

# Glad Tidings

June

*"Buy the truth, and sell it not." (Prov. 23:23)*

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

*Philippians 4:13*

*I Corinthians 15:19*

## FROM THE PASTORS DESK

We have a Heavenly Father who is able to do for us far more than any natural father. He is able to do exceeding abundantly above all we are able to ask or think. We are commanded to honor our father and mother but how much more our Heavenly Father! "Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live?" (Heb. 12:9). There is a song that says "life is worth the living just because He lives." Jesus was God made manifest in the flesh and being in subjection to His Heavenly Father was crowned with glory and honor and exalted at the right hand of God the Father.

Our Heavenly Father clothes us with clothing that could not possibly be attained by sinners whose righteousness is described as nothing but filthy rags. We can rejoice with the prophet Isaiah who proclaims "I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness..." (Isa. 61:10). Adam tried sinful man's clothing in the form of aprons of fig leaves and it was insufficient. God had to make coats of skins to cover their nakedness.

Our Heavenly Father has provided a home in heaven and immortal glory for us as His bride and we will all dwell there forever some sweet day. The sheep that will be on His right hand in that final day will hear Jesus say, "...Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." (Matt. 25:34). Jesus told the disciples that if He went away He would come again and receive them unto Himself that where He is they may be also. (John 14:3). Where is He? He is exalted at the right hand of God as the Lamb of God.

Our Heavenly Father has also provided a home in the earth called the church where His people can praise and worship Him in Spirit and in truth. The church is the called out people of God who meet and worship Him in Spirit and truth. For anyone to enter into this fellowship of assembly of saints there must be a submission to the Father's will to experience a life of service to the Lord. Jesus said, "The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." (John 10:10)

Our Heavenly Father provides the natural and spiritual food that we need to sustain us. He provided Manna in the wilderness for the Israelites to satisfy their hunger and they wondered, "what is it?" Jesus is the manifestation of that Manna as He declares, "I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world." (John 6:51). We find this spiritual food in the gospel as it is preached by His faithful ministers as He told Peter, "Feed my lambs, feed my sheep, feed my sheep." Brethren this food is for the church as Paul instructs all the elders at Ephesus. "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood." (Acts 20:18). He is the Jehovah-jireh as One that provides or in the mount of the Lord it shall be seen.

Our Heavenly Father commands us to trust Him for time and eternity. He knows our needs before we ask but we may sometimes be of little faith and wonder how we will be sustained; however, Jesus invites us to consider the lilies that do not toil or spin to be arrayed in their beauty, but the God of glory clothes them. Then Jesus says, "Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?" (Matt. 6:30). We are far more valuable than lilies of the field and sparrows that fall to the ground. He has provided something for us that is beyond this life that hasn't been granted them.

Our Heavenly Father gives instructions for us in the Bible that we may know how to conduct our lives to honor Him. When they are followed, we experience a blessing but when we turn aside we can expect the chastening hand of God. This is all because of His love for us as we read in Heb.12:6: "For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth." "As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent." (Rev. 3:19). If we give our natural fathers reverence, how much more should we give our Heavenly Father reverence and be in subjection to Him. His name is worthy of reverence. The word reverend is only mentioned once in the Bible. "He sent redemption unto his people: he hath commanded his covenant for ever: holy and reverend is his name." (Psa 111:9). Only His name is reverend! (Elder Larry Wise)

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**BEING CONFIDENT**  
By Elder George Walker  
1943-2011

We read in Philippians chapter 1, verse 6, "Being confident of this very thing, that he which has begun a good work in you will perform it, until the day of Jesus Christ." I suppose that I have read this many times and preached on it a few times and as I read this verse this morning, it took on a new and deeper meaning than I have ever seen before.

We have always seen the eternal working of Christ in our lives through regeneration, or the term being born again or being quickened by the Holy Spirit and made alive in Jesus Christ showing that this is the work of God, that it is an eternal work, that we can not finally fall away eternally, because we are preserved and kept in Jesus Christ. This in itself is a beautiful and wonderful doctrine that we can believe and it is sure and steadfast. This is our hope, our assurance, our confidence; this causes our hearts to rejoice in the finished work of Christ.

Then this morning I began to see that a practical lesson was also being taught, that through the working of grace in our lives, through him that has begun a good work in us can and will enable us to serve him in a church capacity way. In verse 1, Paul speaks or writes to the saints at Philippi, with the

bishops and deacons. These two offices are just as much a part of the assembly of the saints.

Paul says that I thank God for all of you, for every remembrance of you, always making request with joy for you in every prayer. Thanking God for your fellowship in the gospel. 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. Then in verse 9, 10 and 11 Paul says, "And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment. That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Jesus Christ; Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God." This good work of grace that is worked in the heart that assures us and gives us confidence that we are the children of God. This same work of grace causes each and every member of the church, the pastor of the church, the deacons of the church to have a desire to serve one another, that our love for one another may abound and that it may abound in knowledge and in all judgment.

The Lord did not work a work of grace in our hearts and then leave us to our own devices. This work of grace is a work that is in us, a work that causes us, helps us, gives us more knowledge and gives us a spirit of judgment that we are able to approve things that are excellent; that we may be sincere and without offence till the day of Jesus Christ. Being filled with the fruits of righteousness. Oh what a blessed Savior we have that performs and keeps performing, working in us both to will and to do of his own good pleasure. Let us pray today that we are able to work out what God has worked in, that we can be in unity with one another, that we can have only one goal and one purpose in life and that is to honor Christ as King of kings and Lord of lords.

**WEATHER REPORTS**

By Elder George Walker (Deceased)

Thursday, June the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2005 under cloudy skies, light wind with the temperature at 64.6 degrees after 2.2 inches of rain the past 48 hours.

"And I beseech you, brethren, suffer the word of exhortation: for I have written a letter unto you in few words." (Hebrews 13:22)

I do not suppose that hearing the words of exhortation is pleasant at the moment it comes to our ears, yet Paul says: "I beg you to suffer the words of exhortation." As we think about what is being said, think about the hidden message that it brings, think about the concern of the brethren that brings it and to think about the end results it might bring helps us to suffer it and allow it to sink in. Every gospel message should be to the hearer as if God was speaking to you himself. Now I trust that you understand that I am

speaking of every true gospel message that is being preached. So much of the time we hear the word of exhortation and our minds entertain the idea that those that need this message is not here to hear it. You see a true gospel message is to you the hearer and if we would first examine ourselves when the message comes we could all very well say; "Yes I am guilty, I needed that message, I needed that word of exhortation and surely the Lord sent that message to me."

(The two preceding articles by Elder George Walker are from "Zion's Lamp" April, 2016)

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**THROUGH BACA'S VALE**  
**Daily Words for Zion's Wayfarers**

By J.C. Philpot (Deceased)  
 June 11

*"But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength."*—Isaiah xl. 31.

How different the religion of a living soul is from the religion of a dead professor! The religion of a dead professor begins in self, and ends in self; begins in his own wisdom, and ends in his own folly; begins in his own strength, and ends in his own weakness; begins in his own righteousness, and ends in his own damnation. There is in him never any song out of soul after God, no secret dealings with the Lord, no actings of faith upon the divine perfections. But the child of God, though he is often faint, weary, and exhausted with many difficulties, burdens and sorrows; yet when the Lord does shew himself, and renews his strength, he soars aloft, and never ceases to mount up on the wings of faith and love till he penetrates into the very sanctuary of the most High. A living soul never can be satisfied except in living union and communion with the Lord of life and glory. Everything short of that leaves it empty. All the things of time and sense leave a child of God unsatisfied. Nothing but vital union and communion with the Lord of life, to feel his presence, taste his love, enjoy his favour, see his glory—nothing but this will ever satisfy the wants of ransomed and regenerated souls. This the Lord indulges his people with. *"They renew their strength."* They shall not be always lying groaning on the ground, not always swooning away through the wounds made by sin, not always chained down by the fetters of the world, not always hunted in their souls like a partridge upon the mountains. There shall be a renewal of their strength; and in their renewal, "they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."

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"Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD." (Psalm 27:14)

**TO OBEY IS BETTER THAN SACRIFICE**

By Elder A.D. Wood (Deceased)

The Lord has demanded His people in every age to follow His directions or obey Him. A departure from the commandments given was displeasing unto the Lord. "Now go and smite Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and spare them not; but slay both man and woman, infant and suckling, ox and sheep, camel and ass." What did Saul do? He saved Agag, the king, the best of the sheep, oxen, and the lambs. He did only part of what the Lord told him to do. Saul is recognized as turning back from following the Lord and "...hath not performed my commandments." It is sin to leave undone things you are commanded to do, as well as other sins of disobedience. He spared the oxen and sheep to sacrifice unto the Lord. The Lord's answer, "...behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams."

This reminds me of some religious people in our day. It is alright to play Bingo (gamble) if it is given to the church or used to support such services. It just about established the fact that they do not believe the Bible as how to give to the church and its support. "Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even to so do ye. Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gathering when I come."

If it is right to gamble, dance, and a lot of other things, in church buildings, what is the difference in churches than those who are on the outside, when many of them are doing the same things. It just means to me that all are in the same basket-of-the-world and following the things of the world. To be a disciple of Christ, or His follower, you will have to live separate from the things of the world. His followers are taught to be blameless in this verse: "That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as light in the world." Now, churches and their members who do as the worldly people do and their light shines before the wicked world, does not the same light shine with the crooked nation? If one shines, the other being the same in their walk and manner of life, do not both shine in the same way? Yes, both of the world. To let your light so shine, it will have to be a different way of life to the world and things of the world. Just any old way is not pleasing unto God. We should walk in a way that is pleasing unto God.

*"The Christian Baptist" May 1980.*

(From "In The Master's Service" October, 2012)

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"He taught me also, and said unto me, Let thine heart retain my words: keep my commandments, and live." (Proverbs 4:4)

**LIKE THE BEASTS THAT PERISH**

By Elder Guy Hunt (Deceased)

Ps. 49:12, “Nevertheless man being in honor abideth not; he is like the beasts that perish.”

David was not speaking of the difference or the similarity of the eternity of man and beast, but of the simple assertion that no honor of man, just like no honor of the beast, will be transferred after death into the world beyond. When we understand this, we can better know how to serve and praise our Lord while we live in this world. We understand what it will take to land us safe and sure in heaven’s pure world.

Honor would certainly include anything that dignifies a person. This includes good works, keeping of laws, keeping of commandments, and living righteously. Unto those who feel that eternity with God is purchased or made sure by the honor or glory of good points of man, let us read together Ps. 49:17, “For when he dieth, he shall carry nothing away; his glory shall not descend after him.”

This is simple. A person’s glory shall not descend after him into the hereafter. This is not to infer that a good life is not profitable, but that we have no means to redeem our soul, or that of our brother for their redemption is precious. It took the blood of our precious Lord—not our honor—not our glory.

1 Pet. 1:24, 25, “For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away; but the word of the Lord endureth forever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.”

Our glory, our honor, is as the beast that perishes. All the glory and honor of all humanity combined cannot redeem a soul from the power of the grave. But there is a power that is able.

Psa. 49:15, “But God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave; for he shall receive me. Selah.”

But what is the general judgment? If our honor does not reach beyond the grave, surely dishonor does not. This is true as far as the children of God are concerned.

Heb. 8:12, “For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.” This is the righteousness of Jesus that clothes us, so as to present us without spot or blemish to God.

It seems here in the Psalm of David that mainly under consideration is that which is considered honor by the wisdom of the world. However, God is not guided by the wisdom of the world. Of those not blessed of God, does it mean there will be no eternal punishment? David was not here dealing with this part, and I certainly hope I have not given you an idea there would be no hereafter and eternal damnation, for in the very place we have the promise of one, we have the other.

John 5:28, 29, “Marvel not at this, for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth, they that have done good unto the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation.”

David does not say the sin and iniquities of the unrighteous (all those not blessed—thereby not clothed in the righteousness of Jesus—not cleansed by his blood according to his sovereign grace), will not be a stench in the nostrils of a righteous God. As even the honor of the righteous does not reach beyond the grave, most certainly no honor of the unrighteous shall, because their honor is non-existent in the eyes of a righteous God.

Heb. 11:6, “But without faith it is impossible to please him; for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.”

Rev. 20:12, “And I saw the dead small and great stand before God, and the books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged out of those things that were written in the books, according to their works.”

Here were books other than the Book of Life. Those whose names were written in the Book of Life were judged according to the book (the imputed righteousness of Jesus). Those who were judged from the other books (according to their works) were cast into the lake of fire. We should carefully note here that all those who were judged of their own works written in the books were cast unto the lake of fire.

If I am judged according to my own works, heaven I will never see. But I have a sweet hope that my name is written in the Book of Life, because of his great love. For he knew I would have no honor, which would reach beyond the grave.

Whether honor according to the obedience to God, or honor in the wisdom of the world, none of it is sufficient to land one poor sinner safely home. (Dec., 1964)

(From “*The Best of Elder Guy Hunt*”)

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**LIVE AND ALWAYS DO RIGHT**

I am not bound to win, but I am bound to be true. I am not bound to succeed, but I am bound to live by the light that I have. I must stand with anybody that stands right, and stand with him while he is right, and part with him when he goes wrong.—Abraham Lincoln

Character is like a tree and reputation like a shadow. The shadow is what we think of it, the tree is the real thing.—Abraham Lincoln

Might doesn’t make right.

**THE GOSPEL**

By Elder C.H. Cayce (Deceased)

The question has often been asked, "What is the gospel?" By consulting Webster's International Dictionary we find the following:

Gospel (Middle English, *gospel*, *god-spel*; Anglo Saxon; *godspell*; *god* God (probably an alteration of an original *god* good) plus *spell*, story, tale.) Glad Tidings; especially the good news concerning Christ, the kingdom of God, and salvation; hence, the teachings of Christ and the apostles as a body or system; the Christian faith, revelation, or dispensation.

From this we get the fact that the word *gospel* is a contraction of the word, *godspell*. This is probably a contraction of the two words, *good spell*. Good spell meant good news, The word *gospel*, then, means good news, glad tidings. In Romans i. 16, 17, Paul said, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith." The Greek word here translated *gospel* literally and primarily means glad tidings, and is so translated in the Interlinear. Wilson's Emphatic Diaglott renders the word the same way. Strong's Exhaustive Concordance defines the word as "a good message." Liddell & Scott's Unabridged Greek Lexicon tells us that the Greek word means "good tidings, good news. In a Christian sense, *the gospel*, the New Testament, etc.; though *Gos-pel* is probably *God's-spell*, not *good-spell*." Paul was not ashamed of the glad tidings of Christ, for "it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek." What Paul preached was Christ and Him crucified: "For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and Him crucified."—1 Cor. ii. 2. Paul proclaimed the glad tidings of salvation through Jesus Christ. Or, to express it in another way, Paul proclaimed the glad tidings of God's power to save, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Moses said, "I will publish the name of the Lord."—Deut. xxxii. 3. In proclaiming the good news, one publishes the name of the Lord. The Interlinear translation of 2 Cor. x. 14 says, "For to you also we came in the glad tidings of the Christ." This is the gospel of Christ.

"That we should be to the praise of His glory, who first trusted in Christ. In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise."—Eph. i. 12, 13. The Interlinear translation renders the text thus: "For us to be to the praise of His glory; who have fore-trusted in the Christ: in whom also ye, having heard the word of the truth, the glad tidings of your salvation—in whom also, having believed, ye were sealed with the Spirit of promise the Holy." The

Jews—the prophets and apostles—fore-trusted in Christ. They trusted in Christ before any of the Gentiles did. The church at Ephesus was a Gentile church, or made up of Gentile believers. They believed after they heard the glad tidings of their salvation by the power of God through Jesus Christ; that is, they were saved by the power of God, and this was through Jesus Christ. When they heard the glad tidings that they had been thus saved, or had been saved thus, then they believed; and, having believed, they were then sealed. The saving was first; then the glad tidings that they were saved was brought to them; then they believed; then they were sealed. A fact must exist before it is sealed. The sealing of a thing does not make it true, but the sealing of it is an assurance that it is true.

The glad tidings of salvation by the power of God through Jesus Christ makes believers of persons who have already been born again, or born from above. The tidings of the existence of a thing does not bring about the existence of that thing. The thing exists, and then the tidings of its existence may be brought to persons. Life is always imparted by a direct implantation of life. There is no such thing in all the realm of nature as life being imparted through a medium. The same thing is likewise true in grace, or else every law and principle of truth is reversed. All truth is always in harmony.

There is no end to this; but we stop here. May the Lord bless these thoughts to the good and benefit of the reader.

C. H. C.

(From "The Primitive Baptist", May 18, 1944)

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**For the Poor  
AN ALL POWERFUL GOD!  
(1952, January)**

How little does the world know of that intercourse which is carried on between heaven and earth! What petitions are presented, and what answers are received at the throne of grace! O the blessed privilege of prayer! O the wonderful love, care, attention, and power of our great Shepherd! His eye is always upon us. When our spirits are almost overwhelmed within us, He knoweth our path. His ear is always opened to us.

Let who will overlook and disappoint us, He will not! When means and hope fail, when everything looks dark to us, when we seem shut-up on every side, when we are brought to the lowest ebb, still our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth. To him all things are possible; and before the exertion of His power, when He is pleased to arise and work, all hindrances give way and vanish like a mist before the sun.

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**BIBLE FILL IN THE BANK**

1. And the child grew, and waxed strong in \_\_\_\_\_ filled with wisdom: and the \_\_\_\_\_ of God was upon him. (Luke 2:40)
2. And Paul chose Silas, and departed, being recommended by the brethren unto the \_\_\_\_\_ of God. (Acts 15:40)
3. According to the \_\_\_\_\_ of God which is given unto me as a \_\_\_\_\_ masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation and another buildeth. (I Cor. 3:10)
4. But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was \_\_\_\_\_ upon me was not in vain. (I Cor. 15:10)
5. We then as workers \_\_\_\_\_ with him, beseech ye also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain. (II Cor. 6:1)
6. I do not frustrate the \_\_\_\_\_ of God for if \_\_\_\_\_ come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain. (Galatians 2:21)
7. Whereof I was made a \_\_\_\_\_, according to the gift of the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, given unto me by the effectual working of his power. (Eph. 3:7)
8. For the grace of God that \_\_\_\_\_ salvation hath appeared unto all men teaching us, that denying ungodliness...(Titus 2:11-12)
9. Looking diligently lest any man \_\_\_\_\_ of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you...(Heb. 12:15)
10. Jesus was made a little lower than the \_\_\_\_\_ for the suffering of \_\_\_\_\_, crowned with glory and honor. (Heb. 2:9)

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

1. Exhort servants to be obedient to their own masters, and to please them well in all things; not answering again.
2. For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of truth of the gospel.
3. If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace which is given me to you-ward.

*(Answers on Page 8)***OUT OF THE MOUTH OF BABES**

It is our grandson Isaac Wise again: We were eating breakfast recently and I had given him some Frosted Flakes in a bowl and he was eating them. His uncle Joseph (age 17) reached over and got his bowl and made out as though he would eat them. Isaac pointed his finger at him five or six times while saying in a loud voice, "No, No No, and No, No No, and that means No!" I wonder where he heard that.—*Editor*

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**For the Poor - Poems and Songs  
THERE ARE TIMES (1954, February)**

There are times I'd like to write  
Something beautiful and bright;  
Making those who read feel glad,  
Cheering poor souls who are sad.

Could I but my thoughts outpour  
When my mind doth seem to soar  
Far above all earthly things  
And my heart feels glad and sings.

Buoyed up into the skies  
Visible—but not with eyes---  
Are the beauties, Oh, how sweet!  
But I'm soon dropped to my feet.

If I only could but stay  
In this realm of cloudless day!  
But as long as time shall be  
Tears shall be as well as glee.

—Alma Henderson; Enterprise, Ala.

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He can so manifest Himself to the soul, and cause His goodness to pass before it, that the affliction shall be the golden hour of the greatest consolation.

He is the fountain of life, strength, grace and comfort, and of His fullness His children receive according to their occasions. We have, therefore, cause for continual praise.

The Lord has given us to know His name, as a resting-place and a hiding-place, a sun and a shield. Circumstances and creatures may change, but He will be an unchangeable Friend! The way is rough, but He trod it before us; is now with us in every step we take; and every step brings us nearer to our heavenly home. Our present strength is small, and, without a fresh supply, would be quickly exhausted; but He has engaged to renew it from day to day. He will soon appear to wipe all tears from our eyes; and then we shall appear with Him in glory!—John Newton, in *Zion's Advocate*, October, 1898.

**CHURCH NEWS**

Please join us for our annual meeting at Raleigh Primitive Baptist Church, 3625 Austin Peay Highway, Memphis, TN 38128, June 16, 17, & 18, 2017. Services are as follows: Friday night, June 16, at 6:30 p.m.; Saturday, June 17, at 10:00 a.m., followed by lunch and afternoon services; Sunday, June 18, at 10:30 a.m., followed by lunch and fellowship. Invited ministers are Elder Ricky Harcrow from Alabama, and Elder Lonnie Mazingo from Southern Mississippi. Elder Chase Harrison is pastor at Raleigh. Please be in prayer that our meeting will be edifying to all in attendance and glorifying to our Lord and Savior.

Everyone is invited to the meeting at New Prospect Primitive Baptist Church, New Albany, MS the 1st weekend in June, 2017 (June 2-4). Service Friday night, June 2, at 7:00 p.m. Saturday night, June 3, supper at 5:30 p.m. and service at 7:00 p.m. Sunday at 10:30 a.m. followed by lunch. Elder Houston Patrick, Martin, TN is invited minister. Elder Grady Camp is Pastor of New Prospect.

Everyone is invited to the annual meeting at Yalobusha Primitive Baptist Church, Water Valley, MS the 4<sup>th</sup> weekend in June, 2017 (June 23-25). Services Friday night, June 23, at 7:00 p.m. Saturday morning June 24, at 1030 a.m. followed by lunch. Sunday at 10:30 a.m. followed by lunch. Elder Calvin Warren, Tupelo, MS is invited minister. Elder James Hall is pastor of Yalobusha.

New Hope Primitive Baptist Church, Hatley, MS invites everyone to our annual meeting, Friday-Sunday, June 9-11, 2017. This meeting will commemorate the 198<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the constitution of the church. Lord willing, the meeting will begin with supper at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, June 9, with the worship service at 7:00 p.m. Saturday service, June 10, will begin at 10:00 a.m. with lunch at noon, and afternoon service at 1:30 p.m. Sunday morning service will begin at 10:30 a.m. with lunch at noon. This will be an open meeting, and we encourage all of our preacher brethren who can to please come and be with us. The meeting house is located at 60267 Hatley Road, Amory, MS. Please remember us in prayer and visit us if possible. For more information, contact our pastor, Elder Tim Cunningham at (931) 231-0473.

Everyone is invited to Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church, Randolph, MS for their meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in July (July 14-16) Services Fri. night, July 14, at 7:00 p.m. Sat., July 15, at 10:30 a.m. with lunch and afternoon services. Elders Larry Wise, David Wise and Jonathan Wise are invited ministers. Elder Tom Bouchillon is Pastor of Hopewell.

**CHURCH NEWS**

Bethany Primitive Baptist Church was blessed on Sunday April 30 to have Brother John Taylor Wise come forward asking for a home in the church he had attended all his life. He is the son of Bro. Phillip Wise and Sis Deanna Wise. He was joyously received and his pastor, Elder Larry wise, is ready to baptize him in the picture below:



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**EXCERPTS  
GLAD TIDINGS READER LETTERS**

Dear Elder Wise,

A few of us here at New Hope Church have been blessed to visit several of the churches in our area. We would earnestly like you to visit us if possible. Pray for us when you go to God in prayer.

God Bless All,  
Sis. Evelyn Stanford  
Amory, MS

Dear Bro. Larry,

I hope this finds you and Sandra well. I am enjoying the sunshine.

Bro. Larry I love to read the Glad Tidings. It is such a blessing. I love the article on your Grandson Isaac; they are such a blessing. I enjoy my Grands.

Love,  
Pebble (Ewing)  
Oxford, MS

Dear Bro. Wise,

Thank you for the "Glad Tidings". Sandra always looked forward to receiving our copy. Raleigh church members enjoy the paper also.

In Christian Love,  
Bro. Howard Case  
Raleigh PBC  
Memphis, TN

Many thanks to all churches and individuals who do contribute to the publication of Glad Tidings.—*Editor*

**Food For Thought For Your Week**

December 12, 2016  
By Elder Clayton Nowell  
Headland, Alabama

**Let the Peace of God Rule**

Colossians 3:15 says, *“And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.”* God sent peace to earth when the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us. (Luke 2:14, John 1:14) Not the cessation of warring, but what would ultimately restore peace between God and His people. Jesus has wrought that peace for His people in dying for them upon Calvary’s cross. And, after the Holy Spirit has quickened us, enabling us to hear the things of God, the gospel speaks peace to our souls as we hear the good news of the great work Christ accomplished for us and of the peace we now have with God in Him. We will be eternally secure in that peace Jesus wrought for His people.

However, our text says “let” the peace of God rule in your heart. That tells us that there is a choice. That says things can hinder us from enjoying the blessings of it. That’s also why the next verse says to “let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.” If we will always remember Jesus, and what He has done for us, that should stir our hearts to thank God for that peace which He wrought for us and has placed within us. But, when we forget His word, and when we are so entangled with the affairs of this life that we don’t take time to think of Him or thank Him for His blessings, then what rules in our hearts will be the desires of the flesh. And, that brings trouble instead of peace. We’re then “grieving” the Holy Spirit by walking in the flesh, rather than walking in the Spirit. As Romans 8:6 tells us, *“For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.”*

Friends, spiritual life is something for which we should thank the Lord daily! And, the peace of God in our hearts is something else for which we should be thanking the Lord daily! So, as we go through our day, may God bless us to remember His word and to remember His work on the cross for us. May the remembrance of those things bring peace to our souls. And, may we offer thanksgivings to Him daily for all our blessings.

In the love of Christ,  
Elder Clayton Nowell

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

1. Titus (Titus 2:9)
2. Colossians (Col. 1:5)
3. Ephesians (Eph. 3:2)

**MY PEACE**

By Moses Denman (Deceased)

'MY PEACE I GIVE UNTO YOU' Joh 14:27.

Beloved Brethren and Kind Readers:

As I meditate tonight on the works and ways of God, and the duty of His beloved church, my heart goes out in humble love to Jesus and to you, with desire to speak to you of that peace which is the 'fruit of the Spirit.' And I pray God to increase my faith and love, subdue my pride, and lead me by His Spirit and word to be ever loyal to Him, and kind and loving to all. Observe, this peace is not forced upon us contrary to our will and prayer--it is given. God makes us willing, gives prayer and then gives peace to those who truly desire it. 'My peace I give unto you.' Sweet peace! Precious gift of Jesus! Thus you see, oh believer, that peace is as truly a blessing from God as any spiritual or natural benefit we enjoy. Then let us continually pray for the 'peace of Jerusalem.' It is only in obedience we are encouraged to hope for peace or any other blessing. How rich in mercy, when our God out of great grace and forbearance does often bless us even while we are sinning against Him, with fair bodily health, spiritual restraints from wrong thoughts, jesting or speaking evil of others, etc; yet, we know from the Scriptures and our own experience that sin separates between us and God, and in obedience we enjoy the more comfortable blessings of peace and love. 'If ye keep my commandments ye shall abide in my love.' Jno. xv. 10. Being led of the Spirit to turn from sin, (Ro 8:14,) and obey the commandments of God, (I Jno. iii. 24,) we are blessed in the deed. Jas 1:25. Praise the Lord in loving obedience, we enjoy peace with God and peace with men. Oh brethren, the one thing needful to remove contention and promote peace is love. The key note by which the sweet music of peace in our souls, and peace in the church must be enjoyed is love. We want more of that love which is proven by loyal obedience to Christ. For true love is an attribute of God and constrains unto prayer, virtue, kindness, patience, and the avoidance of strife and an overbearing disposition. Such true love is the gift of God, and is followed by peace. Oh brethren, from love and duty to God and His church, let us avoid hobbies and their extremes. If others become extreme on any subject, let us not be hasty in word or deed; but let us be patient and kind, 'clothed' and in our 'right mind.' God bless you. Yours in love and tribulation, M.D. DENMAN. Sparta, Tex.

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Peace that Jesus gives is not the absence of trouble, but is rather the confidence that He is there with you always.—Author Unknown



## THE SPIRITUAL KINGDOM

By Elder Rickey Taylor  
Booneville, Mississippi

“And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.”  
Luke 17:20-21

In the Old Testament days of Israel they were blessed with a powerful kingdom under David and his son Solomon. Beginning under the reign of Rehoboam, it would unravel and eventually fall to the Persian Empire. That powerful kingdom would for centuries be the measuring stick for a kingdom that Israel hoped to return to. This was the hope that the Jews had in the days of Christ here on earth. This was what was in the mind of the Pharisees when they ask the question in our scripture above. Would Israel have a mighty army, could Jerusalem become the once great city that it was? When will we see this great thing that we might examine it for ourselves?

In answering this question Christ would tell them they had his kingdom all wrong.

This kingdom will not be with observation! Observation here means with **an outward show**, so one could inspect it. You cannot inspect something that you cannot see. It would not be a kingdom sitting on a literal hill or a literal place. It would not be available for the inspection of the Pharisees. This kingdom is entirely different than the one Israel had in mind.

It was not an outward but an inward kingdom that would be within the heart of the children of God. This is the kingdom that Christ would say that was not of this world. (John 18:36). In order to be in this kingdom you would have to have a heart that was regenerated by the Spirit and could feel the great things of the kingdom.

It is a spiritual kingdom that no man could conquer and carry away its people to captivity.

“For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost”  
Romans 14:17. This verse further illustrates to us that it is a kingdom that is timely and one that is felt in the heart of God’s children.

Righteousness, peace, and joy are things that are felt inwardly from the heart. Righteousness means right wisdom. Seeing what is right in the eyes of God. It is the Spirit that communicates to us what is right with God. When we do righteousness that is from God the Spirit lets us know through our hearts that it is good what we are doing in God’s eyes. Then we feel peace and joy in our hearts. Peace comes into our hearts believing that Christ died for our sins and we have a home waiting for us in heaven. We know that God will not judge us according to our own

righteousness, which the Bible says is as filthy rags. He will see us through the righteousness of Christ and we will never lose our heavenly home, because it is not left up to us to live a perfect sinless life which we cannot do. Oh what sweet peace this gives us!

Joy is in our hearts knowing that we are not to labor to enter into the eternal kingdom, but labor to enter this timely kingdom in our hearts. Many of the children of God don’t make a distinction between the timely and the eternal kingdom. They confuse the eternal kingdom as one they have to labor to enter into someday. That is not true. It is this timely kingdom of heaven that we labor to enter into. Jesus took care of the eternal kingdom on the cross. It was God the Father who sent his Son to die for us to guarantee us a home in heaven. Yet many of his children don’t know that he has already done this; they think they have to labor to insure themselves a home in the eternal kingdom. This does not bring them joy, only anxiety as they wonder if they have done enough good to get them into glory. When a child of God is shown the unsearchable riches of Christ in the truth of salvation by grace, then it brings him joy unspeakable and full of glory to know that they have a home in glory by the shed blood of Christ.

In the timely kingdom of heaven that we labor to enter into, we read from the scripture what is needed from us to enter into it. When we do the works of righteousness we feel a peace and joy in knowing that we are in some small way pleasing God and bringing honor and glory to him.

In being in this kingdom and doing godly things we hold up the standard of Jesus Christ who is our king. In holding up that standard through our deeds and actions we show other children of God that are searching for this same kingdom, that this is where they need to be. Maybe then they will inquire of our joy and peace that they see that we have. Perhaps God will give us the liberty to tell the story of Jesus and his righteousness and what he accomplished on the cross. Just think, if they begin to see the kingdom of God and the peace and joy that will follow. Then we have a dear brother or sister in Christ that will rejoice as we rejoice, and God allowed us to be a little part of bringing them to a greater understanding of God!

There is such great joy for us here in the kingdom, such great peace that we can have here on this side of heaven. The eternal kingdom will be there for us; till then, let us labor to enter into the kingdom that is within that is righteousness, peace and joy.

Elder Rickey Taylor

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“The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it.” (Luke 16:16)

**OLD PATHS AND NEW**

By Elder T.L. Webb (Deceased)

The church of God is unlike all other religious institutions in the world, because it is unchangeable in faith and practice. If it were not so, it would soon cease to be the church of God. It is an executive body, and not a legislative body. It has no authority from the Bible to make laws for the government of God's children. But it does have this authority from Christ to obey the laws that He gave to the church in its incipiency. The church is authorized to "earnestly contend for the faith which was once (not twice) delivered unto the saints." But it is not authorized to create a new faith. When Christ set up the church, He knew that one form of doctrine and practice would be sufficient for all time to come. The faith that Christ delivered to the saints will not wear out. It will never become obsolete or out of date, but the world wants something new. The fact that Christ, who is the only Lawgiver for the church, has never delivered but one faith or form of doctrine and practice to the church, is sufficient evidence that all new systems of religion, which are continually changing in their faith and activities, are out of order and unscriptural.

How can any church prove that it is in line with Christ, and apostolic in doctrine and practice, if it does not recognize the old doctrine and faith which He delivered to the church in the beginning? The Bible says, "Ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein." But who is doing that? Is your church doing that way, or is it striving for something new, striving to keep up with the world? What is the most essential thing in receiving members—quantity or quality? A certain man became dissatisfied with his church because it had so many worldly-minded people in it. They were continually calling for something new. He was asked why they did not exclude those worldly minded members. His reply was that they could not do it—said that there were so many of that kind that they would exclude the church. If a church is so anxious to grow strong numerically, at the expense of regeneration and true principles, that it will take in anything, it will have a hard time proving that it is walking in the old paths. Of course, it is not popular with the world to make doctrine a test of fellowship, and you can belong to some churches and believe anything you want to. I am not saying this just to fill up space, but I can prove what I say. If you say that we have no right to make doctrine a test of fellowship, and church membership, I would ask you what the Bible means when it says, "If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not unto your house, neither bid him God speed."—2 John 10. One man said that if the Primitive Baptists would open up their doors to the institutions of the world and not make doctrine a test of fellowship that

they could have the largest church in the world, and another fellow said, "Yes, and the most corrupt."

But God's church is not of the world. It is called out from the world and is commanded to be not conformed to the world. Some folks wonder why they are such sticklers for the old-time principles and old paths, and wonder why they do not turn in with the big crowds and the new paths. Well, the reason I do not turn in with them is because the Bible says to turn away from them. Paul says of them, "Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof; from such turn away."—2 Tim. iii. 5. Now if there isn't any difference in preaching the power of God and in denying the power thereof, and if there isn't any difference in turning in with them, and turning away from them, then I suppose we should all join hands with the world and pull on together. God has people in all denominations, and we recognize them as such, have sincerest Christian fellowship for them, and when there is no official work of affiliation included in the service, we are willing to worship God with them, sing, preach, and pray with and for them. But to recognize them as the church that Christ set up during His personal ministry on earth would be to deny the faith which Christ delivered to the church in the beginning. Personally, I can say that some of my best friends are with other denominations, whom I esteem as better than myself, and I am thankful that I can believe we will live together in heaven, because nothing can destroy relationship with God and His redeemed family.

T.L. Webb

Milan, Tenn.

(From "*The Primitive Baptist*", February 20, 1947)

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**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY**

Happy Father's Day to all the fathers as you enjoy your day and receive some token of love from family. Many fathers have gone to their long sought home and we remember them and their love and devotion while they were here on earth. Their memories of earth have ceased but our memories of them have not. "For the living know that they shall die: but the dead know not any thing, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten." (Eccl 9:5). Earthly memories are forgotten because in paradise there is no earthly contamination. Look at the memories we have of the just. "The memory of the just is blessed: but the name of the wicked shall rot." (Prov. 10:7). I have blessed memories of my father and mother and many other fathers and mothers who were members of the church I pastor as well as many friends. Their names resonate with joy in my mind and heart; not so with the wicked as their names bring not a blessing except to know that if it weren't for God's grace I would be as they.—*Editor*

**GOD'S DOCTRINE**

By Elder Larry Wise  
Randolph, Mississippi

Doctrine is very important for the New Testament Church as it undergirds the life of the believer that he or she might serve God in an acceptable manner. Just any manner of worship is not acceptable to God but that which is contained in the scripture. Jesus taught in the temple and the Jews were astonished to the extent they asked how this man knew letters, having never learned? Jesus answered them, "My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me." (John 7:16). Jesus' doctrine was God's doctrine.

Doctrine simply means instruction and teaching but it needs to be correctly taught. Paul told Timothy, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." (II Tim. 2:15). In that same context there were two men (Hymenaeus and Philetus) who taught that the resurrection was past already and overthrew the faith of some; their word ate as a canker (ulcer, gangrene) that destroyed the faith of some in the resurrection. This was false doctrine. Please be aware that to detect false doctrine, we must be aware of what constitutes good doctrine. Solomon said, "For I give you good doctrine, forsake ye not my law." (Prov. 4:2).

Jesus warned the disciples to beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees. They thought His statement was because they had taken no bread. Jesus finally told them that He wasn't speaking of bread and then the scripture declares, "Then understood they how that he bade them not beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees." (Matt. 16:12). These people did good lip service but as far as doctrine was concerned Jesus exposes their total hypocrisy in Matt. 15:8-9: "This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men." Jesus tells us that there is such a thing as vain worship as well as ignorant worship but of course Jesus said there would always be true worshippers: "But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him." (John 4:23)

Not only did Paul charge Timothy to study to shew himself approved of God but also charged him to take heed and continue in doctrine as we read in I Tim. 4:16: "Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee." Paul declares there is a saving in taking heed unto the doctrine and continuing therein. This is timely on earth and has nothing to do with our eternal destiny. Timothy

himself needed saving (delivering) as well as those he taught the scriptures. Timothy obviously was a child of God but he needed doctrine to teach him how to avoid the pitfalls that might lie ahead.

Paul told Timothy to preach the word and exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. Then he tells about a time that men and women will not be receptive to God's doctrine. "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;" (II Tim. 4:3). Sound doctrine is healthy and wholesome doctrine. False doctrine will cause spiritual sickness and will not bring about the deliverance (saving) that comes with continuing in sound doctrine. These people are like Israel of old who demanded of their seers and prophets: "Which say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, Prophecy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophecy deceits;" (Isa. 30:10). If there ever was a time when we need the truth, it is today.

When Jesus ascended on high, He led captivity captive and gave gifts unto men. He gave apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers. These gifts were for the perfecting of the saints and work of the ministry. Paul tells us that this perfecting of saints has to do with doctrine: "That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;" (Eph. 4:14). The natural wind can blow from the North, South, East or West and so are the doctrines that flow over the airways today. Yes, there are men who are cunning and crafty and don't mind deceiving the people. Get a King James Translation Bible and be as the Bereans who had this remarkable trait of nobility "These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so." (Acts 17:11). Don't be carried about with every wind of doctrine. Hebrews 13:9 warns us not to be carried about with divers and strange doctrines.

Jesus speaks to the church at Pergamos through the apostle John and says there were some present who held the doctrine of Balaam and the doctrine of the Nicolaitans which he also hated. Any doctrine that doesn't give all the glory to God for salvation in eternity and in time is one that is to be shunned. Can two walk together except they be agreed? (Amos 3:3) Paul declares, "Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them." (Romans 16:17). Follow God's doctrine!

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