

Glad Tidings

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

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

Philippians 4:13

I Corinthians 15:19

FROM THE PASTORS DESK

The apostle Jude writes to the sanctified, preserved in Christ Jesus and called to earnestly contend for **the faith** that was once delivered unto the saints. (Jude 3). There is faith that is a fruit of the Spirit and there is the faith which is a body of truth for which Jude exhorts the saints to contend. Some people today would compromise with **the faith** in order to appease the masses but this is a deviation from true allegiance to God. Ministers are allowed by God to be put in trust with the gospel and are to speak to please God who trieth their hearts and not to please men. (I Thess. 2:4). However, all the saints are exhorted by Jude to earnestly contend for **the faith**.

Paul writes to the saints at Philippi and desires that they stand fast in one spirit and strive together for **the faith** of the gospel. I fear that many today are like Israel of old who were a rebellious people who would not hear the law of the Lord. “Which say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, Prophesy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophesy deceits:” (Isa. 30:10). Many would prefer “smooth” things than the faith once delivered unto the saints. The journey of the true disciple has never been smooth or else Jude would not have exhorted the saints to contend for the faith. Alertness to enemies of truth is a must as Paul writes in I Cor. 16:13: “Watch ye, stand fast in **the faith**, quit you like men, be strong.”

Paul and Timothy preached in the cities of Phrygia and Galatia and delivered them the decrees to keep that were ordained of the apostles and elders at Jerusalem. What was the result of this labor? “And so were the churches established in **the faith**, and increased in number daily.” (Acts 16:5). Just because a church is established in the faith doesn’t mean it will always remain so. If it has yielded to Satan and his angels who attempt to bring a false truth, the church will suffer from such a departure. Paul and Barnabas had preached the word in Lystra and Iconium with much success; then they decided to return to that area for the following purpose: “Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in **the faith**, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.” (Acts 14:22). Sanballat and Tobiah opposed the building of the wall by Nehemiah and the forces of Satan have not changed their evil intent.

There is joy and peace in allegiance to the faith once delivered unto the saints. However, many times cares of this world and covetousness cause sorrow which could have otherwise been avoided. It is not wrong to be rich in material things if they have been acquired in an honest manner. However, the goal of being rich may lead to a departure from the truth as Paul tells Timothy: “For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from **the faith**, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.” (I Tim. 6:10). Paul exhorts the man of God to flee such things and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. (I Tim. 6:11).

Paul tells us that the day of Christ and His return shall not come except there be a falling away first; a falling away from the truth. (II Thess. 2:3). It would seem that time has arrived as the truth (**the faith**) no longer seems to be that important but is deemed relevant rather than absolute. We need to be reminded what is expressly stated by Paul: “Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall **depart from the faith**, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; (I Tim. 4:1). Rather than contend for the faith, these people have succumbed to Satan rather than resist his advances and have woefully failed to follow Paul’s instructions concerning our adversary. “Whom resist steadfast in **the faith**, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.” (I Pet. 5:9). Satan flees when there is submission to the Lord and resistance. (James 4:7).

Ministers are stewards of the mysteries of God and are required to be faithful but so are all the saints. Paul even withstood Peter to his face on a certain occasion because he was to be blamed. (Gal. 2:11). Contending for the faith is not a one time decision but rather a lifetime of dedication in contending for what is right. When the time was approaching for Paul’s departure from this life, he said, “I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept **the faith**.” (II Tim. 4:7). The saints constitute the church; however, there would be no church without the truth. Paul wrote Timothy to behave himself in the house of God, the church of the living God which is **the pillar and ground of the truth**. (I Tim. 3:15). There are many who are unlearned and wrest the scriptures to their own destruction (II Pet. 3:16). Stand fast in **the faith** and avoid much heartache. (Elder Larry Wise)

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WHAT MOSES SAW

By Elder Rickey Taylor
Booneville, Mississippi

"By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;" Heb. 11:24

The expression "born with a silver spoon in his mouth" may not exactly fit Moses because of his biological parents being slaves at the time of his birth. However, Moses was raised in the lap of luxury by Pharaoh's daughter, being nursed by his own biological mother. In worldly things he had advantages that very few people had in that area of the world. His adopted Uncle sat on the throne of the most powerful country at that time. He received an education second to none. He had servants to wait upon his every need, just to name a few of the advantages that he had. Yet as we read in the early chapters of Exodus, he later lived in the backside of the desert, suffered reproach and became an outcast of the very establishment that once had given him everything that one desired and more. Why? How had these things befallen someone who had started out so far ahead than the average citizen?

One might think it was a matter of bad luck or some jealous character in the royal family that was out to get Moses. But it was none of these things. Moses

made a choice, and he stuck to that choice, even in the hardest of times. We read in Exodus 2:11-12 "And it came to pass in those days, when Moses was grown, that he went out unto his brethren, and looked on their burdens: and he spied an Egyptian smiting an Hebrew, one of his brethren. And he looked this way and that way, and when he saw that there was no man, he slew the Egyptian, and hid him in the sand." His choice was that he saw more in serving God, than anything that Egypt had to offer. He had lived in the luxury of Egypt. He knew those things he possessed in that land. But what he saw in the blessings of serving God was worth far more to him. What he saw is some of the things we have in the church today, happiness, discipleship and joy. Moses suffered because of his choice, but to him it was worth it all, "Esteeming the reproaches of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompense of the reward." Heb.11:26

Today, we too, as the children of God, have a choice to make. We too can enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season, for we live in even a more privileged time than Moses. We may not have the advantage of royalty, but we do live in the richest country in the world. We have all kinds of choices that can take us away from serving God and happiness from this service. We know the value of those things of the world, or at least an idea of it. God has also shown us the value of the church, and his Kingdom here on earth that we can press into. The choice is ours to make.

My wife and I often watch the game shows on television. We will watch the contestants rise in their monetary winnings and then when they accumulate so much, the host will say "you now have a choice" and if the contestant chooses a certain way, is it worth it? Sometime they win and sometime they lose. A lot depends on whether they know the value of the choice they are making at that moment.

The Bible teaches us that God is always the best choice. He is the correct one to trust in for our well being and not the riches of the world. Christ has already taken care of our heavenly home and we had no choice in that as some men present eternal life as a choice of sinners. The Bible teaches us that true happiness lies in our Lord and our serving him. "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them." John 13:17

Joshua too knew the value of the world and serving the Lord; he saw the value of serving God as greater riches, the same as Moses. We read of his words to the children of Israel, "And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose ye this day whom ye will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD." Joshua

24:15 Notice the choice that Joshua gave to the people. God was not included in the choices. The choice that Joshua set forth was if it seemed evil unto them to serve the living God, then here are your choices: "...whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites..." If one chooses to not worship the true and living God, it makes no matter which one he or she might serve among the gods of this world. The gods of this world are made by men. Some are made out of metal, some of stone or wood and some of precious jewels. They cannot even speak, see, talk, feel, and give the right way for one to go or even write a book. They have no power at all except a falsehood which men place upon them.

If you are one of those who have chosen the world, and it has left you wanting, then I urge you to be as Joshua of olden times, "...but as for me and my house we will serve the LORD." Rickey Taylor (From *"The GOOD NEWS Newsletter"*, April, 2007)

MOUNTAINS MOVED

Lord, I've never moved a mountain and I guess I never will. All the faith that I could muster wouldn't move a small ant hill. Yet I'll tell you, Lord, I'm grateful for the joy of knowing Thee, and for all the mountain moving down through life You've done for me.

When I needed some help you lifted me from the depths of great despair. And when burdens, pain and sorrow have been more than I can bear, you have always been my courage to restore life's troubled sea, and to move these little mountains that have looked so big to me.

Many times when I've had problems and when bills I've had to pay, and the worries and the heartaches just kept mounting every day, Lord, I don't know how you did it. Can't explain the wheres or whys. All I know, I've seen these mountains turn to blessings in disguise.

No, I've never moved a mountain, for my faith is far too small. Yet, I thank you, Lord of Heaven, you have always heard my call. And as long as there are mountains in my life, I'll have no fear, for the mountain-moving Jesus is my strength and always near.
Source Unknown.

DOUBT NOT

"For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith."
(Mark 11:23)

JOB

By Elder Guy Hunt (Deceased)

"In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly." Job 1:22

I have often heard of people who blamed God for what befell them in life, even for the evil that others might bring upon them. I once was asked during the darkest days of my persecution if I had ever thought of blaming God. The question shocked me, more because I had not even thought of such a thing. God had been so good to me and if his providential care had not been upon me, I would not have come this far. It was only by his mercy that I had been delivered from many harmful things in the past.. God has been so good to me, it would scare me to death to have such a thought.

Yet, some believe that whatever happens to us is of the Lord, since he is all powerful. We need to remember that he is always able to deliver us from any circumstances. But to claim that God is orchestrating the wicked works of man and that nothing can happen to us unless it is somehow in God's plan for it to happen to us, charges God foolishly.

By taking such a position, we would be doing something that Job in all his affliction did not do. Satan does not need any orchestrating. He can handle it all by himself. Wicked men do not have to be encouraged or directed to do evil, they can do it all enthusiastically on their own, and do.

If we claim that any wicked work, our own, or another's is working together for our good, we are charging God foolishly. We would be charging that God and Satan are working together in harmony. This is a somewhat roundabout way of charging God foolishly for sin.

We would be making a terrible mistake if we claim that our being passive in the putting away of our sins, also carried over into our obedience and that God will give enough grace to cause us to never fail in our earthly walk, or if we do, we will return to the fold before death. Then, if we fail, we would just blame God for not giving us enough grace. The Bible does not teach a passive obedience in our timely salvation.

The whole book of Job teaches us that Satan cannot take from us the eternal life that God has given us, and that whatever Satan takes from us in life, God is able to restore.

May God bless us to never charge Him with bringing wickedness into our lives, not even in a roundabout way. To do so would not only be foolish, it would be sin.
--Guy Hunt

(From *"The Pathway Of Truth"*, November, 2006)

"But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her."
(Luke 10:42)

THE JOY OF SALVATION

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

David was not pleading with the Lord for salvation to be restored unto him. He had not lost salvation but had lost the joy of salvation. Is this not experimental with many of us today? I confess it is with me. There is no such thing as losing eternal life or our spiritual relationship with our heavenly father, any more than we could lose our birth relationship with our earthly parents. But we might act in a way that we could not enjoy this relationship—we might fall from some things but we cannot fall from the salvation of God. “The steps of a good man are ordered of the Lord and he delighteth in his way. Though he fall, he shall not be *utterly* cast down: for the Lord upholdeth him with his hand.”—Psalm xxxvii. 23, 24.

Jesus says, “I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.”—John x. 28. “If his children forsake my law, and walk not in my judgments; if they break my statutes, and keep not my commandments; then will I visit their transgressions with the rod, and their iniquity with stripes. Nevertheless my lovingkindness will I not utterly take from them, nor suffer my faithfulness to fail. My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips.”—Psalm lxxxix. 30-34. Salvation from sin according to the eternal purpose and covenant of God is “ordered in all things and sure.” Yet God’s little children often lose out here in this time world—“cast down but not destroyed.” David in view of the perfect work of God in redemption and preservation, could say, “The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want,” yet, in view of his own imperfections in the flesh and the joy of salvation here in time, he confessed that he was poor and needy and often cast down; and instead of being righteous and boastful, he said, “I acknowledge my transgression.” But what a mercy that poor, cast down, burdened souls have access to the rich throne of grace, where they can pour out their feeble cries to a loving and merciful Saviour who can be touched with their sorrowful cries for the joy of salvation and the blessedness which they once enjoyed! When the burdens and cares of life are so heavy and the dark clouds hover over us; when the sweet peace and rejoicing that once filled our souls seems to slip away from us, then we seem to know what David meant when he asked the Lord to restore into him the joy of salvation, and when he said, “Why art thou cast down, O my soul? hope thou in God.” Oh, when this sweet joy of salvation is gone, it leaves an aching void the world can never fill. Is this your experience, dear brother or sister?

“Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.” None but God’s children can be taught the ways of the Lord and they are the only ones that can be converted

through gospel teaching. God’s people do not need to be regenerated the second time, but being “transgressors” and “sinners”, they need to be converted often.

(From “*Little Things*”, by Elder T. L. Webb Sr.)

Riches of J. C. Philpot

Two grand lessons

There are two grand lessons to be learned in the school of Christ, and all divine teaching is comprehended and summed up in them. One is to learn by the Spirit’s teaching, what WE are by nature—so as to see and feel the utter ruin and thorough wreck of self, and the complete beggary, weakness, and helplessness of the creature in the things of God. This is the first grand branch of divine teaching. And we have to learn this lesson day by day—line upon line, line upon line—here a little, and there a little. Through this branch of divine teaching we have almost daily to wade, and sometimes to sink into very painful depths under a sense of our depraved nature.

And the other grand branch of divine teaching is to know who JESUS is, and to know what He is to us—to know the efficacy of His atoning blood to purge the guilty conscience—the power of His justifying righteousness to acquit and absolve from all sin—the mystery of His dying love to break down the hardness of our heart, and raise up a measure of love towards Him—and to see, by the eye of faith, His holy walk and suffering image, so as to be in some measure conformed to Him, and have His likeness in some measure stamped upon our souls.

By these two branches of divine teaching does the Spirit make and keep the children of God humble. And all our various providences, trials, temptations, and deliverances—all we pass through in nature, and all we pass through in grace—in a word, the whole course of circumstances by which the child of God finds himself surrounded—all tend to lead him into these two paths—either into a deeper knowledge of himself, or a deeper knowledge of Christ—in order to humble him, and exalt the Lord of life and glory. To this point all the dealings of the Spirit tend, and in this channel all the teachings of the Spirit run. And every teaching and every experience that does not run in this channel, and does not tend to this point—to abase us, and to bring us down to the dust; and at the same time exalt the Lord of life and glory, and put the crown on his blessed head—does not spring from the teachings of God the Spirit in the heart—for His covenant office is, to take of the things of Christ, and make them known to the soul, so as to exalt and glorify Jesus.

(J.C. Philpot was a “*Strict & Particular Baptist*” (1802-1869) and editor of the “*Gospel Standard*”—Editor)

Anthology of Primitive Baptist Literature
Cain

CAIN Cain brought an offering to God, but even so, his offering indicated a kind of insubordination to God. His offering was "of the fruit of the ground" (Ge 4:3) which the Lord had cursed (**Ge 3:17**). It was a bloodless offering; it did not prefigure the shedding of the blood of Christ on behalf of his people.

Heb 9:22, "And almost all things are by the law purged with blood, and without shedding of blood is no remission."

"And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell" (**Ge 4:5**). It obviously angered Cain, that God would not allow him to devise a form of worship according to the dictate of his own fancy. His sin was the same as that of Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, who "offered strange fire before the Lord" (**Le 10:1**), and lost their lives as the consequence.

In bringing a bloodless sacrifice Cain denied the need for a blood atonement; he denied the need for Christ's sacrificial death; he denied his own sinful nature. He represented both the unregenerate, who are sometimes very religious in spite of their unregenerate condition, and the self-righteous Pharisee, who may or may not have been born of the Spirit of God. hlh (Harold Hunt)

"It is remarkable that corruption of religion and morals advanced most rapidly in the line of Cain, where the greatest progress had been made in art and science; thus showing that knowledge and civilization, apart from religion, have no power to purify the heart, or to preserve society from corruption."— (W.G. Blaike.) *From Hassell*)

Symbolism "Cain now stands as a representative of that portion of the human race who persecute the children of God, and Abel represents that portion who are persecuted by wicked men, often unto death. Figuratively speaking, Cain has always been killing Abel, and Abel has all along fallen by the hands of Cain." (*Hassell*)

Question: Who was Cain's wife (**Ge 4:16-17**)
Answer: Hassell: A daughter of Adam, who lived 930 years, and who had sons and daughters (**Ge 5:4-5**). The very word Adam means man or human being, and is so rendered 362 times in the Old Testament. If there had been men before Adam, God would not have said, "Let us make man in our image (**Ge 1:26**); and it would not have been true that, before he made Adam, "there was not a man to till the ground" (**Ge 2:5**). Paul says that Adam was "the first man" (**1Co**

15:45,47); and that in Adam all men sinned and died (**Ro 5:12-21**). Even Abraham's wife Sarah was his half-sister, the daughter of his father, though not of his mother (**Ge 20:12**).

Afterwards, when the human race was more numerous, the marriage of near relations was forbidden by God (**Le 18**). Nothing is known of the land of Nod, where Cain settled, except that it was east of Eden. It may have been only a few miles from Eden. (*Hassell*) (See article on ABEL) Anthology Abel

Mt 5:13 AND AND Mr 9:49-50

March 9, 1915

J. B. Foster, of Settle, Ky., has requested our views of Mt 5:13 and Mr 9:49-50. Mt 5:13 reads, "Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men." This language is in the Saviour's sermon on the mount, and was addressed to His disciples. Salt has a preserving quality, and in that sense a saving quality. Meat is preserved by the application of salt. Salt never has made any meat, but it saves the meat already made.

So, the disciples of the Lord have a preserving quality. It is for the sake of His people that the Lord preserves the earth today. They have a preserving quality, and for their sake the world stands. In another sense also the disciples, ministers, and witnesses of the Lord have a preserving or saving quality. They do not possess this by reason of themselves or their own merit; but the Lord has seen fit to bestow this upon them. "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."-1Ti 4:16. This saving is not unto eternal life. It is not a saving in the sense of regeneration, for Timothy was already a child of God and a minister of the gospel. Besides this, those who hear in the sense of this text are those who are already children of God, those who are already born of God-"We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us."-1Jo 4:6.

By taking heed unto himself and unto the doctrine, Timothy would save himself and those who heard him with the same kind of saving, or in the same way. By doing this (taking heed unto himself and unto the doctrine) he would save those who heard him in the same way that he would save himself. He would save himself, and those who heard him, from delusion, from false ways, and from false doctrines. In that respect he was the salt of the earth; and so are God's ministers now. But if they lose the savour, or preserving quality, by failing to take heed unto

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BIBLE FILL IN THE BLANK

1. Holding faith, and a good _____; which some having put away concerning faith have made _____. (I Tim. 1:19)
2. Of whom is Hymenaeus and Alexander; whom I have delivered unto _____ that they may learn not to _____. (I Tim. 1:20)
3. I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, _____, intercession, and giving of _____ be made for all men. (I Tim. 2:1)
4. For there is one God, and one _____ between God and men, the man Christ Jesus. (I Tim. 2:5)
5. Whereunto I am _____ a preacher and an apostle, (I speak the truth in Christ, and lie not); a _____ of the Gentiles in faith and verity. (I Tim. 2:7)
6. I will therefore that men _____ every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and _____. (I Tim. 2:8)
7. But I suffer not a woman to _____, nor to usurp authority over a man, but to be in _____. (I Tim. 2:12)
8. And Adam was not _____, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression. (I Tim. 2:14)
9. Notwithstanding she shall be saved in _____ if they continue in faith and verity and holiness with _____. (I Tim. 2:15)
10. This is a true saying, if a man _____ the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work. (I Tim. 3:1)

IN WHAT BOOK OF THE BIBLE ARE THESE VERSES?

1. The bows of the mighty men are broken, and they that stumbled are girded with strength.
2. My flesh is clothed with worms and clods of dust; my skin is broken, and loathsome.
3. He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken.
4. But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine.

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

Last October, our grandson, Isaac, sat through (not always though—you know kids) a morning service in which his father, Jonathan Wise, and his uncle, David Wise, preached. Then there was lunch and more afternoon service. After singing and time for first sermon by his father, Isaac said, "I'm ready to go home." Sorry, still one more preacher. His uncle, David, followed his father and preached. Toward the end of the sermon, his mother took him to the rest room. When he came back, the pastor was giving the invitation. Isaac came in and saw what was going on and said, "Oh, he's done!" Finally everything is done and he can go home.--*Editor*

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themselves and unto the doctrine, they become worthless. They become good for nothing, but to be cast out, and trodden under foot of men.

When one of the Lord's followers, and especially a minister, fails to take heed unto himself and unto the doctrine, thus living a life unbefitting the Lord's children, and imbibes false doctrines, advocates heresy, he loses that saving quality. He is then good for nothing. He should be cast out of the church. We should all take heed unto our selves. We are required to take heed unto ourselves first, not take heed unto others first. Some of us may be so busy trying to get the mote out of our brother's eye that we have no time to get the beam out of our own eye. If we would spend the proper amount of time in taking heed unto ourselves, getting the beam out of our own eye, we might not have much time to even look for a mote in a brother's eye, much less to be spending time trying to get the mote out of his eye.

We do not feel just now to be well enough satisfied concerning Mr 9:49-50 to write upon that text. At least, we do not now feel like writing upon it. We will ask Elder John R. Daily to look into this and the preceding verses in connection with Mt 18:6-9, and write an article on the same. Brother Daily, please examine the original language in these places, and give us your conclusions. C. H. C.

(From "Editorial Writings of Elder C.H. Cayce")

PRESERVATION

A 1990 Subaru car commercial shows a Volvo heading toward a wall, and then, in slow motion, crashing into the wall. The Volvo is built so sturdily that the passengers are not hurt, in spite of the severe nature of the crash. Then a Subaru is shown heading at a high rate of speed toward a wall. At the last possible moment the driver slams on the brakes and the Subaru stops inches from the wall. The announcer then cuts in and asks what you would prefer: to live through wrecks, or not to get in wrecks in the first place? --Source Unknown.

CHURCH NEWS

Everyone is invited to the annual meeting at Little Flock Primitive Baptist Church, Burnsville, MS August 3-5, 2018. Services Friday night, August 3, at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, August 4, at 7:00 p.m. preceded by supper at 6:00 p.m. Sunday, August 5, at 10:30 a.m. Elder Tim McCool, Gordo, AL is invited minister. Elder Jonathan Wise is Pastor of Little Flock.

Everyone is invited to the annual meeting at Antioch Primitive Baptist Church, Oxford, MS August 3-5, 2018. Services Friday night, August 3, at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, August 4, at 10:30 a.m. Lunch and PM services. Sunday, Aug. 5 at 10:30 a.m. Elder Bryce Lowrance, Fort Worth, TX is invited minister. Elder Jeremy Wise is Pastor of Antioch.

Everyone is invited to Chewalla Primitive Baptist Church, Potts Camp, MS for their meeting the 3rd weekend in August, 2018 (Aug. 17-18). Services Friday night, August 17, at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, August 18, at 10:30 a.m. followed by lunch. No afternoon or night service. Elder Ronald Lawrence, Nashville, TN is invited minister. Elder Jerry Wise is Pastor of Chewalla.

Everyone is invited to the annual meeting at Rector Primitive Baptist Church, Rector, AR the 2nd weekend in August, 2018 (Aug. 10-11). Services Friday, Aug. 10, at 10:00 a.m. followed by lunch and afternoon services; a short break, another service and then supper served. Same schedule for Saturday, Aug. 11. Elder Devon Horton is Pastor of Rector.

Everyone is invited to the annual meeting at Bethany Primitive Baptist Church, 4905 Hwy 346, Pontotoc, MS (5 miles west of Ecpu, MS) the 2nd weekend in September, 2018 (Sept. 7-9). Services Friday night, September 7, at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, September 8, at 10:30 a.m. followed by lunch. Saturday night supper at 5:30 p.m. and worship at 7:00 p.m. Sunday at 10:30 a.m. followed by lunch. Elder Josh Winslett, Moody, AL is invited minister, Elder Larry Wise is Pastor of Bethany.

The Tombigbee Association of Primitive Baptists will be hosted by Hamilton Primitive Baptist Church, 3201 Bexar, Ave. Hamilton, AL the 3rd weekend in September, 2018 (Sept. 14-15). Services Friday, September 14, at 10:00 a.m. followed by lunch and afternoon services. Same schedule for Saturday, September 15. Elder Bobby Payne is Pastor of Hamilton at 205-242-6678 for more information.

"I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, which shall never hold their peace day nor night: ye that make mention of the LORD, keep not silence,"

**EXCERPTS
GLAD TIDINGS READER LETTERS**

Dear Brother Larry,

So sorry I have been so long sending a donation. I hope all is well in Miss. I will always miss the dear ones down there.

Take care and God bless.

Love,
Sis. Melba Moseley
Bartlett, TN

Dear Elder Larry,

I am still enjoying your newsletter. Keep up the good work! Here is a contribution to help with the expense. Pray for me in my efforts to serve Lebanon Primitive Baptist Church as Pastor.

John W. Harrison
Goodlettsville, TN

Elder Larry Wise,

I enjoy your paper very much. I'm sending a donation to help with costs.

Hazel Williams
Paragould, AR

Dear Ones,

Thanks be unto God for His many, many blessings He gives unto us along all the way. Wishing blessings on you all in all the good writings. In dear hope & love.

Sister Loreta Lilly
Akron, OH

Dear Brother Larry,

Enclosed is a humble contribution to help with the continued publication of *Glad Tidings*. The Raleigh Church family prays for you and the ministry carried forth through this publication. We appreciate your efforts to reach so many who might otherwise not have access to the biblical truths published in *Glad Tidings*.

May God continue to bless you in your ministry.

In Christina Love,
Raleigh PBC
Memphis, TN

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

May 27, 2018

Elder Robert Payne

All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O Lord; and shall glorify thy name. For thou art great, and doest wondrous things: thou art God alone. Psalm 86:9-10

Let us go today and worship the one and true God who is the creator of all things. The God who hast blessed us with mercies untold and cares for us daily. Let us go up to the house of worship and confess our sins, thank God for our blessings and beg for mercy and showers of revival in a dry and desolate land. Amen!

ZACCHAEUS CLIMBS A SYCAMORE

By Elder Rickey Taylor
Booneville, Mississippi

Luke 19:2-4: "And, behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus, which was the chief among the publicans, and he was rich. And he sought to see Jesus who he was; and could not for the press, because he was little of stature. And he ran before, and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him: for he was to pass that way."

What would make a grown man climb a tree, and a rich man at that? Think about it. When we were children we would climb a tree just because it looks like a fun thing to do. When we became adults the idea of just climbing a tree for fun, has completely worn off of us for one reason or another. So when a grown man climbs a tree, it is for a reason and it should get our attention. Zacchaeus is the man's name. **And he sought to see Jesus.** Zacchaeus likely had heard about Jesus and his miracles. He wanted to put a face with the name of Jesus. Yet the press of people was blocking his view from seeing Jesus. For he being a small man could not stay on the ground in order to see. He spies a tree that he can climb and be able to see this man of miracles. That would have satisfied him completely, had he just saw him as he passed by. As we read the rest of the story, Zacchaeus gets much more than he hoped for. Christ seeing him in the tree, tells him to come down, for he was to stay at his house that very day. Zacchaeus climbs down and meets his Lord and tells him that he will change his way of living, and repay fourfold anyone whom he had taken advantage of. Look at the marvelous work that had already been done in this man's heart. What we see in him climbing the tree is the fruits of his being born again that happen before he ever came to that sycamore tree. And now he would be rewarded for following through on his commitment to follow Christ.

And Jesus said unto him, -- **This day is salvation come to this house,** (V 9). The word salvation means "deliverance". This rich man, who had put his riches above his Lord, had now repented of that. He would live a better life from that day forward, putting his Lord and his household above himself. This is a timely deliverance that Zacchaeus and his house would benefit from immediately! It is a timely deliverance for the here and now. Jesus died for his eternal salvation. Christ took care of the eternal part. Our works had nothing to do with it. God required that Christ come for his children's eternal salvation. All the children of God will have that when they get to heaven. While on this earth however they can reap this timely salvation. This man came to his Lord with a repentant spirit toward his old fleshly ways. He stopped doing the ungodly things (repented), and he

and his house were the better for it. The people in his house benefited from going from a worldly rich man's house, to a repentant leader of the household that was now bringing an environment of godliness into it. Now they would have a greater feeling of God's presence through the Holy Spirit.

The feeling would be a lot better. A deliverance had come to this house!

I pray that you my dear reader have already come forth in repentance, If you have, then it has no doubt been a blessing to you. If not then I urge you to do so. Come and unite with the gospel church, follow your Lord in baptism and enjoy the joys of your salvation!

Rickey Taylor

ANSWERS FROM WHAT BOOK OF THE BIBLE ARE THESE VERSES?

1. I Samuel (I Sam. 2:4)
2. Job (Job 7:5)
3. Psalms (Psalms 34:20)
4. Titus (Titus 2:1)

HELPERS OF JOY

Joy is the second of the nine-fold fruit of the Spirit in Gal. 5:22 and ministers are dedicated to help enhance the joy of God's children. Paul writes, "Not for that we have dominion over your faith, but are helpers of your joy: for by faith ye stand." (II Cor. 1:24). The church at Corinth had many problems and Paul addressed them in his two epistles to the church but he points out that, even though an apostle, he had not dominion over their faith; ministers are not to be lord's over God's heritage. (I Pet. 5:3). They are "helpers of joy" for the people of God.

There can be no true joy outside the truth of the gospel because it is the truth that makes us free. They that worship the Lord must worship Him in Spirit and in truth. The church at Corinth was outside the truth in many areas but when the truth is preached and received by faith there is joy in the heart of the believer. Paul also wrote, "Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost." (Rom. 15:13). The preaching of the gospel truths brings joy to the heart of the believer. "There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most High." (Psalm 46:4). Glad means joy in this verse and the gospel drops like a rain that refreshes parched vegetation. When we lose our joy, we need a refreshing rain and ministers meet this need.—*Editor*

THE SIN OF INDIFFERENCE

By Elder Floy Gross
The Gospel Witness, 1965

One of the greatest enemies of the cause of Christ is the world is indifference. This sin is, today, in evidence upon every hand. We see it manifested in our national life, and it rests like a cloud upon the church of God. How to counteract this apathy on the part of the people and upon the part of a portion of the ministry is a very great problem to those who are awake to the dangers that confront us from the standpoint of the Church and nation.

I mention the nation because it was founded upon godly principles, and, as a result of many contending for those principles, America has become great [through the blessings of God]. **America will remain great only as long as we contend for those principles**, and, under a government like ours, the strength and well-being of the nation depends, most emphatically, upon the strength, the courage, the morality, the faith of the people and their willingness to die, if need be, in defense of those high principles which we believe are right in the eyes of God.

So the things which should concern the nation are, in great measure, the same things which must concern the Church if the Church is to prosper. I think it well to point out, however, that the nation cannot truly prosper—and continue to do so—without the faith and faithfulness of Christian people. The Church can exist without the nation, as she has in times past, amid fires of persecution, but a nation like ours cannot exist without the Church. If the nation falls by corruption within and without, the people (including the Lord's people) suffer, but the Church goes on.

Perhaps suffering is what will be required in order to wake us up, draw us together, and correct our errors and bring us back to the ways of God and godliness. Tribulation has served that purpose in the past; it has been so in the lives of individuals and in the experience of the Church. Study the history of God's people in the Old Testament days, and the Church of Christ all through the ages.

We are often enquired as to the reason for the lack of interest in things of God and as to the reason why so few people are willing to take the time and effort to study the Bible and religious books and periodicals devoted to the interest of God's kingdom. Many answers may be given, but I have come to conclude personally that the great overall reason why may be spelled out in one word: *prosperity*. **People take no more interest in spiritual things than they do because their hearts are centered elsewhere.** The lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life have crowded out the more excellent things.

The Kingdom of God has been allowed to languish, and the people have been the losers. People today love the easy life, and the Christian life has never

been the easy way. But the Christian life IS the good way, the truly satisfying way, and the truly prosperous way.

Why does the Bible gather dust on the shelf? Why are all our church papers having difficulties making ends meet? Why are our church services so poorly attended? The answer is simple: The people would rather watch television, go boating or picnicking, and some would rather hold down a job in order to have the things that Jesus said we should put second in our lives, not first. I am sure we need to examine ourselves in an effort to determine in what degree we are guilty.

(From "*The Christian Baptist*", Nov.-Dec. 2000)

SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM

William Barton Kelly

For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world... (2 Tim. 4:10; read 2 Tim. 1:7-14).

Many a great man, even as Demas of old, has parted company with the people of God and turned away from the things of God, not necessarily because he has not loved God, but because he has loved the world more. Possibly, this sort of thing is particularly common in our own day.

Dr. Edwin Lewis has said,

The number of people who in recent years have disowned Christianity is staggering.

Doubtless, many forces have contributed to so tragic a result, but many of those people have been taken up with the love of the world and, probably, have scarcely realized the full import of what they have done to themselves or to others.

Christ's command to His disciples was to seek FIRST the Kingdom of God and His righteousness. Let us give our first allegiance and interest to God and His work, and then all the things of "this present world" will fall into their proper places.

PRAYER: Our Father, keep us, we pray Thee, from being misled by the ease and pageantry of this present-day world. Guard us from depending upon sustenance upon the bread of material things, which leaves us forever unsatisfied, but let us feed upon the true Bread "which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world." In Christ's name. Amen.

(From *The Upper Room*, Oct/Nov/Dec 1942)

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A little slumber and a little sleep and poverty will come to our house to our regret. Prov. 24:33-34

THE LITTLE THINGS

God is not always interested in the monumental things that we do in service to Him. We might not think we have done anything very significant in our Christian service. What matters is the motive whether it be little or not. Jesus saw a certain poor widow casting all her living into the treasury which consisted of only two mites. What did Jesus say about this? "And he saw also a certain poor widow casting in hither two mites. And he said, Of a truth I say unto you, that this poor widow hath cast in more than they all." (Luke 21:2-3). Jesus tells us that whosoever would give just a cup of cold water to one of His little ones in the name of a disciple would not lose his reward. (Mark 10:42). The reward is in this life and not in the world to come. The Lord doesn't forget our labour of love no matter how large or small. "For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister." (Heb, 6:10). Sometimes it is the little things that count.

Elder Larry Wise—April 8, 2011

WITHOUT GOD

Without God, our week would be:

Sunday
Mournday
Tearsday
Wasteday
Thirstday
Fightday
Shatterday

7 days like this make one weak

- Men may doubt what you say, but they will believe what you do.
- Never, if possible, lie down at night without being able to say, "I have made one human being, at least, a little wiser, a little happier, or a little better this day."
- The dictionary is the only place where you come to success before you get to work.
- Live your life as if you were someone's only role model. You may be the only Bible someone ever reads. Be sure you embody the whole truth honestly.
- Watch your attitude. It's the first thing people notice about you.
- Stand for what is right, even if you must stand alone. Right is right; wrong is wrong.

(All three of the above are from
"ITMS", October, 2012)

LIBERTY—WHAT A BLESSING!

By Elder Larry Wise

When the Declaration of Independence was signed, it was a declaration of the liberty of a new nation. Although this nation would be independent of any foreign nation, the founding fathers still realized their dependence upon God for any sustained liberty or freedom. I trust that this nation will once again realize that there is no liberty outside God and His blessings.

The people who fought for liberty were courageous and willing to lay down their lives for the cause of liberty or freedom. Untold thousands have lost their lives since this country had its inception for the cause of liberty. We usually remember them officially on Memorial Day or Veterans Day. Yes, they were courageous and fought to win freedom, but there is One that fought the greatest battle ever waged to free His people from the bondage of sin. His name is the Lord Jesus Christ.

Isaiah would cry out that the warfare had been accomplished. "Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received at the Lord's hand double for all her sins." (Isaiah 40:1-2). This was a declaration that the war is over and the victory has been won. The children of God could not fight in this great battle because they were and are sinners by nature and practice. There was One, however, who was sinless and undefiled and able to keep the law of God perfectly to purchase liberty from the bondage of the law of sin and death. God's law required perfect obedience for the realization of this liberty, and Jesus fulfilled it all through His shed blood emanating from a great love for those who were enemies in their mind by wicked works.

Just as the Declaration of Independence was a proclamation of liberty for a new nation, the gospel is a proclamation of liberty to those who were once held captive. "The spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound." (Isaiah 61:1). Jesus read these words of Isaiah in the synagogue as all eyes were fastened upon Him and said, "This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears." (Luke 4:21).

Paul preached to the Galatian brethren and admonished them to "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage." (Gal. 5:1). These brethren had been under the bondage of law worship and trying to establish their own righteousness in the eyes of God, which could never be done. Paul taught them that the battle had been won and victory was theirs through Christ. They

rejoiced for awhile but then were bewitched and lapsed back into bondage once again. It boggles my mind how anyone who has been liberated would desire to be back in bondage.

Paul taught through the Spirit and where the Spirit of the Lord is there is liberty. When the Holy Spirit blesses a minister of the Lord, there is a liberty or a freedom that cannot be described by mere words on a piece of paper. At the same time, when the hearer is also blessed there is a liberty that causes him or her to rejoice in the declaration or proclamation coming out of Zion.

The scriptures are a perfect law of liberty. If we are to have the continued blessings that come through this liberty, we must be not just a hearer but a doer of the word as well. "But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed." (James 1:25)

I see this article is becoming too long. What a blessing we have in the liberty in Christ that was won for us at Calvary; applied to our hearts in the new birth that freed us from death in sin; and proclaimed to us in the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

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TELL THE TRUTH—OR KEEP QUIET

The late former Canadian Prime Minister John Diefenbaker told the story of the day Winston Churchill, sitting in the House of Commons, was brought the message that his deadly enemy, Aneurin Bevan, had just died. Churchill bowed his head, clearly shaken. "A great man, a brilliant man, a tragic loss," he muttered. Some minutes later another member of parliament came to Churchill to inform him that the press was waiting outside to get his "heartfelt opinion on Nye Bevan."

Churchill thought a moment, then looked up warily and said, "Are you sure he's dead?"

Source Unknown

BUD ROBINSON'S DAILY PRAYER

"O Lord, give me a backbone as big as a saw log, and ribs like the sleepers under the church floor. Put iron shoes on me and galvanized breeches. And give me a rhinoceros hide for a skin, and hang a wagon load of determination up in the gable-end of my soul, and help me sign the contract to fight the Devil, as long as I've got a tooth, and then gum him till I die. Amen."

(From *"ITMS"*, February, 2012)

ETERNAL LIFE NOW

July 3, 1930

By Elder C.H. Cayce

We have been asked whether people receive eternal life while here in this world, or do some just have a promise of it now and receive it in the world to come. Some who have argued, and who take the position, that people do not receive eternal life while in this world have argued that the sinner must comply with certain terms and conditions in order to have the promise of eternal life, and that he must then live in obedience to the commands laid down in the New Testament in order to receive that life in the world to come. In Joh 5:24 we read, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, 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." In this text the Saviour emphatically says those who hear His word and believe on the Father have everlasting life. If they do not have everlasting life while here in this world the Saviour did not tell the truth about it. Then He says such a one "is passed from death unto life." The original language in our modern English means "have passed out of death into life." It is in the past tense-something that has already been accomplished. In 1Jo 5:13 we read, "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God." Here the inspired apostle plainly says he has written that "ye may know that ye have eternal life." Was he trying to get them to know that a thing was true which he knew was not true? Certainly, if people do not receive eternal life while here in this world he knew it. If he knew that to be true, and yet was writing that they might know they have eternal life now, was he not a false teacher? In verse 11 he says, "And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in His Son." Verse 12 says, "He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life." If a man does not have eternal life while he is here in this world, then no man has the Son while here in this world. But some do have the Son, and those who have the Son have life. If a man does not believe that people receive eternal life while here in this world he does not believe the Bible. Many more places could be cited, but these are sufficient. C. H. C.

(*"Editorial Writings of Elder C.H. Cayce"*)

Men occasionally stumble over the truth, but most of them pick themselves up and hurry off as if nothing happened.—Winston Churchill

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