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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 general teaching among Christianity is that an individual must open their heart and receive the Lord Jesus Christ and thus be saved. This reception of course is impossible as every individual prior to being born again is dead in sin and cannot act in the spiritual realm. However, there is a receiving of Jesus Christ that involves a passive reception and an active reception for those who have been adopted into the family of God and it all hinges around Jesus Christ coming to fulfill the will of God. Paul writes that God sent His Son for this express purpose: "To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons." (Gal. 4:5).

Notice particularly that receiving this adoption of sons is based upon the shed blood of Jesus Christ for His sheep. Those adopted into the family of God have their sins removed as far as the east is from the west as legally adopted sons of God. Those adopted receive passively (no effort on their part) the new birth when God sends the Holy Spirit into their depraved heart. Paul follows up his thought on redeeming those under the law by saying, "And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father." (Gal. 4:6). It is because these people are already adopted sons and redeemed by Christ that causes God to send forth the Holy Spirit into their heart. A born again child of God is in possession of the eternal Godhead. He has Christ dwelling on the inside as his hope of glory. His body is the temple of God and the temple of the Holy Ghost. (Col. 1:27), (I Cor. 3:16).

If it were left in the hands of sinful men to open their hearts and receive the Lord Jesus, no man, woman or child would ever be saved (born again) because the natural man will not seek after God. The depraved heart will never cry for mercy because it is not in possession of spiritual life. However, listen to the apostle Paul as he writes, "For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father." (Rom. 8:15). These saints in Rome had "received" the Spirit of adoption but not because they asked for it. They received it passively as sons of God and that spiritual life thus imparted caused them to cry Abba, Father. Where there is a cry it always indicates life, whether natural or spiritual. These people cried as recipients of spiritual life.

Those sons of God who have passively received the Spirit of adoption are now enabled by faith to actively receive the Lord Jesus by acts of obedience to His commands. Jesus said He came unto His own and His own "received" Him not. However, as many as did receive Him, He gave them power to become (be found, be shown) sons of God, even to those who believed on His name. These people that received Jesus Christ had already been born of the Spirit of God. (John 1:11-13). They had both passively and actively received Jesus Christ

To actively receive the Lord Jesus Christ, the child of God must know who Jesus Christ is. This is where the preaching of the gospel comes into focus as it proclaims the good news of salvation by grace. The brethren in Thessalonica were idolaters until Jesus Christ and His gospel was preached unto them. They actively received the word of God according to Paul: "For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe." (I Thess. 2:13). The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God as it is foolishness to them (I Cor. 2:14) but these brethren possessed spiritual life.

There is a special manifestation of relationship with the Lord in which He has promised to "receive" His children when they come out from among the ungodly. Paul spells this out in 2 Cor. 6:17-18: "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty." Paul follows this thought up by starting the next chapter with an exhortation for the people to cleanse themselves from all filthiness of the flesh in view of these special promises of God.

There is a salvation in receiving the word of God which is all centered around Jesus Christ and is anchored in obedience to the word. James writes, "Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls." (James 1:21). James goes on to tell us about being doers of the word and not just hearers. We have the promise that Jesus will come again and "receive" us unto Himself. (John 14:23). While we wait for that day, be active in His service. (Elder Larry Wise)

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GOD'S PEOPLE THE RIGHTEOUS

By Elder Bobby Collins (Deceased)

Throughout the scripture the people of God are called righteous, holy, godly, etc. Notice the following terms that are used to describe the children of God:

First consider these verses from Psalms. Psalms 34:15-19 says, "The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry. The face of the LORD is against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth. The righteous cry, and the LORD heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles. The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit. Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all." What a comfort to know that the Lord is with his children here described as the righteous, and will deliver them out of all their troubles even though those troubles be many.

Next they are called godly. 2 Pet. 2:9 tells us, "The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:" What a comfort to know that God knows the way out of temptations and does provide a way of escape to bear the temptations of life. 1 Cor. 10:13 tells us, "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also

make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it."

Next they are called holy. Heb. 3:1 tells us, "Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus." They are called holy because of being partakers of the heavenly calling.

We also find in the scriptures verses that would seem to contradict the idea of even children of God being called righteous.

Let us now consider two of the verses that are most often quoted to try and prove that there are none righteous on the earth and that none have any righteousness that meets God's approval.

First look at Rom. 9:19 that says, "What then? are we better than they? No, in no wise: for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin; As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one. Their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips: Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness: Their feet are swift to shed blood: Destruction and misery are in their ways: And the way of peace have they not known: There is no fear of God before their eyes. Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God." Verse 10 does say, "There is none righteous..." But these verses are not talking about a child of God that has been saved by God's grace, but notice verse 9 that it is talking about a person under sin. These people are under the condemnation of sin. Also consider the rest of the description given about these people. They do not understand, nor seek after God, neither do they have the fear of God. That is not a description of a child of God but rather a description of a person dead in sin.

Next consider Isaiah 64:6-7 which says, "But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away." Verse 7 "There is none that calleth upon thy name, that stirreth up himself to take hold of thee: for thou hast hid thy face from us, and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities." These verses are often quoted and applied to God fearing, God loving children of God who pray and are looking to God for their help and that are trying to serve him. Notice this verse has reference to those who do not call upon the name of the Lord and whose iniquity has taken them away. While it is true that children of God can get into that shape this verse does not apply to a humble sincere child of God that is seeking to please his Lord.

The question still remains. How can the term righteous be applied to even children of God when we are sinners and will be till we leave this life? (See 1st Jn. 1:9) It is true for at least two reasons, which we will consider now.

God's elect who have been given the new birth are saved by a holy calling. Paul tells us, "Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began," (2 Tim. 1:9) This is why Paul could refer to them as holy brethren; they had been partakers of the heavenly or holy calling. See Heb. 3:1 already cited.

The scripture says, "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." 2nd Cor. 5:21. How were we made the righteousness of God? It was by what he did for us. This agrees with what Paul tells us in Rom. 5:19, "For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous." We see then that we can be counted righteous because of what Christ has done for us. This righteousness cannot be taken away.

There is a righteousness we can have by walking in righteousness. A righteousness, which only those who have been made righteous can attain to. This righteousness can be lost. First let us see from the scripture that there is a righteousness we can attain to. The Lord told his disciples in Matt. 5:20, "For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven." Notice that they were told that they must have righteousness beyond what the scribes and Pharisees have. The Lord told them Matt. 23:25-28 "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess. 26 Thou blind Pharisee, cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also." Verse 27 "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness." Verse 28, "Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity." They had an outward show of being righteous but in reality they had no true walk of righteousness at all. They were hypocrites putting on an outward show from a wrong motivation. May our Lord deliver us from such! This righteousness that the Lord says we must have to be in his kingdom can be lost. In Isaiah chapter 5, a woe is put upon wicked people. Among the wicked things they were doing notice verse 23, "Which justify the wicked for reward, and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him!" They are taking away the righteousness of the righteous. This is not talking about the righteousness given to us by what Christ has done but the righteousness obtained by a righteous walk. We need to be careful to not let the world take away that righteousness that results in God's blessings in our life.

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PARTICULAR REDEMPTION

Particular REDEMPTION: C.H. Cayce: My first argument is that all for whom Christ died will be saved for heaven, because their iniquity was laid on him. In support of that argument, I call attention to Isa 53:6-8. "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth. He was taken from prison and judgment: and who shall declare his generation? For he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken."

As to the term us, it does not devolve upon me to say how many there are. Let it be one half the race, or three fourths of the race, or all of the race—let it be many or few—just so many as the term us all embraces, just that many had their iniquities laid on the Lord Jesus Christ. So that you may understand that in arguing this passage, I shall argue, not the extent of the atonement, but the sufficiency of it.

If Brother Penick wishes to argue in the negative of the proposition that Christ died for all of Adam's posterity, and that all the iniquities of all Adam's posterity were laid upon Christ, then I would call upon him to tell us what can send one of Adam's race to hell. It could not possibly be iniquity. All their iniquities, the number that is embraced in this text, were taken off them and laid on the Lord Jesus Christ.

"The Lord hath laid on him the iniquities of us all."

If their iniquities were laid on Christ, their iniquities were taken off them and laid on the Lord Jesus Christ, I argue that iniquity could not send one of them to hell. If so be that iniquity could send them to hell, their iniquities must be taken off the Lord Jesus Christ, and shifted back upon them, and that would involve the brother in the doctrine of apostasy, and, of course, he does not believe that.

Then it must necessarily follow that every one of these characters whose iniquities were laid on the Lord Jesus Christ will be saved. Otherwise, they go to hell without iniquity. Their iniquities are taken off them.

If you start to look for one who is without iniquity, you would not think about going toward the lower regions.... These characters for whom the Lord Jesus Christ died had their iniquities taken off them.... Their iniquities all being laid on Jesus Christ, all of them will be finally landed on the sunny banks of sweet deliverance, without a single exception.

Cayce: Penick Debate 1907

(From "Anthology of Primitive Baptist Literature")

Be in God's booth—Learn the truth

HOLINESS

By Elder C.M. Mills (Deceased)

God is holy, Pure, Apart from all corruption, wickedness, vice, and all iniquity. How then can a corrupt sinner ever live with God? If something is not done for, and in them, they will not. Jesus Christ is doing the will of the Father, and when it is complete, the elect family of God will be Holy, and without blame before him in love. The sinner by nature, only has a carnal mind, and the carnal mind is enmity against God, contrary and even hates God. As it is written, there is none righteous, no, not one. There is none that doeth good, no, not one. Make the tree good and the fruit will be good. There must be a change of heart, which is the seat of affections. For the sinner to have a heart of love, the hard and stony heart must be removed, and a heart of love given them. That is done in, and by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost. The sinner is given a pure and holy life, the nature of Christ, but still has the nature of earthly man in the same body. The corrupt nature will be left in the grave, but not the body. And in the resurrection, the body will be raised Immortal, Incorrupt and in the image of Christ. Then the children of mercy, the elect, all of them will be Holy, and will dwell with God forever, in spirit, soul, and body. Righteousness does not cause unrighteousness, neither does Holiness cause sin and wickedness. Corruption does not come from God. He certainly is not the cause of the sin and wickedness that men and devils engage in and practice. If God is not the cause of such, then God is not the cause of all causes. Christ said they hated me without a cause. Wisdom knows what sin and wickedness is, but knowing what it is, does not make God a party to it. Knowing sinners will commit sin and wickedness, does not cause them to do it. (Break-Ed)

God forbid such, and every guilty sinner will have to suffer forever, unless Christ suffered for them himself. Every sorrow and trouble, man is involved in, is on the account of sin. God's people suffer because of sin, but in this life only. It is sin for man to say in their hearts, that God prefixed, predestinated, determined, and unalterably designed, and causes each and every act, of men and devils, and each act, must and shall be brought to pass, as God causes each act to be, as is, and cannot by any other way. And that God is glorified, in all the sin and wickedness, that takes place on earth, it being according to the will, purpose, and pleasure of God. Remember, that which is according to the will of God, is in harmony with his nature. How can God hate with a perfect hatred that which is according to the will, purpose, and pleasure of God? Impossible, so then, sin and wickedness is not according to the will, purpose, and pleasure of God. How can anyone say that God is the cause of all causes, and say God is

Holy and Apart from all corruption, and sin, and wickedness. Either God is not the cause of all causes, or he is—one or the other. If He is the cause of all causes, we will have to say He is the cause that did cause man to sin. If we say He is not the cause of all causes, then we are in harmony with Christ, who said they hated me without a cause. Certainly, no one would say God was the cause of that cause. God is Holy, Pure without iniquity and is not connected to wickedness and the sins of men and devils. Holy, Holy, Holy art thou, Lord God Almighty.

C. M. Mills

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

DR. T. DeWITT TALMAGE SAID...From "*Sword Scrapbook No.2*"

Dr. T. DeWitt Talmage

We are speeding toward the last hour of our earthly residence. When I see the sunset I say: "One day less to live." When I bury a friend, I say, "Another earthly attraction gone forever."

What nimble feet the years have! From decade to decade, they go at a bound. There is a place for us, whether marked or not, where you and I will sleep that last sleep, and the men are now living who will, with solemn tread, carry us to our resting place. Aye, it is known in Heaven whether our departure will be a coronation or a banishment.

Once when I was in danger of going down at sea my own life suddenly seemed utterly unsatisfactory. I could only say, "Here, Lord, take me as I am. I cannot mend matters now. Lord Jesus, Thou didst die for the chief of sinners. That's me! It seems, Lord, as though my work is done, and poorly done, and upon Thy infinite mercy I cast myself. In this hour of shipwreck and darkness, I commit myself and her whom I hold by the hand to Thee, O Lord Jesus, praying that it may be a short struggle in the water and at the same instant we may both arrive in Glory!"

Oh! I tell you a man prays straight to the mark when he has a cyclone above him, an ocean beneath him, and eternity close to him.

And may God grant that, when all our days on earth are ended, we may find that, in the rich mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ, we all have weathered the storm.

(From "*ITMS*", August, 2007)

"Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away." (James 4:14)

My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle..." Job 7:6

BEING CONFIDENT

By Elder George D. Walker
1943-2011

We read in Philippians chapter 1, verse 6, "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." 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 Christ Jesus showing that this the work of God, that it 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 in 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 in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons. Sometimes we address the saints of God at some local assembly and do not seem to point out the importance of 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 say, 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 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 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 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.

(From "Zion's Lamp", April, 2016)

JEREMIAH II. 13

By Elder C. H. Cayce (Deceased)

In April, 1931, J. D. Rinehart, Rienzi, Miss., asked for our views on Jeremiah ii. 13, which reads, "For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water." The Lord said His people had done these things. They forsook the Lord; They departed from His teachings. They forsook His commandments. This is certainly a great evil—for His people to forsake Him. His tender mercies had been extended to them; His rich blessings had been showered upon them; and they forsook Him. As did Israel in ancient times, so do many of His children in this present age of the world. Not only did they forsake the Lord, but they hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns. The Lord was a fountain of living waters. A fountain never runs dry. A fountain is self-sustaining. It needs no outside power or force to sustain it. It is continually springing up, and flows on without cessation. It never ceases to flow. But a cistern must be supplied from an outside source. Then it will go dry; but a broken cistern will not hold water at all. The water is all wasted that may be put into it. How different from a fountain! Yet, God's people often turn from the living streams and from the fountain, and will hew out for themselves broken cisterns that can hold no water. The things they turn to can give them no benefit whatever. To turn from the true service of God is to forsake the fountain of living waters, where there is joy and peace and blessed consolation, and the soul can drink of that water that comes from heaven, and have the spiritual thirst assuaged and quenched. Then to turn to the inventions of men, and engage in the things in pretended service to God which men have invented, is to hew out broken cisterns that can hold no water. It is a great evil thus to do. May the good Lord help us all to let the cisterns severely alone and to be faithful to Him and to His cause and to His service.

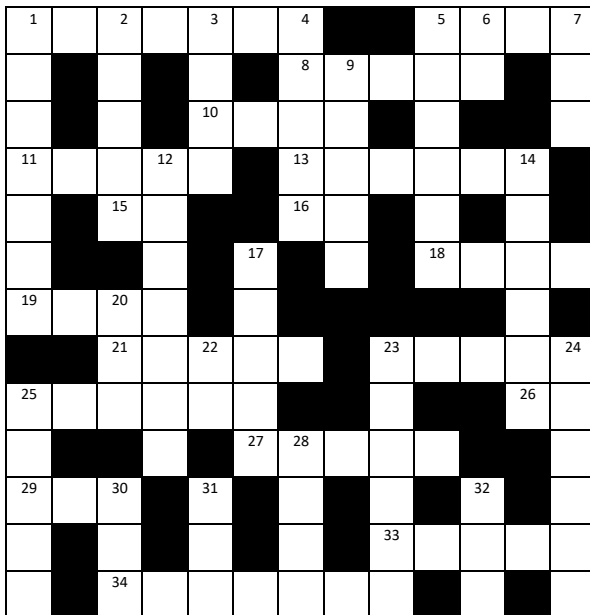
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BIBLE CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS:

1. Better is little with fear of the Lord than great treasure and _____ therewith.
5. Pharaoh's chariots and his _____ hath he cast into the sea; his captains hath he drowned.
8. This man made a molten calf for Israel out of their golden earrings.
10. _____ I believe; help thou my unbelief.
11. _____ ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way.
13. Two men that opposed Nehemiah in rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem were Sanballat and _____.
15. _____ ye that thirsteth, come ye to the waters.
16. Hour abbreviation.
18. Silver and _____ have I none, but such as I have give I thee said Peter to the lame man.
19. The father of Shem, Ham, and Japheth



(Answers on Page 8)

21. Elias was sent unto Sarepta, a city of _____, unto a woman that was a widow.
23. How often would have I gathered thy children together as a hen doth gather her _____.
25. A state Peter was in when he saw a sheet let down from heaven while on a house top.
26. _____ know that all things work together for good.
27. There is a _____ the streams thereof shall make glad the city of our God.
29. The wages of sin is death _____ the gift of God is.
33. If the priest shall see a yellow hair in leper's sore, it is a dry _____ and leprosy in the head.
34. Cleanse _____ hands ye sinners. Take thine ease, _____ drink and be merry. Two words.

DOWN:

1. Though he slay me yet will I _____ him. 2 words.
2. Ruth and _____ came back with Naomi from Moab.

BIBLE CROSSWORD PUZZLE CONT'D

3. Children mocked Elisha calling him a _____ head.
4. And the _____ was without form and void.
5. Love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend _____ for nothing again.
6. Up _____ this rock will I build my church said Jesus.
7. The veil of the temple was rent in twain from the _____ to the bottom.
9. In like manner also, that women _____ themselves with modest apparel.
12. There is _____ too hard for the Lord.
14. A man wrestled with Jacob and touched the _____ of his thigh and it was out of joint.
17. Be not just a hearer of the word but _____ of the word. Two words.
20. King of Judah who died with diseased feet and sought not to the Lord but to the physicians.
22. District of Columbia.
23. The publican smote on his _____ saying God be merciful to me a sinner.
24. The Pharisees said Jesus cast out _____ by the prince of devils, Beelzebub.
25. Thou preparest a _____ before me in the presence of my enemies.
28. The apostle John was exiled on the _____ of Patmos.
30. Believe not every spirit, but _____ the spirits whether they are of God.
31. Peace I leave with _____, my peace I give _____.
32. To obey is better than sacrifice and to hearken than the _____ of rams; Samuel told Saul.

OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF BABES

My youngest son, Joseph, and I were keeping our grandson Isaac (He'll be 4 in November) and I happened to mention did he know his name Isaac meant laughter? He said either his daddy or his mother had told him that. I told him that Isaac was the promised son of Abraham and his wife Sarah when they were old but they had to wait a long, long time for that promised son named Isaac which was the same as your name. I couldn't tell where he was following me or not. He must not have for he said, "Papa, that don't make no sense." Well, so much for that; maybe we'll try again another time.—*Editor*

The pastor was preaching the account of Philip preaching to the eunuch. He preached unto the eunuch Jesus from Isaiah 53. The pastor wanted to instill in everyone the joy of becoming a follower of the Lord so he asked the question, "why did the eunuch go on his way rejoicing?" One youngster in the congregation told his mother the answer. "He went on rejoicing because Philip quit preaching."

CHURCH NEWS

Everyone is invited to the annual fall meeting at Macedonia Primitive Baptist Church, Ackerman, MS the 1st weekend in October, 2018 (Oct. 6-7). Meeting begins with services Saturday, October 6, at 10:30 a.m. followed by lunch and afternoon services. Sunday, October 7, at 10:30 a.m. followed by lunch. Elder Luke Addison, Smithdale, MS is invited minister. Elder David Wise is Pastor of Macedonia.

Everyone is invited to the fall meeting at New Prospect Primitive Baptist Church, Fairground Rd, New Albany, MS the 2nd weekend in October, 2018 (Oct. 12-14). Services Friday night, October 12, at 7:00 p.m. Saturday night, October 13, Supper at 5:30 p.m. and worship at 7:00 p.m. Sunday at 10:30 a.m. followed by lunch. Elder Tim Cunningham, Ethridge, TN and Pastor of New Hope PBC Hatley, MS is invited minister. Elder Grady Camp is Pastor of New Prospect.

Everyone is invited to the annual fall meeting at Mt. Hermon Primitive Baptist Church, 163 CR 427, Vardaman, MS the 4th weekend in October, 2018 (Oct. 26-28). Services begin Friday night, October 26, at 7:00 PM. No supper. Saturday morning, October, 27, at 10:00 AM with lunch and afternoon service at 1:30 PM. Sunday morning at 10:30 AM with lunch. This is an OPEN meeting. Praying to be blessed with several Elders to do the preaching. Come and enjoy a weekend of preaching and fellowship. Be in prayer for us.—Elder Calvin Warren, Pastor of Mt. Hermon

Bethel Primitive Baptist Church, Bruce, MS will begin services on 1st Sunday in October, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. with Elder James Hall doing the preaching. This church has only two members and trying to continue laboring on in the kingdom of God.

Olive Branch PBC, 9483 Hwy 178, Olive Branch, MS will hold their annual meeting October 5-7, 2018. Singing service Fri., Oct. 5, at 6:30 PM. Services Sat., Oct. 6, at 10:30 AM with lunch and afternoon services at 1:30 or 2:00 PM. Sunday at 10:30 am with lunch. Elder Calvin Warren, Tupelo, MS is invited minister. Contact Dwayne Thompson 901-378-9842 or Danny Hardwick 901-921-1644 for more details. Elder Zane Coquat is Pastor of Olive Branch.

The Pastor greeted Brother John Doe after the Easter service and said, "Good to see you again brother, but it would be great if we could see you more on a regular basis." "What do you mean?" John Doe replied, "I am as regular as you can get; I am here every single Easter."

ACTUAL CHURCH SIGN MESSAGES

An ad for St. Joseph's Episcopal Church has a picture of two hands holding stone tablets on which the Ten Commandments are inscribed and a headline that reads, "For fast, fast, fast relief, take two tablets."

When the restaurant next to the Lutheran Church put out a big sign with red letters that said, "Open Sundays," the church reciprocated with its own message: "We are open on Sundays, too."

"Have trouble sleeping? We have sermons - come hear one!"

A singing group called "The Resurrection" was scheduled to sing at a church. When a big snowstorm postponed the performance, the pastor fixed the outside sign to read, "The Resurrection is postponed."

"People are like tea bags - you have to put them in hot water before you know how strong they are."

EXCERPTS GLAD TIDINGS READER LETTERS

Dear Bro. Wise,

Enclosed please find a small donation for the paper "Glad Tidings". I enjoy it very much. Thank you.

Thelma Long
Palestine, AR

Bro. Wise,

Enclosed is a small donation toward the publication of Glad Tidings. Such good reading.

Gordon Cotton
Vicksburg, MS

Dear Ones,

Thanks so much for printing all the good writings; now days this is extremely valuable. Wishing our Dear Lord's blessings to you all along the way. He will see us through. Always enjoy reading Glad Tidings.

In Dear Hope & Love

Sister Loreta Lilly
Akron, OH

Thought of the day:

Elder Robert Payne

August 24, 2018

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. Psalm 119:105

If we study the word of God we will know where we ought to be standing and the paths we need to walk while traveling through this world of sin and sorrow. The darkness of this evil world hates the light because it cast light on their evil works.

John 1:4-5: In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

The Call of the Shepherd

By Elder Rickey Taylor
Booneville, Mississippi

“My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.” John 10:27

We would like to examine the scriptures that speak of the Shepherd and his sheep.

The scriptures tell us that Jesus Christ is the great shepherd in Hebrews 13:20. Christ is the shepherd and bishop of our souls as recorded in 1 Peter 2:35. The security of the souls of the sheep rest in the hands of the shepherd, not in the sheep’s works we read in John 6:38-40. The sheep are the children of God. Matthew 25:32-36. The chosen of God even before the foundation of the world Ephesians 1:4,5.

Sheep, like the children of God, need constant care and oversight. It takes a good shepherd to look after their welfare. Ministers are shepherds, but they are under shepherds of the good shepherd who is the Lord Jesus Christ. It is the Lord’s voice that the sheep hear. Every child of God will hear the voice of the Son of God. The results of this will be their regeneration and their call to rise from the grave at the Resurrection. Being born again and rising from the dead are both the work of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The work of regeneration will happen here to the children of God. Only Christ can do this work. We read in John 5:25 “Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.” The hour is coming and now **is** shows that this has been happening, both in the past and the future. The children of God, the Lord’s sheep, have been under going this marvelous work of regeneration since Adam and Eve. The hour is **coming** means that they are being born of the Spirit today, and will be tomorrow as well, as long as this old earth is here. This is not done through any work of man or the gospel. Notice it says **voice**. Voice is distinctive of a person. Just as sheep distinguish the voice of the shepherd from strangers. My parent’s voice I knew since a child from others voices I heard. We know the voice of our children from other children, because God gave them a distinctive voice. Through the voice of the Son of God we are made to be born of the Spirit, simply by him speaking into our hearts. They will show results of being born of the Spirit through their deeds and actions. Regenerated hearts have a nature of goodness that is opposite of the old sinful nature. That nature will be manifested while they are here on earth. That is what makes people to be good neighbors and law abiding citizens, just to name a few of the many good works that will come forth from their hearts.

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.” This speaks of the same voice that shall speak in the Resurrection. For the hour is “coming” that they that are in the graves shall hear his voice. His voice will be irresistible, the dead shall rise from their grave on command from the Son of God. Just as Lazarus came forth from the grave after four days in the tomb John 11:44. Only the voice of God has the power to do this. The fact that a voice is distinctive to an individual, shows us that the works of man and the gospel are completely eliminated from the work of regeneration and the rising of the dead on the Resurrection day. Only the shepherd whose voice we know and have heard is in charge of this marvelous work. If you love the Lord and his blessed word, then that is evidence that you are one of his sheep. The good shepherd died for you and called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Someday he will speak and all that are in the graves shall come forth. Then all the sheep shall be gathered together into one fold and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Even so Lord, come quickly!

Rickey Taylor

**BIBLE CROSSWORD PUZZLE ANSWERS
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- 13. haibot
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- 18. dlog
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- 21. nodis
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- 25. ecart
- 26. ew
- 27. revir
- 29. tub
- 33. llacs
- 34. taeruoy

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- 6. no
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- 9. nroda
- 12. gnihon
- 14. wolloh
- 17. reoda
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“But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.” (Matt. 9:36). Then Jesus told the disciples to pray the Lord would send forth labourers into His harvest which were white to harvest and plenteous.

Primitive Baptist Writings--Intercession

by S.N. Redford (Deceased)

Intercession of Christ for the Saints

"And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God." Ro 8:27.

"Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them." Heb 7:25.

"For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us." Heb 9:24.

These scriptures teach that Christ intercedes for His people and I am sure this blessed truth is full of comfort to the poor child of God who daily realizes his sinfulness. We learn from the above Scriptures that Christ makes intercession according to the will of God. That is the ground upon which He pleads our cause, a righteous ground, and hence is pleasing to God. Christ does not plead our innocence or our righteousness, for we have no righteousness of our own to plead. The lawyer in defense will try to establish the innocence of the prisoner, although his hands may be red with blood; but not so with Jesus. he confesses that His people are guilty, that they have no righteousness, no justification, no redemption of their own. He confesses that within themselves considered they deserve no mercy, but He pleads His own blood for their redemption. He holds forth His hands that the cruel spikes pierced, He calls attention (so to speak) to His pierced side and the cross. He pleads His righteous justification, and perfect obedience. Oh, what joyful news to the poor saint! For such intercession is according to the will of God. He says, "It is enough. Spare them." Dear saint, so you feel so imperfect that it seems your prayers rise no higher than your head? If so, I bring the news that Jesus prays for you and He says His Father always hears Him.

Next we learn that he ever lives to make intercession for us. God's poor people will need a Saviour to intercede for them until they are safely landed home in heaven. We feel to praise God for the knowledge of the fact that Jesus ever lives to plead their cause. The Bible teaches that Christ, our High Priest, has entered heaven itself to appear before God the Father for us even in His presence, and thus we feel to hope for mercy. God will be merciful to our unrighteousness. "If we sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous." Truly Jesus is full of grace.

This doctrine attacks the doctrine of the righteousness and it attacks the doctrine of apostasy. The doctrine of the righteous intercession of Christ holds Him forth as the sinner's only hope of heaven

and at the same time assures him, if he has an interest in Christ that some sweet day he will hear the joyful news, "Child, your Father calls, come home." When that time comes, the loving hand of our blessed intercessor will wipe the tears from our eyes. There will be no pain nor death in that eternal city. There will be no sin in heaven; but, until we triumph over sin, we will need an intercessor.

THOUGHTS ON THE NEW BIRTH

When a person is born of the Spirit of God he not only loses all interest in being the *life* of the party, but he doesn't even want to be *at* the party. In other words, when one is brought out of nature's darkness and made to see something of the exceeding sinfulness of sin he is killed to the love of those things in which the world takes so much delight. I personally know of more than one person who was at a place of worldly entertainment at the time it pleased the Lord to make himself known to them. And whereas they had gone to that place in high spirits and with much gaiety and mirth, they left it in great distress and heaviness of heart; they went there as a part of the crowd, but they left as an "outcast in the land of Egypt" (Isaiah 27:13). They certainly did not go there desiring to be born of the Spirit,--and at the moment it occurred they did not even realize what had happened to them.

The heavenly birth is not something one *desires to get*; it is something God *sovereignly brings to pass*. It is not obtained by compliance with conditions on the part of the unborn, but it is obtained passively as a result of the work of the Holy Spirit. The apostle John states it very clearly when he says the new birth is "not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God" (John 1:13).

If the "will of man" has no part in the new birth why do so many people teach that anyone can be born again if they just will? That's about like saying, "Those that are dead in their graves can get up and walk around the cemetery if they just will." The reason they don't *will* to get up and walk around the cemetery is because they are *dead*.

The manner in which the new birth comes about is set forth very closely in God's word. So clearly in fact that men are left totally without excuse for either failing, or refusing, to see it. Remember, blindness is no excuse, because God is neither responsible for people being blind nor for their being "willingly ignorant". We will close with two of these plain declarations concerning the new birth. Paul says to the Ephesian saints, "But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved)." And Jesus said to Nicodemus, "The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whether it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit" (John 3:8). Language cannot state it any clearer.—Elder Ralph Harris

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GOD SENT HIS SON

By Elder Larry Wise
Randolph, Mississippi

God chose His people in Christ Jesus before the world began and predetermined they would be holy and without blame before him in love while living forever in His eternal presence. The only way this could be accomplished and justice satisfied was for someone to pay the ransom price for the sins of the chosen. Adam plunged all humanity, including the chosen into death in sin and separated from God. Men are sinners so they could not pay the ransomed price God required which required sinless perfection. God sent the law via Moses which was good and perfect but alas, it could not atone for one sin because it required perfection and perfect obedience; therefore, God had to send His Son. Paul tells us, "For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:" (Rom. 8:3).

Just one sin would be enough to condemn the chosen to eternal ruin if it remained unpaid for in the court of God. Thanks be to God, however, that there is none that can condemn the chosen child of God because of what Jesus did at Calvary. Paul asks and answers the question of sin that might be laid to the charge of the chosen. "Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us." (Rom. 8:33-34). Unpaid for sin would indeed condemn; however, Jesus condemned the sin that would have sent His chosen to hell in His own flesh and thus the redeemed stand justified and not condemned in the court of God. Jesus was in the likeness of sinful flesh but not with the nature of flesh as He was conceived of the Holy Ghost. He was sent by His Father at the appointed time for the appointed purpose. "But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons." (Gal. 4:4-5)

What could possibly motivate God to send His Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to pay the ransomed price? The scriptures don't leave God's people in the dark. The apostle John says, "In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins." (1 John 4:9-10). The chosen were dead in sins and unlovable but God loved them with an everlasting love and manifested that love by sending His Own Son that they would be holy and without blame before Him in love.

God sent His Son to die for those without any strength and ungodly by nature. Jesus said that "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." (John 15:13). However, Paul tells us that scarcely for a righteous man would one die but peradventure for a good man some one might dare to die. Then the love of God and His Son is presented in direct contrast to this observation. "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him." (Rom. 5:8-9). The chosen have been saved from the wrath to come as Jesus stood as their substitute at Calvary. The folks at Thessalonica were the elect and responded to the gospel by leaving idols and following the Lord; then to wait for the second coming of Christ because of their deliverance from wrath to come. "And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come." (1 Thess. 1:10).

Jesus is the husband of His people and as such He was given a bride and agreed to come and be surety for the same. "By so much was Jesus made a surety of a better testament." (Heb. 7:22). Judah agreed to be surety for Benjamin and if he failed to bring him back to his father Israel (Jacob) he would bear the blame forever. Jesus as surety for His people will present them all before His Heavenly Father without the loss of one. (John 6:38-39). This happens all because of the love of God and His Son. Husbands are commanded to love their wives and in a certain manner comparable to Christ. "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;" (Eph. 5:25).

The final thought is the chosen are referred to as "it" and this "it" He will raise up again at the last day and notice the presentation of the bride. "That he might present **it to himself** a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish." (Eph. 5:27). I think it is remarkable that not only is Jesus going to present the bride "holy and without blemish" to the Father, but He is going to present it to "himself". Even the deity of Christ as God manifest in the flesh is evident in the final culmination of all things. This song excerpt from the Old School Hymnal, 12th edition, by Gloria and William Gaither tells how saints can face the future by God sending His Son.

God sent His Son, they called Him Jesus
He came to love, heal and forgive
He lived and died to buy my pardon
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow
Because He lives, all fear is gone
Because I know He holds the future
And life is worth the living just because He lives.

GOSPEL LIGHT

We read 2 Timothy 1:9, 10: "Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given in Christ Jesus before the world began, but is now made manifest by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel."

The heirs of promise were by nature separated from God because of their sinful life, and were held in the prison of death in sin with no way to remove this sting of death, and were so ruled by Satan that they loved sin and its pleasures. But when it pleased God to call them by his grace, they see the sinfulness of their sins and their guilty distance from God.

This work of grace brings spiritual life and immortality to the souls of the heirs of promise, but they receive this in a mystery until the light of the Gospel is revealed to them by the Spirit. When they hear and believe the Gospel of their salvation, they rejoice in it. When they hear and believe that Christ died for their sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried in baptism by John the Baptist, they desire to be followers of their dear Savior and show their faith in His burial and resurrection.

Baptism to them is an answer to a good conscience toward God, and by faith they have the assurance that they are justified before God through their Savior. When they take His yoke upon them, they learn to be meek and lowly in heart and find rest to their souls. This dear Lord will give them rest in His promises that He will not leave nor forsake them. Blessed assurance!

The things they do in the service of the Lord will be treasured in their memory, but the works of the flesh will be remembered with regret. There is a fleshly nature yet in them that were against the desires of their minds which brings sadness, but this will not separate them from the tender love and care of their Lord and Master. Thus our Savior brings life and immortality to light through the gospel.

"And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness." Rom. 8:10. The gospel teaches us that this mortal life must die, but that it will be raised in life and immortality in the resurrection. This is a glorious promise that the gospel of Christ brings to the believing child of God. "The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Cor. 15:56, 57).

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The gospel bell—Truth to tell
Ring it in love—Truth from above

THE SOUND OF THE GOSPEL

By Elder Louis Culver
Daily Devotion for May 30, 2003

A sweeter sound has never been heard than the sound of salvation by grace—the sound of the gospel. Musical instruments, fashioned by men, make various sounds, sometimes pleasing to the ears of the listener. Another sound that will always demand our attention is the sound of our own name. We listen for the sound of a vehicle if we are expecting someone to visit us. Our anticipation is enhanced by the sound of the approaching vehicle. We know that our association with others is continual blessing. We hear the sounds of the song-birds as they go about the daily duties of building nests, hatching young, feeding those young, and then teaching them to fly. This teaches us that life is ever an on-going process. The sounds of the wind in the trees as it rustles the leaves causes us to remember that the breath of God is everywhere.

So many sounds reach our ears, but such a great majority of them never truly register. We are surrounded by sound almost constantly. Silence comes at a premium price. The more we hear, the less we hear.

The sound of the gospel is to the ears of the believing child of God the most beautiful, sweet, pleasing, soothing, fulfilling sound we can hear. When the Lord truly blesses His servants to proclaim the blessed truth of salvation by grace—the sound of the gospel—the child of God is made to find such a grand and glorious exhilaration of spirit that he wonders if his soul and body can contain the power thereof.

When the child of God is blessed to sit under the sound of the gospel and to receive the drippings of that wonderful mighty, powerful and soul-filling manna from on High, he is made to rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory. The sound of the gospel soothes the weary heart, feeds the hungry soul, and nourishes the inquiring mind of the child of God.

The sound of the gospel is powerful but not overpowering, it is soft but loudly heard, gentle but absolutely powerful. The sound of the gospel—salvation by grace—is the most heavenly of all sounds we can hear

Elder Louis Culver

"Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk, O LORD, in the light of thy countenance." (Psalm 89:15)

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