

*"In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity, Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you." (Titus 2:7-8)*

Paul as a father in the ministry was writing Titus his own son in the common faith. Paul loved young preachers and knowing the weakness of the flesh most tenderly exhorted Titus how he should live for his good and the good of His Master's cause. It is useless to tell others how to live, if he does not keep under his own body, mortify the deeds of the flesh, and so live as to be a pattern in his ministerial life to the ones whom he teaches. The servant of God should be blameless, not self-willed. This will injure a minister to be self-willed-thinks he knows it all and will not listen to reason or the advice of others. He must not so act as to carry out his own designs, right or wrong when he knows it will divide the church. He had better be humble and not be too hasty in his actions, but weigh matters well, and most prayerfully to. Don't get in a hurry. Many have to retrace their steps by acting hastily. Jesus gave us a good pattern. There was a devil in the church and Jesus knew it, but just waited and Judas went out and hanged himself. The preacher must not be seen angry. A mad preacher is dangerous-his reason is dethroned. He wants to justify himself in all he does. If there is trouble in the church, the first thing for all to do is to get in a good humor, then the matter can be adjusted. The preacher should be a pattern of good works-works that God has ordained and such as are authorized by the Scriptures. He should live and teach all Scriptural works, but no more.

In doctrine, he should speak such things which become sound doctrine. Be sure to contend earnestly for the faith (doctrine) once delivered to the saints. We should not neglect the sound, fundamental principles of grace, Predestination, Election, Special Redemption, Effectual Calling, Final Glorification in Heaven of all the redeemed. The Primitive Baptists are all the people that will contend for those principles, and I trust they will continue to teach Bible doctrine, free from extremes, prefixes or suffixes. If all of our preachers will preach the truth in love, we will have peace and unity in the church.

The preacher should possess gravity. He should reverence his profession—not be engaged in light, filthy conversation. He has the highest calling of any one on earth. Much is expected of him. He should be sincere in what he says or does, remembering that he is amenable to God for all of his acts. In preaching the doctrine or practice his teaching should be sound and in harmony with the Bible. And he must not decide that God has made him a regulator and he

has to remodel the old church and correct the mistakes of the fathers even if it tears the church into atoms. This is a bad spirit. Beware of the spirit of Diotrephes, who loveth to have the preeminence among them, and receiveth us not. (3 John 9). He was an ambitious man, wanting to govern everything according to his will. He is ready to put up bars against good brethren, if they do not say and do everything according to his dictates. He will soon run his course. None should feel that they are standards for the household of faith. Preachers should not sow seeds of discord. If they have trouble let it stay there. Don't preach or talk about it. Let each section of the country manage their own discipline. Beware of jealousy. It is as cruel as the grave. There is room in the church for all of God's humble servants. We need all. Don't neglect your faithful old ministers who have hazarded their lives for the cause. Let us pray without ceasing. Let brotherly love continue.

Lee Hanks

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**VALUE OF THE BIBLE**

An unknown writer said, "This Book is the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers. Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding; its histories are true, and its decisions are immutable. Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword, and the Christian's character. Here paradise is restored, heaven opened, and the gates of hell disclosed. Christ is its grand subject, our good its design, and the glory of God its end. It should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet. Read it slowly, frequently, prayerfully. It is a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory, and a river of pleasure. Follow its precepts and it will lead you to Calvary, to the empty tomb, to a resurrected life in Christ; yes, to glory itself, for eternity."

--Source Unknown

Be true to yourself, help others, make each day your masterpiece, make friendship a fine art, drink deeply from good books - especially the Bible, build a shelter against a rainy day, give thanks for your blessings and pray for guidance every day.—John Wooden

2 Timothy 3:15

"And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus."

### THE OTHER SALVATION

By Elder Rickey Taylor  
Booneville, Mississippi

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

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

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

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

Our above text is stating and making a distinction between the two salvations that are mentioned in the text. Observe the latter part of our verse: "that they may **also** obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus **with** eternal glory."

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

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

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

May God bless you.

Elder Rickey Taylor

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### A LITTLE MORE

A little more kindness & a little less creed,  
A little more giving & a little less greed;  
A little more smile & a little less frown,  
A little less kicking a man when he's down.

A little more "we" & a little less "I,"  
A little more laugh & a little less cry;  
A few more flowers on the pathway of life,  
And fewer on graves at the end of the strife.

--Anonymous

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### SEVENTEEN YEARS AND COUNTING

It is hard to believe but this year of 2017 begins the seventeenth year I have attempted to edit and also publish Glad Tidings. I was persuaded by Brother Toy Wise to do this after E.D. McCutcheon passed away who published Glad Tidings which then was a four page newsletter going to brothers and sisters across the country. I gradually expanded it to its present eleven page format. Many challenges and changes occurred over the years but thanks to the Lord and the many faithful brothers and sisters and churches that have supported Glad Tidings with their financial donations and prayers the paper continues to go forward. Lord willing, I will continue as long as finances and health permit. I solicit all prayers when you go to the throne of grace. God bless!—*Editor*

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