

# Glad Tidings

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

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

*Philippians 4:13*

*I Corinthians 15:19*

## FROM THE PASTORS DESK

The people of God rejoice that God is a merciful God and continues to show that attribute from one generation to another. It is His sovereign right to show mercy to whom He will or withhold it as He sees fit. "For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy." (Rom. 9:15-16). Without God's mercy all His people would be consigned to the lake of fire as just recompense for their sins. However, God is rich in mercy and that mercy hath saved us; not by our works but by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost. (Titus 3:5).

As a recipient of the mercy of God in regeneration, His people can exercise mercy toward others but not in the sovereign way that is unique to God. Indeed mercy must be accomplished and not just talked about if anyone expects to receive temporal mercy from God. Jesus taught in His Sermon on the Mount "Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy." (Matt. 5:7). Exercising mercy works like forgiveness. If anyone fails to forgive a brother his trespass, that individual cannot expect to receive any forgiveness for their sins, even though a sincere petition may have been asked. (Matt. 6:14-15). Sincere appreciation for the mercy of God is an extension of the love of God which is not shut up but open to others in need.

God's love is a sacrificial love demonstrated in the sending of His Son to save His people from their sins. Love in the heart of a child of God is to be made manifest as the apostle John writes: "But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?" (I John 3:17). Love is to be shown not just in word but in deed and truth and any child of God is blessed when they are engaged in this Christian virtue.

The wise man Solomon tells of the benefits of exercising mercy. "The merciful man doeth good to his own soul: but he that is cruel troubleth his own flesh." (Prov. 11:17). Individuals are just asking for trouble when they fail to be merciful to others. On the other hand, good is done to the souls of those who do what God has instructed. Who would not desire to do good to their own soul? Evidently, some do not.

Any exercise of mercy cannot accrue to the good of any person if it is motivated by self-interest. There is a saying "It is every man for himself" that is used when things seem dire. Well, in the service of God it is never every man for himself because lives are intermingled in the service of God. To the sheep on His right hand, Jesus gave recognition as those who visited Him when he was sick and clothed Him when naked, etc. The sheep failed to comprehend when they had ever done any of these things. Then Jesus tells them, "And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." (Matt. 25:40).

The people of God are called to minister to others just as Jesus came not to be ministered unto but to minister. (Matt. 20:28). If others fail to recognize that ministry, it should not make any difference because the Lord never forgets such sacrificial love. Heb. 6:10 affirms this truth: "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." This is a continual duty and blessing with full assurance of hope unto the end and not a one time display of mercy.

Many times in the Old Testament, Israel had failed to show mercy but exhibited oppression and God was not pleased. Sacrifices would not appease His displeasure as in Hosea 6:6: "For I desired mercy, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings." God would have been justified in giving them what they deserved because their heart was not right with God but instead the scriptures say, "But he, being full of compassion, forgave their iniquity, and destroyed them not: yea, many a time turned he his anger away, and did not stir up all his wrath." (Psalm 78:38). This nation had better hope and pray God is as merciful and compassionate in its disobedience as He was with Israel in their abandonment of His commandments.

Yes, thank God for His mercy and compassion and may it be on display every day in the lives of believers. What other way can anyone know that His people are true disciples of the Lord. "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." (John 13:35). Cruelty never got Israel anywhere and it will not do God's people any good today. Mercy, however, will always do a child of God good, now and always! (Elder Larry Wise)

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**TRIUNE GOD**

By Elder C.H. Cayce (Deceased)

Sister Betty Murrie, of Avant, Okla., and Brother W.T. Parker, of Purvis, Miss. asked us some time ago to give our views on the Trinity in the Godhead. Sister Murrie asked if they are three spirit beings. We will try to give our views of the matter in a very brief way.

In the first verse of the Bible we have this language, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." The word which is here, as well as other places in the Old Testament, translated God is a word which denotes a plurality—that is, more than one; rather, it denotes one composed of more than one. The word does not signify as to how many the one is composed of, but it is more than one. It may be two, or three, or four, or any other number more than one. But though God be composed of more than one, yet He is but one God.

Christ (Jesus) was God; and He was also man. He [pg 445] was the Son of Mary; and He was also, at the same time, the Son of God. He was God manifest in the flesh (I Tim. iii. 16). He was the Word; see John i. 1, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." Turn and read the following verses. Verse 14 tells us that "the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us." So, now we have the Son of God, which also carries with it the idea of a Father. Here is something that puzzles the finite mind—how that Christ could be God, and also called the Son of God; how He could be the Son, and still be as old as the Father. This is true, however, from the fact that He was and is the eternally begotten Son of God. Hence, though they be thus

spoken of as Father and Son, yet they are one. They are one in divine essence, one in power, one in purpose, one in glory. Paul tells us in Heb. i. 3 that the Son is the express image of the Father. The terms "Holy Ghost" and "Holy Spirit" mean the same thing. "God is a Spirit."—John iv. 24. So, we have three, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, or Holy Spirit. "For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one."—I John v. 7. The three are the One God. But, though they are one, they are spoken of as separate, from the different office work of the three Divine Persons in the one Godhead. It was the office work of the Father to elect, make choice of the people, and to "predestinate them unto the adoption of sons"; it was the office work of the Son to redeem; and it is the office work of the Holy Spirit to regenerate those whom the [pg 446] Son redeemed, and to bring them into divine relationship with God.

The work of the salvation of poor sinners is, therefore, all the work of God, and will end in the final glorification of all the heirs of promise.

In Gen. i. 26 we have this language, "And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness." A likeness is a picture. Although God is a Spirit, yet man is a faint picture of Him. God is spoken of as having a head, eyes, ears, nostrils, body, hands, arms, feet, etc., and man has all these. We do not understand that God has these things literally, or materially, as we do; but these things picture God to us faintly. He is an infinite being, and cannot be comprehended by finite beings, as we are. But man is one composed of three—the body, the soul—and the spirit. We can divide between the soul or the spirit and the body; but we cannot divide between the soul and the spirit; but the Lord can. Heb. iv. 12, 13, "For the Word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even unto the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in His sight," etc. Here we have it that the Word of God can and does divide between the soul and the spirit; but man cannot do this. As God is one composed of three, so is man one composed of three—thus, not only in the likeness of God, but also in the image of God. The man, the one made in the likeness and image of God, is the only being of God's creation that sinned. These are a few of our thoughts on this wonderful [pg 447] subject, though we have written more than we thought we would when we began this. May the Lord bless the same to the benefit of the reader. C. H. C.

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The God that's One—Victory won

## THE NECESSITY OF SPIRITUALITY

By Elder Herman Clark  
Iuka, Mississippi

Paul said in Romans 1:15, "So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also." What did Paul mean when he said he was ready? I don't think that Paul was speaking of having his suit freshly pressed, his tie exactly straight, his gold cuffs shining, and shoes spotless, nor was he concerned that every hair was in place. Paul used the word "ready" in the same manner as Jesus said to those three disciples that he took further with him into the Garden of Gethsemane. Mark 14:38 "Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak." This word "ready" is used only three times in the New Testament in this manner. The word "ready" is used several more times in the scriptures but have different applications.

Paul said, "...for I am now ready..." The word used by Paul has a wonderful meaning. The key to his being ready to preach the gospel is found in the first words of the verse when he said "For as much as in me is." I don't think Paul was referring to his great head knowledge, for he said to the Corinthians that he came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, nor was he referring to his being full of foolishness nor of himself, but he had something greater than this world has to offer. I find today there are some full of themselves, foolishness, and other things when they stand before God's people. We need to continue to empty ourselves of ourselves.

Paul said that which made him "ready" was not of this world but from above, "...as much as in me is..." This phrase that Paul used means: denotes motion or diffusion or direction from the higher to the lower. How wonderful! The great apostle was brought up at the feet of Gamaliel, and taught according to the perfect manner of the law of the fathers, and was zealous towards God. He was able to speak several different languages, having great authority, and used his authority to persecute the Church of God. When he spoke the words "I am ready..." he was not glorying in his wisdom, but had something much greater than man's wisdom. He had a message from a source not of this world. His message was from above. Oh, my! If only we ministers would realize that we must study the scriptures as instructed but the message must come from above. It must be as dynamite which is about to explode in the depths of our souls which must be diffused by sounding (preaching the word) in demonstration of the Spirit and of power. The message must come from the higher (God) to the lower (man). We read in Galatians 1: 10 "For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ." Our goal in

preaching the gospel should be to teach the whole of the gospel, the center being the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

In all I have thus written in this article, it may seem to be a subject matter that does not coincide with the title "The Necessity of Spirituality." Let's go further in our thoughts.

Spirituality is not something that those who have been born again can turn on or off according to one's own convenience. We sometimes can forget who is in charge of our worship service. A congregation can go through a so-called hour or two and think they have worshipped the Lord, however if Spirituality does not exist, then it has become a formality. When a church congregation falls into the trap of formalities, it has been entrapped with an "ism."

Jesus said to the woman at the well, "Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews. But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him." I ask the question: do you desire to worship in your "own" way or do you desire to worship God's way? If I do not want to worship him in his way, then I must conclude that I want to worship him in my way, which may not be God's way.

What must we do to have true Spirituality in our worship services? There are many factors involved in worshipping in spirit and in truth. Our worship service must consist of only that which is given us in the scriptures. Christ established the Church and gave her instruction of how we must worship him. The truth goes beyond the minister preaching the truth. The manner in which we are to worship God is a necessity. We must worship him in songs of praise to him, and spiritual words must be offered up to him in prayers from our hearts. Prayer is a necessity. Prayer is not the great swelling words uttered from one's lips, to be heard of men, but must be the groaning from our hearts. The whole of the congregation should be praying out of their hearts. The attitude toward our worship must begin before we reach our place of worship. How many of us get up on Sunday morning and forget that in a few hours we will be attempting to worship the King of kings and Lord of lords? Do we have a song in our heart? Do we have a prayer upon our lips?

Notice in Acts 2:1 "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." If we are to have a Spiritual worship service there MUST be a coming together with one accord. If the congregation is divided on trivial things, which do not amount to be a hill of beans, rest assured there will be no spiritual meeting. God is not the author of confusion. Let us come together rejoicing in the Lord, praying together, singing from a spiritual heart, hungry for the word of the Lord, praying for the minister, that must bring the Lord's message and not

his, and it must be delivered in demonstration of the Spirit and in power which must come from above. When we have been blessed with such a meeting let us not turn away without giving him from whom all blessings flow, the praise of thanksgivings for his wonderful blessings.

In this day in which we live, there is a great lack of spirituality in worship services across the land. There are some in the religious world that do not believe in a heart felt religion. They desire to worship, and are satisfied with coldness, hearing the letter only and often is presented with untruths. Some worship in this manner because they do not know where to find a spiritual place where spiritual minded folks desire to worship in a spiritual way, the Holy Spirit in their midst and in truth.

I believe that the church is going to see some ingathering where it is truly desired. There are so many that are looking for the very basics of worshipping the Lord. Let us tell them to "Come and see..." There is an old song that I remember hearing in my childhood days that had the words "Give me that old time religion. It was good enough for our fathers..." and etc. I want the old time religion, according to the scriptures, that true heart felt presence with us each time we come together. This is all my desire. I want to be satisfied in the true worship of the Lord. If I can only be a door keeper in the house of the Lord, I will be satisfied with his house. I want to spend my remaining days in communion with the Lord and the saints of God. How about you?

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### **GOD'S SPECIAL BLESSINGS**

(*"The Pathway of Truth"*, July, 2007)

Thursday night July 19<sup>th</sup>, Anne and I stopped at a Cracker Barrel restaurant in Western Arkansas, near the Oklahoma border, and went inside to eat. As we were finishing the meal, the waiter came over and told us our meal had been taken care of by a gentleman who wanted to remain anonymous. We did not recognize anyone in the restaurant. The waiter gave us a note which read, "Greetings: God said you needed a blessing. He still knows how many hairs you have and he loves you very much. He paid for your dinner tonight."

Anne and I were very moved by the experience of such a message from a stranger. I have no idea how we stood out from the others in the restaurant that evening, but I do know that God knew we were there.

Just a few days before, I had received a letter from a lady I had not seen for almost 50 years. It contained a check for \$250. She said, "Dear Guy Hunt, My mother Grace Walz passed away about 5 years ago...She never forgot you and neither have I...I am not surprised at the goodness the Lord places in people's hearts....—Guy Hunt

### **ABODE**

By Elder Guy Hunt (Deceased)

*"Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him."* John 14:23

We know that we love God because he first loved us. *"We love him because he first loved us."* 1<sup>st</sup> John 4:19 So this scripture is not teaching that if we love God, he will begin to love us.

He is talking about God's love within us being manifested, even to us. *"But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him."* 1<sup>st</sup> John 2:5

When we have a love for a woman, we marry and make our abode together. Because we want to be together, having a desire toward the other, we make our abode together. The scripture tells us of the condition of this abiding together. "He will keep my words."

This is a glorious promise. For poor mortals to have this abiding presence of the Lord with us, is more glorious than anything the world could ever have for us. I have always been so uplifted by having my wife walk beside me, the joy of which I have never been able to put into words. To not only walk with the Lord but to have his presence in his abiding with us, is more than poor sinners could ever visualize.

It would be a factor to help us subdue the old human nature within us and the manifestation of that human nature as pertains to sinning. As children, we always were better boys or girls in the presence of our parents. Children in school are always better behaved when the teacher is in the room than when she is out. How many always slow down a bit when they see the highway patrol with his radar gun pointed at the traffic? No matter what the crime, a defendant is usually the most polite, well dressed, well behaved person in the courtroom in the presence of the Judge.

If God makes his abode in our house, what kind of home would our home be? Would our home have less growling and fussing? It will and must, if we keep his commandments and follow his laws. As children in the home, would we still think our folks don't know what they are talking about when they lay down reasonable rules for our conduct and guidelines for our dating and going and coming?

As parents, would we indeed expect our children to follow reasonable rules, or would we want to control their entire lives and not allow them to make bigger and bigger decisions as they grow older? Would we provoke our children to wrath by being dictatorial so as to discourage the even best of boys from seeing our girls? To not even give a girl the right to talk to a boy unless the boy talks to us first is being dictatorial and indicates the Lord is not making his abode with us.

What about our language? Would our language be proper and totally without profanity? Would you and I want the Lord to hear our language in the home, or in the workplace? Is our language the kind that causes respect and maybe provoke quietness about what church we belong to? Is our language the language of Christians? Is our language such as we would want our small son to use the same?

What about our television and movies we watch? Would we have to change if the Lord is to make his abode with us? How much would television and movies improve if the Lord, because of us keeping his laws, made his abode with us? I could see how quickly some people would go out of business as a result of no business.

God gave us the laws concerning marriage. Is this what we follow in our lives and rearing of our children, or do we bow to the will of the world and what is described as modern thinking? Or, do we remember the scripture, "*Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.*" Hebrews 13:4 Fornication is not to be named among us as becometh saints. Eph. 5:3

If God is making his abode with us, we will not be doing anything contrary to sound doctrine. Read 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 1:9-10.—Guy Hunt

(From "*The Pathway of Truth*", July, 2007)

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### THOUGHT OF THE DAY

By Elder Robert Payne

June 8, 2019

Thought of the day:

Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and causest to approach unto thee, that he may dwell in thy courts: we shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house, even of thy holy temple. Psalm 65:4

We are blessed characters when we are called out of nature's darkness into the marvelous light of the Lord. The Lord has given a dwelling place for his children that they may come out of the world and enjoy the fellowship with the saints and especially the Lord.

The Lord has established his church and placed everything in it that is needed. Man has decided God didn't foresee something that the church would need in modern times. Well brethren, God set up a perfect church and we ought to be satisfied with his arrangement. I loved it just the way it was when I joined and still like it the same way. If you have decided it needs changes please find somewhere that meets your needs and leave the church in peace. The cause of splits, different orders, and lack of peace are some of the causes of folks not being satisfied with the goodness of the Lord's house.

True doctrine and practice will rarely cause trouble with true worshippers.

### THE FORGOTTEN TEXT

On Sunday morning in 1770, as related by Mr. H. L. Hastings in his *Tales of Trust*, Mr. Neale opened his Bible to look at the text upon which he had been meditating the previous week, and from which he expected to preach that day. But, though he entreated the Lord to help him, he was never able to find it, nor to recall any of his thoughts in regard to it. But, while he was thus troubled, there flashed into his mind, with peculiar energy, the blessed words of Paul, "For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom. 8:38, 39). Instantly this whole passage became luminous to his mind. "My soul", said he, "saw the precious truth." As he went on to meeting he endeavored to remember the text which he had previously studied, but he could not, but the passage in the eighth chapter of Romans still pressed itself on his thoughts. In his public prayer he felt an uncommon degree of the divine influence, and, after the singing of the hymn, he, although dismissed by the loss of the text which he himself had selected and thought to use, felt that he had nothing else to preach from except Paul's language in Romans.

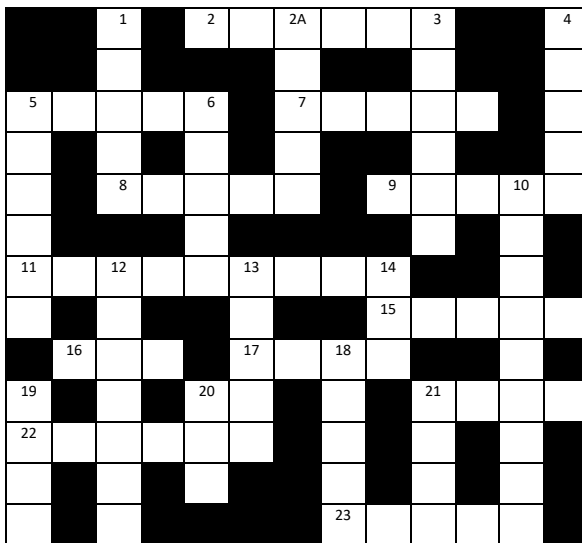
Soon after he had begun to speak he observed a well-dressed man, a stranger, enter the place, take a seat, and recline his head upon the back of the bench before him. And before long he saw him pull out his handkerchief to wipe his face, which seemed to be bathed in tears. Then it occurred to him that the Lord was in this matter. So he proceeded in his discourse, and never had more liberty. Through the whole of the service the stranger never raised his head, but seemed to feed on the message of grace that was delivered, as a hungry man feeds upon bread. In the evening the man called upon Mr. Neale, and wished for a copy of the discourse which he had delivered that day, and embracing him in his arms, said his purse was at his service for the sermon, and added, "Two or three years ago I heard you, in such a place, preach upon such a subject, and ever since then I have been under the spirit of conviction and bondage. This day I took my horse and rode to hear you; and, blessed be God, He had now given me to see Him as my reconciled God and Father, in Jesus Christ, and had given me to enjoy that liberty wherewith He makes people free." This and more did he say before Mr. Neale then told him how he had been circumstanced in regard to that text. He also assured him that, were he to give him the whole world, he could not commit the sermon to writing, for he had delivered it just as it occurred in his thoughts in the pulpit. "We both, by this time," continued Mr.

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**BIBLE CROSSWORD PUZZLE**

**ACROSS:**

- 2. Lord, now lettest thou thy servant \_\_\_ in peace said Simeon holding baby Jesus.
- 5. Paul said I am pure from the \_\_\_ of all men.
- 7. Swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to \_\_\_.
- 8. Peter's wife's mother was sick of a \_\_\_ and Jesus healed her.
- 9. We see through a \_\_\_ darkly, then face to face.
- 11. For \_\_\_ is as the sin of witchcraft. Uprising.
- 15. Brother of Absalom who raped his sister, Tamar.
- 16. Stand, see and \_\_\_ for the old paths. Inquire.
- 17. God works his will in the \_\_\_ of heaven. Military.
- 20. \_\_\_ many as I love I rebuke and chasten.
- 21. The \_\_\_ of a good man are ordered by the Lord and He delighteth in his way. Singular.
- 22. John was the disciple who leaned on Jesus' \_\_\_ at the supper.
- 23. Behold a \_\_\_ went forth to sow. Parable of the \_.



(Answers on Page 8)

**DOWN:**

- 1. Do the work of an evangelist, make full \_\_\_ of thy ministry.
- 2A. For thine is the kingdom, the \_\_\_ and the glory.
- 3. Not one jot or \_\_\_ of the law will pass before all be fulfilled.
- 4. Moses made a serpent of \_\_\_ and put it on a pole.
- 5. \_\_\_ of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees.
- 6. Your adversary the \_\_\_ is as a roaring lion.
- 10. Jesus \_\_\_ down and wrote on the ground.
- 12. Moses said to God, I \_\_\_ thee show me thy glory.
- 13. Paul felt to be the \_\_\_ of all the apostles.
- 14. Let your communication be Yea, yea and \_\_\_ nay.
- 18. A poor widow cast in two \_\_\_ into the treasury.
- 19. Children \_\_\_ your parents in the Lord.
- 20. Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a colt the foal of an \_\_\_.
- 21. The Lord is merciful and gracious, \_\_\_ to anger and plenteous in mercy.

**OUT OF THE MOUTH OF BABES**

Teachers observe all kinds of behavior, both good and bad, from their students but I suppose the majority of it is good. There was a kindergarten teacher who was walking around the room observing her classroom of children who were drawing pictures. She came to one little girl who was drawing a picture and she asked her, "What are you drawing?" The girl replied, "I'm drawing God." The teacher paused and said, "Surely you know that no one knows what God looks like." Without even looking up, the girl replied, "No, but they will when I get done."

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**THE CARE OF GOD**

A construction crew was building a new road through a rural area, knocking down trees as it progressed. A superintendent noticed that one tree had a nest of birds who couldn't yet fly and he marked the tree so that it would not be cut down. Several weeks later the superintendent came back to the tree. He got into a bucket truck and was lifted up so that he could peer into the nest. The fledglings were gone. They had obviously learned to fly. The superintendent ordered the tree cut down. As the tree crashed to the ground, the nest fell clear and some of the material that the birds had gathered to make the nest was scattered about. Part of it was a scrap torn from a Sunday school pamphlet. On the scrap of paper were these words: He careth for you.

Bits & Pieces, November, 1989, p. 23.

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"Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?" (Matt. 6:30-31)

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**THE FORGOTTEN TEXT**

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Neale, "began to see the good hand of God in the case, and His good providence in determining me, in such a remarkable manner, to preach upon a text which I had never before used, and which He had accompanied with such efficacy as to make it an immediate message from Himself, and in causing this stranger to come fourteen miles to hear me preach that day! To me it was one of my best days, and one which, both by him and me, will be remembered through a long and joyful eternity."

(From "Remarkable Providences"—Edited by Elder R. H. Pittman)

**CHURCH NEWS**

Everyone is invited to the annual meeting at Little Flock Primitive Baptist Church, Burnsville, MS August 2-4, 2019. Services Friday night, Aug. 2, at 7:00 p.m. preceded by supper at 6:00 p.m. Saturday night, Aug. 3, at 7:00 p.m. preceded by supper at 6:00 p.m. Sunday, August 4, at 10:30 a.m. Elder Josh Winslett, Moody, 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 the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in August, 2019 (Aug. 2-4). Services Friday night, Aug. 2 at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 3, at 10:30 a.m. with lunch and afternoon services. Sunday, Aug. 4 at 10:30 a.m. Elder Darren Owens, Ripley, MS 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 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in August, 2019 (Aug. 16-17). Services Friday night, August 16, at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, August 17, at 10:30 a.m. followed by lunch. No afternoon or night service. Elder Ronald Lawrence, Goodlettsville, TN is invited minister. Elder Jerry Wise is Pastor of Chewalla. (Psalm 107:1-2)

Everyone is invited to the annual meeting at Bethany Primitive Baptist Church, Ecru, MS the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in September, 2019 (Sept. 6-8). Bethany will celebrate its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of continual services during this meeting. Services Friday night, September 6, at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, September 7, at 10:00 a.m. with a recap of church history followed by regular services and then lunch. Concludes Sunday at 10:30 a.m. followed by lunch. Elder Ricky Harcrow, Fort Payne, AL is invited minister. Elder Larry Wise is Pastor of Bethany.

The Tombigbee Association of Primitive Baptists will convene with Poplar Springs, PBC in Winfield, AL the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in September, 2019 (Sept. 13-14). Services Friday, September 13, at 10:00 a.m. followed by lunch and afternoon services. The same schedule for Saturday, September 14. Elder Clayton O'Mary is Pastor of Poplar Springs.

Friendship Primitive Baptist Church, Winona, MS will have their annual meeting the 4<sup>th</sup> weekend in September, 2019 (Sept. 21-22). Services Saturday, Sept. 21, at 10:00 a.m. followed by lunch and afternoon services. Sunday at 10:30 a.m. with lunch. Open meeting. Elder B.T, Strum is Pastor of Friendship.

In church is the place—To learn how to run our race

**CHURCH NEWS**

Clear Springs Primitive Baptist Church in Maben, MS has voted to call for the ordination of Brother Joe Ott as a deacon. On August 24, 2019, the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday in August, they will meet at 10:00 am for worship and preaching service, followed by lunch, with the deacon ordination service in the afternoon beginning around 1:30 pm. Clear Springs invites everyone to come worship during this ordination service, especially the ordained elders and deacons from our sister churches for a presbytery. Clear Springs is currently without a pastor so be prayerful for this church and this ordination service. You may contact Brother Bobby Pruitt at (662) 744-0101 if you need further information.

“For they that have used the office of a deacon well purchase to themselves a good degree, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.” (I Timothy 3:13)

“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 brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;” (Isaiah 61:1)

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**INNER PEACE**

My therapist told me the way to achieve true inner peace is to finish what I start.

So far today, I have finished two bags of chips and a chocolate cake. I feel better already.

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**KEEPING PEACE**

By Nena Faye Holder (Deceased)

A dart from Satan left a mouth,  
And hit the center of a heart  
Well tendered by God's gracious touch.  
The dart pierced deeply—tore apart.

Through trembling lips, a whispered prayer  
Came forth, “Forgive, Oh, Father, please!  
Help us to know from where the dart  
Originated—for it grieves.”

We thank you, Father, Holy One,  
For you can heal an unjust pain,  
And hold us close to see your face,  
And help us to forgive again.

Help us be mindful of the things  
We hold within our hearts,  
So when we open up our mouths  
We won't throw Satan's darts.

**ASSEMBLING TOGETHER**

By Elder Jerry McMinn  
Linden, Tennessee

Have you ever heard someone say that he can worship God out under a tree by himself just as well or better than he can worship together with others in a church? Do you believe him?

The devil would like for you to think that it is not important to assemble together with others to worship. Satan would like for you to excuse yourself from the duty of church attendance. However, God has commanded that we meet together and has warned us about “forsaking the assembling of ourselves together.” (Hebrews 10:25)

Why should we assemble together? What happens when we meet together as a church that doesn’t happen when we are alone? The Bible has many answers, but let’s look at two of the examples given about the importance of assembling together.

**WE BUILD A HOUSE**—The structure in which we meet is not a church. The real church is the people who meet for worship. However, when we meet to worship, we build a “spiritual house” and the material that we use is ourselves. The apostle Peter described it this way: “Ye also as lively (living) stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices unto God by Jesus Christ.” (I Peter 2:5)

What are we going to do in this spiritual house? In these New Testament times, God has made all his children to be priests, and a priest should offer sacrifices unto God. We don’t offer dead sacrifices such as a lamb or an ox which was slain and then burned as in Old Testament days. We offer ourselves as a living sacrifice. The apostle told those of the church at Rome to “present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.” (Romans 12:1) Notice that “bodies” is plural in this example and together these bodies offer “a” sacrifice. God’s word continually emphasizes one service offered together by many.

**WE BUILD A TEMPLE**—When the church assembles to worship God, “all the building fitly framed together growth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.” (Ephesians 2:21-22)

What is the difference between the “spiritual house” and the “holy temple?” In the house, sacrifices are said to be offered up unto God. It is good to view the Lord as high and lifted up, but too often we only see him as “way off” somewhere. As we grow in our spiritual service from just being a building to being a temple, it is a much more intimate experience. God comes and visits the holy temple personally through his Spirit. It is then that we experience “the times of refreshing” which “come from the presence of the

Lord.” (Acts 3:19) I believe we would think of church attendance more seriously if we would say to ourselves each time we go to worship, “I want to go build a house for God and offer myself as a sacrifice. I also want to build a temple for him and hope He will come visit while I am there.”

(This article first appeared in “*Southern Sentinel*”, Ripley, MS, June 13, 1991)

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**REMEMBERING GOD**

“Sometimes I do not think I am a Christian,” said a boy one day. “I don’t seem to have the same interest that I had when I joined the church. It isn’t easy for me to remember God.”

“What about the time your father was away from home so long? Was it hard for you to remember him?” asked the minister slowly.

“Not a bit,” said the boy. “We had letters from him and kept thinking about him and talking about him, and looking forward to the time when he’d come home. No, there wasn’t much chance to forget him.”

“Suppose there had been no letters. Suppose your father’s name had been dropped from the conversation,” said the minister thoughtfully.

“That would have made a difference,” answered the boy.

Well, don’t you see it is the same with God? We can’t see Him. We shouldn’t be surprised if we forget Him when we allow so many other things to crowd in upon us. But God has given us His Holy Word—something like your father’s letters—and His house where the family can meet and talk about Him. A fellow needs all the reminders of God he can have in a world like this.”—Bible Expositor and Illuminator

(From “*Glad Tidings*”, January, 2004)



**REJOICE! AND AGAIN I SAY REJOICE!**

By Elder E. D. McCutcheon (Deceased)

Why did the apostle admonish us to rejoice? Why do Primitive Baptists have so many reasons to rejoice? For those who have a reasonable knowledge of the scriptures and read their bibles to ascertain what they should believe rather than to prove what they already believe. The doctrine of God's sovereign grace is indeed a spiritual fountain that can produce joy unspeakable and full of glory. We might well ask why, since the majority of God's beloved know nothing about it except for the inward teaching that comes with the new birth? This inward teaching is precious indeed to those who know nothing about the gospel and the knowledge of salvation which it brings. There is no way for us to know how many have died with a blessed hope of eternal joy, but with very limited knowledge of God's wondrous grace.

We are told that God has provided something better for us that they without us should not be made perfect. They are going to be made perfect and we are going to be made perfect. What can be better than that? Obviously, it must be something in this life. What can it be but knowledge? Knowledge of what? Of God's impeccably perfect plan for the deliverance of every one of His beloved into the eternal abode with every stain of sin and every temptation removed.

This is what God promised to the heirs of salvation: complete deliverance from sin and perfect holiness in His sinless heaven. Primitive Baptists are well acquainted with God's system that was designed to reach every man, woman and child that should have a desire for deliverance from sin and sinning. Those who know this wonderful doctrine do not have to worry about the eternal destiny of the countless millions in China and other places where there is no access to the gospel. Our hearts are sometimes grieved because we realize what great blessings God's little sheep are missing in this life in this world, but we do not have to worry about their life in the world to come.

But there is much more. The fellowship and love among Primitive Baptist is superb. When God sees fit to pour His Holy Spirit out in our worship services it is as near to heaven as one can expect to be in this world. This does not happen often, but when it does, it indeed is joy unspeakable and full of glory. Such seasons of rejoicing are a foretaste of the eternal heaven itself.

But how many today have been blessed to experience the spiritual joy that is available to those who have been willing to obey the gospel and step out on the promises of God? Humanism has permeated so much of religion in America today, that many are missing the blessings of pure discipleship. How I wish that I knew what would help so many wandering sheep find the fold and indeed lie down in green pastures. I thank the Lord that I do not have to

worry about the population of heaven, but like Paul of old, I have continual sorrow and heaviness in my heart for my fleshly kinsmen because they are missing so much of the earnest of the inheritance. I pray for the Lord to give me, and all of our ministers the wisdom to lead the wandering sheep into the fold and green pastures which are available to all who are willing to obey and lay hold upon these great blessings.

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**NOTES OF INTEREST**

**PROVIDENCE** means:--Act of providing; foresight and care; a manifestation of God's care and superintendence over his creatures; an event divinely ordained. Shakespeare said, "There's a special providence in the fall of a sparrow." While the word "providence" is used in the Bible but one time, the words "provide", "provided", and "providing" are used twenty-three times. **Jehovah-jireh-the** Lord will provide.

"Be not dismayed whate'er betide, God will take care of you;  
Beneath His wings of love abide, God will take care of you.  
Thru days of toil when heart doth fail, God will take care of you.  
When dangers fierce your path assail, God will take care of you.  
All you may need He will provide, God will take care of you.  
Nothing you ask will be denied, God will take care of you.  
No matter what may be the test, God will take care of you.  
Lean, weary one, upon His breast, God will take care of you."

**MIRACLE** means:--A supernatural operation performed alone by the power of God; an event or effect in the physical world deviating from the known laws of nature, or transcending our knowledge of these laws: supernatural. The Bible is replete with recorded miracles in both the Old and New Testaments. People who do not believe in miracles do not believe in God.

"The greatest word is God.  
The deepest word is Soul.  
The longest word is Eternity.  
The swiftest word is Time.  
The nearest word is Now.  
The darkest word is Sin.  
The meanest word is Hypocrisy.  
The broadest word is Truth.  
The strongest word is Right.  
The tenderest word is Love.  
The sweetest word is Home.  
The dearest word is Mother."

"Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer." Psalm 19:14—Editor

(*"Remarkable Providences"*, Elder R.H. Pittman, Editor)

### LOST JOY

By Elder Larry Wise  
Randolph, Mississippi

We have many natural joys that we experience in life such as the joy of a child born into our family. The Bible says that a woman is in travail in childbirth; however, when the child is born she remembers no more the anguish for the joy that a child is born into the world. (John 16:21). Paul tells Timothy to charge the people rich in this world's goods not to trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy. (I Tim. 6:17). These natural joys pale in comparison to the spiritual joy we have in the Lord of glory. Paul lists joy as the second fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5:22 so without the Spirit there can be no spiritual joy.

We have spiritual joy when we have experienced the deliverance of the Lord and have been made to know the reality of that deliverance. David had experienced great deliverance from the hand of the Lord and rejoiced in God but he fell into sin and committed adultery with Bathsheba. Nathan, the prophet, came to him and exposed his great sin so that David acknowledged his transgression. The remembrance of his transgression brought great anguish to the soul of David and he was made to cry out in Psalm 51:12 "Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit." If David prays that God would restore to him the joy of thy salvation, it must mean that he had "lost" that joy he previously had.

We know that our eternal salvation and deliverance is always secure, and there is no danger that we can ever lose that salvation. We are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation and ready to be revealed in the last time. (I Peter 1:5). This salvation was wrought by the obedience of Christ. However, there is a joy that we gain by trusting in the Lord and being obedient to His commands. Isaiah tells us, "Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the Lord JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation. Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation." (Isa. 12:2-3). Jesus Himself tells the disciples, "If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full." (John 15:10-11). Will our joy remain and be full or will it be lost? The answer depends upon our actions in response to what the Lord has done for us.

David had lost his joy because he had transgressed the laws of God and begs God to have mercy upon him and blot out his transgressions. When we are mourning over our sins, our joy is lost, but the Lord has the oil of joy for mourning and the garment of

praise for the spirit of heaviness. (Isa. 61:3). David desires that his joy be restored because he had lost it. David was one of the great men in the Bible but he lost the joy of thy salvation because of sin. We can lose the joy of our salvation by letting the world take the place of Christ in our lives. Not only do we lose our joy, but we ourselves are lost. We're not lost and going to hell, but we are lost from the joy and fellowship of the Father. The prodigal son wasted his substance in riotous living. When he repented and returned home, his own father said concerning this son, "...he was lost, and is found..." (Luke 15:24).

We'll not find joy out in the world like the Prodigal son; we'll find joy and maintain joy by staying as close to the Lord as possible. We have the promise of God by the apostle James, "Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded." (James 4:8). May we all be cognizant of the word of God and not rebel against Him with a consequence of lost joy. The more time we spend with the Lord and His people, the more joy we will have in the Lord. I'm afraid there are many of the Lord's children who have lost their joy but haven't come to the realization of what has happened. May we all use preventive maintenance and prevent having to pray the prayer of David to "restore unto me the joy of thy salvation."!

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### JOY NOT HERE

Men have pursued joy in every avenue imaginable. Some have successfully found it while others have not. Perhaps it would be easier to describe where joy cannot be found:

- Not in Unbelief -- Voltaire was an infidel of the most pronounced type. He wrote: "I wish I had never been born."
- Not in Pleasure -- Lord Byron lived a life of pleasure if anyone did. He wrote: "The worm, the canker, and grief are mine alone."
- Not in Money -- Jay Gould, the American millionaire, had plenty of that. When dying, he said: "I suppose I am the most miserable man on earth."
- Not in Position and Fame -- Lord Beaconsfield enjoyed more than his share of both. He wrote: "Youth is a mistake; manhood a struggle; old age a regret."
- Not in Military Glory -- Alexander the Great conquered the known world in his day. Having done so, he wept in his tent, before he said, "There are no more worlds to conquer."
- Where then is real joy found? -- the answer is simple, in Christ alone.

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**RUMOR AND RUMOUR**

By Elder Rickey Taylor  
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Luke 7:17: "And this rumour of him went forth throughout all Judaea, and throughout all the region round about."

Most of us know what the word rumor means when we hear it. Our minds think of something like a terrible gossip or untrue story that can do real harm to someone. Rumors almost never end in a good way, so it is best that we avoid them as much as we can.

The word rumour is mentioned in the scriptures. The King James scholars choose this word because they thought it best describes the situation at hand here in the book of Luke.

One thing to keep in mind about this word is that its definition is different than the modern day use of the word rumor. Webster Colligate Dictionary defines rumor as "that which is widely spread with no known source or authority". A rumor once it gets started can take on a life of its own. By the time it reaches fruition it will barely resemble what it started out as. I remember one of my elementary teachers one day in class, whispered something into a student's ear with the instructions that we would go one by one and whisper it into each other's ears until the last student was told the secret. Then the last student would declare out loud what everyone was whispering into each other's ear. It amazed us that the story had greatly changed from the first student to the last one. This was a lesson to teach us is that gossip and rumor is a terrible thing to engage in. Thus a well learned lesson in the definition of our modern day word "rumor".

In our verse rumour is not only spelled different, but it also means something different. Rumour is from the Greek word "logos" meaning a declaration backed up by facts. Webster's 1828 version tells us that rumour is something that is said that is a fact or story that is well authorized. Here the authorization comes from God who cannot lie. When Jesus raised to life the widow's son, it was witnessed by many disciples and many people of the village of Nain who had witnessed that the young man was dead was now made alive by this man named Jesus of Nazareth. This rumour had credence because of the many people who knew the whole story about this young man. Dead men don't rise again by their own power. The power came from this man Jesus. Jesus is God in the flesh John 1:14. Only God has the power to raise the dead. Thus went the saying throughout the countryside that God had visited his people. Luke 7:16 "And there came a fear on all: and they glorified God, saying, That a great prophet is risen up among us; and, That God hath visited his people." Those same people who were eye witnesses of this miracle

went forth and published it abroad all over the countryside. This good news needed to be shared with the people; these people were looking for a Messiah and now he had arrived, proclaimed the good news!

The Apostle Peter tells us that we have not been deceived by cunningly devised fables for he and others were there on the mount to hear the voice of God the Father saying this is my beloved son "hear ye him!" Matthew 17:5. This is what they were to go forth and declare throughout Judea and the Gentile world. God has sent his only begotten son to redeem all his children, and that nothing would be lost! John 6:38-40. As cold water is to a thirsty soul so is good news from a far country! Pray that God will keep calling men into the ministry to proclaim throughout the kingdom of God the good news of salvation by the grace of God. To quench the thirst of a child of God that is praying to hear the gospel preached. Pray that they preach nothing but Jesus Christ and him crucified. Not rumors, not fables that men have made up. A more sure word of prophesy that men of God wrote while being moved by the Holy Spirit!

Come to the house of God and hear the wonderful news of your salvation, feel the presence of the Holy Spirit in your heart as you sit among the congregation of God's people. There is a seat there waiting for you. Hope to see you soon.

Rickey Taylor

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**RUMORS TO AVOID**

We surely should avoid spreading rumors that aren't substantiated. As a matter of fact we should ask ourselves, "Does this need telling or repeating or would it be best for it not to be told, even though it is factual?" This song is sung by the girls on the Hee Haw show concerning gossip:

Now, we're not ones to go round spreadin' rumors  
Why really, we're just not the gossipy kind!  
Oh, you'll never hear one of us repeating gossip!  
So you better be sure and listen close the first time.

This song is just an end around to avoid responsibility for spreading gossip but is humorous. There are a number of scriptures about being a talebearer and none are in a favorable light. "Where no wood is, there the fire goeth out: so where there is no talebearer, the strife ceaseth." (Prov. 26:20) "A talebearer revealeth secrets: but he that is of a faithful spirit concealeth the matter." (Prov. 11:13). Conversely, the Lord God omnipotent reigneth and should be shouted from the housetop.—*Editor*

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