

Glad Tidings

September 2021 “Buy the truth, and sell it not.” (Prov. 23:23)

2021

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

There isn't any need for Christians to fear the second coming of Jesus Christ. It is the culmination of redemptive history when He shall come to take His ransomed bride home. No one needs to fear standing before the white throne judgment and fear they haven't done enough to enter eternal heaven. Jesus has accomplished everything that was necessary for His people to inherit the kingdom prepared for them before the foundation of the world by His finished work on the cross of Calvary. Heaven will not have one more or one less than was purposed to be there.

Someone may say that if heaven is that secure for the child of God, it doesn't instill any desire to serve and live for Him here on earth. Quite the contrary, it is a great motivator to live soberly and righteously in this present world. We don't have perfect knowledge of what we will be like in heaven but we have a hope of being like our Savior, Jesus Christ. John writes, “Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.” (I John 3:2) Rather than inducing a manner of complacency to the child of God, it is followed by actions to be pure because John follows this blessed assurance by writing, “And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.” (I John 3:3)

The apostle Peter tells the righteous that He is not willing that any of His chosen should perish but that all should come to repentance. (II Pet. 3:9) He then describes the second coming of the Lord as being like a thief in the night in which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise and the elements will melt with fervent heat, the earth and the works therein shall be burned up. Once again rather than instilling a sense of do nothing in waiting for that great day; it motivates (or should) His people, to attempt to live a holy life. Peter goes on to say, “Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,” (II Pet. 3:11) Paul beseeches the saints by the mercies of God that they present their bodies a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto God. (Rom. 12:1) The saints want to honor God and His Son for the great love wherewith He loved them by doing those things that are pleasing in His sight by their God-given faith.

Paul writes to Titus that when the grace of God appears to His people it teaches them to deny the ungodliness and worldly lust of this present world and live soberly righteously and godly. As the people of God live this life, they are looking for something in the future and that is the second coming of the Lord. They are “Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;” (Titus 2: 13) Remember that John said that everyone that has this blessed hope purifies himself even as he is pure.

There is an exercise of faith as the saints look for that blessed hope. This faith exercise of godliness has a promise in it and God always keeps His promises. Paul writes to Timothy and exhorts him to shun profane and old wives' fables but rather exercise unto godliness. Then he instructs Timothy in a contrast of bodily exercise and that of godliness. “For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.” (I Tim. 4:8) There is a life now consisting of an abundant life for the child of God in godly living. Then there is a promise of a life to come in the glory world. This is true because only those touched by God's grace have a desire to live soberly and righteously.

There is a present world and a world to come. The world to come is ushered in when Jesus comes again the second time without sin unto salvation. Any saint that has left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's will receive an hundredfold of houses, brothers, sister, mothers etc. *in this present world* and in the *world to come* eternal life. (Mark 10:29-30) There is a call to obedience of service knowing that Jesus cannot fail and will finally deliver His bride from the bondage of corruption in this present world into the glorious liberty of the children of God. (Rom. 8:21)

The sheep on the right hand of God ready to inherit the eternal kingdom of God do not even recognize their obedience and wanted to know when they had done these good things. The king said, “...Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.” (Matt. 25:40) These words will be said at the second coming of the Lord. Surely that is a great motivation to not be weary in well doing and to forsake worldly lusts as Jesus could come at any day or hour. (Elder Larry Wise)

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STUDY

By Elder Daily Hite (Deceased)

Dear ones, as the above word is on my mind I will attempt to write a little on that subject. I need to study more, but always praying for the Lord to guide me according to His Divine will. To study is to apply ourselves to thought and learning, as to learn and understand the true application of a subject in concentrating upon it. A room or hall where one applies himself to this work is sometimes called a *study*. This can also be the great open spaces where we observe the works of God in creation and where all nature sings forth His praise and we are humbled in the observation of His great providence.

Paul admonished Timothy to study..."to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." This is just as important today for us to do as it was in the time of Paul. Now this requires *work* of all of us, but especially of the ministry. They are to be *workmen* in the true sense, willing to work and apply themselves in such way that their labor and walk in life is approved of God. So to study does not just apply to learning but to the application of that learning in the word of God to one's walk in everyday life so that it is approved unto God. We are to shun profane and vain babblings and strive not about words to no profit. We are to avoid foolish and unlearned questions, knowing that these things make for strife.

The workman that so studies need not be ashamed of his walk in this life and his labors to serve the Lord in spirit and in truth, though he may feel to be less than the least in the Master's kingdom. By the help

and mercy of the Lord he will be able to apply the truth in the right way and thus to honor and glorify the Lord. This is quite an arduous and laborious study and so demanding that it requires our all, not just one day, but every day. The workman has no vacation or retirement except when the Lord calls him away or when physical sickness makes him unable to work.

The main study of the Hebrews was always the law of the Lord. It was a memorial to the Israelites that was to be taught to their children and their children's children. I fear we are not reading to our children and studying the law of the Lord as we should. Moses was commanded that the law of the Lord should always be foremost in the Hebrew study. He exhorted Israel to obey the laws of God not only in study but in practice. The Lord's statutes were to be taught diligently unto the children when they were sitting in their houses or walking by the way. Are we studious about this matter?

The law of the Lord was upon them while they slept and when they awoke. It was to be bound or worn as a bracelet upon their arm and written upon the doorpost of their houses. This was the study of the Hebrew prophets, the patriarchs and all good Israelites. They were ready to lay down their lives, if need be, for their observation of it. They applied themselves very earnestly to study the hidden meaning of it and to know the true sense of the word of prophecy.

The apostle Peter informs us that the prophets studied "...and searched diligently as to what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glory that should follow." (1 Peter 1:10, 11). These things the angels desired to look into, and the prophets searched diligently in their study as to the true meaning and fulfillment of these prophecies of Christ's sufferings and glory. They shall be revealed for the Spirit searcheth all things, even the deep things of God.

In the time of our Saviour much of the study of the Jews was chiefly the laws of traditions of their fathers. Jesus upbraided them for having forsaken the law of God and its' true meaning to apply it in a manner that would suit their traditions. Jesus rebuked and pronounced woes upon the scribes and Pharisees, even calling them hypocrites, for they made clean the outside of the cup, in their study, but within were full of extortion and excess. Some searching and study is performed with a wrong motive in mind, just as king Herod, being troubled at the birth of Jesus, privily called the wise men and enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. He told them to go and search diligently for the young child and when they found Him to bring him word again so that he might come and worship Him also. But was this the true motive for his search for the young child? No! His motive was to destroy

Him! Is our searching and study with the right motive and intent in heart and mind that it will be to the honor and glory of God through the name of Jesus?

Paul told the Thessalonian church to..."study to be quiet and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you." This is good for us, ministers included, that we be not busybodies in other men's matters and sow discord among brethren, but that we live to the honor and glory of Jesus' name.

"Much study is a weariness of the flesh," not a weariness of the soul but when our fleshly bodies become exhausted then the mind is not too clear to speak the things that become sound doctrine. Yet Paul said, "When I am weak, then am I strong." Festus said unto Paul with a loud voice, "Paul, thou art beside thyself; much learning doth make thee mad." But Paul affirmed that he was not mad, but spake forth the words of truth and soberness. Dear ones, may we, by the grace of God, speak forth the words of truth and love to the glory of God as we search out and study to show ourselves approved unto God, workmen that need not to be ashamed in our walk and conversation in everyday life and be able to rightly divide the word of truth. I trust this writing will be of some benefit to all. May I humbly search out, examine and study the word of God and my own walk that I may be faithful and sincere in my love for the cause of Christ.

Elder Daily Hite

(From "Advocate and Messenger", July 1982)

COMMON SENSE

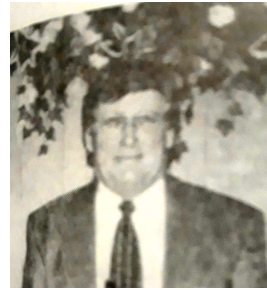
Admiral Hyman G. Rickover, father of the nuclear submarine, was skeptical of business school graduates. Having interviewed some 14,000 of them over a period of years, he found them fluent in the jargon of systems analysis, financial manipulation, and quantitative management (whatever that is). But he claimed that they just don't know the score. He felt most of them had an unrealistic impression of what is involved in business and little appreciation of the importance of technical knowledge, experience, and hard work. "What it takes to do the job will not be learned from management courses," said Rickover. "It is principally a matter of experience, the proper attitude, and common sense--none of which can be taught in a classroom."

Bits and Pieces, July 1991.

FOOL OR NO FOOL

Wisdom is the right use of knowledge. To know is not to be wise. Many men know a great deal, and are all the greater fools for it. There is no fool so great a fool as a knowing fool. But to know how to use knowledge is to have wisdom.—Charles Spurgeon

THE HOARY HEAD



By Elder Herman Clark
Iuka, Mississippi

I suppose this little article is for the younger generation living today. I can remember as a small boy, my father and mother taught us some things that some children of God today know nothing about. It is not the children's fault, but the burden lies on the shoulders of the parents.

One of the many things my parents taught me was to always show respect for the elderly. We were taught to say, "Yes sir" and "No sir" to the elderly men and "Yes ma'm" and "No ma'm" to the elderly women. Even a stranger was answered with these words. I hear some small children answering their mothers and fathers with the slang words, "huh?" and "do what?" (I know about this too), and the list goes on. If I talked back to my father or mother, it was woe unto me. The peach tree limb surely would find my backside. Stripes were in store because of my back talking.

We as children dared not interrupt our elders when they were speaking. Thankful, I still find some parents teaching their children to show respect for the elderly and to them I say thank you for being the examples and teachers of good manners to your children. Also, we all sat down at the table for the meals my mom would prepare. If we children wanted a piece of corn bread, more peas, or any other food on the table, we dared not reach across the table and help ourselves but simply said, "thank you for some peas". We would then pass our plates and Mom would dip the peas from the bowl to our plates.

One thing I feel lacking in many homes today is the time spent together as family. Even our meals are sometime eaten "on the run". When the preacher came to our house in those days, the men ate first, the women later, and then the children. I said to myself many times that I will not make my children wait while the preacher eats all the good pieces of chicken and my children eat the neck. Do you remember such? (My mom used to say she never knew there was anything of a chicken but the neck.—Editor)

In those days it was common courtesy for a man or boy to give his seat to a woman or an elderly

person. We read of a commandment given to the children of Israel found in Leviticus 19:32, "Thou shalt rise up before the hoary head, and honour the face of the old man, and fear thy God: I am the LORD." I feel that this is good to teach our children today.

We find a lesson taught in 2nd Kings chapter two concerning the prophet Elisha. Another lesson I learned as a child was never to "make fun" or "mock" anyone. In this lesson, some little children mocked the Prophet Elisha and suffered the consequences. In 2nd Kings 2:23-24, "And he went up from thence unto Bethel: and as he was going up by the way, there came forth little children out of the city, and mocked him, and said unto him, Go up, thou bald head; go up, thou bald head. And he turned back, and looked on them, and cursed them in the name of the LORD. And there came forth two she bears out of the wood, and tare forty and two children of them." Do you think that showing respect to the elderly is important? I certainly think so. We are not only to rise up before the hoary head, but also honour the face of the old man, and fear the LORD. The chastisements by my parents for disobedience are nothing compared to the stripes we feel in our hearts when chastened by the Lord for disobedience.

When God gave Moses the Ten Commandments, they were written on two tables of stone. The apostle Paul teaches us that one of those Ten Commandments which is found in Ephesians 6:1-3, "Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honour thy father and thy mother; which is the first commandment with promise; That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth."

Children, be careful what you say to your parents. I can remember things I said over 50 years ago that were hurtful to my parents because I was not honoring them. It was hurtful to me when I felt the peach tree limb coming across my legs. (Wow! Did that switch sting!) Those things still haunt me at times. I suppose I will remember those things as long as I am in my right mind. So, children, honour thy father and mother. You will not be sorry.

(From "The GOODNEWS Newsletter", October 2007)

*(The article above has been used some time in the past but is still very relevant in our present culture—
Editor)*

OLD AGE

Shall we sit idly down and say,
The night hath come; it is no longer day?
The night hath not yet come; we are not quite
Cut off from labor by the failing light;
Something remains for us to do or dare;
Even the oldest tree some fruit may bear.

Henry W. Longfellow.

(Old age bearing fruit—Psalm 92:14—Editor)

RIGHTEOUSNESS AND CONFESSION



By Elder Guy Hunt (Deceased)

"For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

The importance of the seat of feeling in man, the heart and the confession is borne out in this statement to the Roman brethren. We want to comment that the believing of something does not bring it to pass, but we believe we have the evidence that an event or happening has come to pass. "Faith is the *evidence* of things not seen."

To believe in the Lord Jesus Christ is a righteous act. This act is not of the nature of man, so it cannot be accredited to him, but to the Lord.

Prov. 16:1, "The preparation of the heart in man, and the answer of the tongue is from the Lord."

When a person's heart believes unto righteousness it is because the Lord is there. Because the Lord has prepared the heart. Only those who are embraced in God's everlasting love, whom Christ died for, and whom the Holy Spirit makes their Savior known to them, can with the heart believe unto righteousness. This is all of those who want to live in glory. All of those who want to be carried to heaven. As with Abraham, those who believe in God, it is accounted unto them for righteousness.

Many of the Lord's children may be deceived into feeling that they may have something to do with being righteous. This is not the feeling of the heart, but the error that is brought about by the false teaching of the doctrines of men.

As denoted in the third verse of the tenth chapter of Romans, the only way the people of Israel (children of God) can believe in their righteousness is to be ignorant of God's righteousness.

Oh, how sweet it is to look to, view, trust in, rejoice in, and be satisfied with the righteousness of the Lord. That unmovable, everlasting sufficient righteousness of our Lord.

So there could be no question that God is due all the praise for righteousness in the hearts of his people. In counting that belief for righteousness, God is merely recognizing his own word, and his presence in that heart. Every desire and design of a heart in which God dwells (all his children) is righteous.

John 6:29, "This is the work of God, that ye believe on him who he hath sent."

Lest the Lord's children might become fat and lazy, because of the continual blessings and mercy of God, we should remember that wheresoever the treasure is, there will the heart be also. If we fail to walk in godly pathways, we are not showing much evidence that God is in our heart.

Since the Lord prepares the heart, and since with the heart man believeth unto righteousness, the home in heaven is not jeopardized simply, because some of his children act ugly and stubborn and shamefully fail to confess the Lord while they live. We should confess the Lord, because he has been so good to place his love in our hearts. We do not confess it to make it so (as the doctrines of men tell people to do), but we confess it, because it is already in the heart.

So as we have something in our heart which we feel and which is righteous, we have something to tell, something to confess with our mouth. Do not we confess that the Lord is our salvation? In so doing we receive a salvation that we could not receive, if we did not confess. Something we feel, something to confess, and something to do. When we confess with our mouth the salvation of the Lord, there is no harmony unless we walk in confession's godly pathway. We should walk down the obedience pathway in harmony with the commandments of God. Otherwise, we have become as the sound of brass, or a tinkling cymbal. If the God of righteousness lives in our hearts, we should not wait until tomorrow to confess, for we can never call back today, and the joys we might have had. We cannot undo the past. But we can look into the future; go home to our friends (the church) and confess how great things the Lord has done for us. After that, there is a beautiful path to walk, letting our light so shine, that others seeing our good works, might glorify God who is in heaven. (Sept., 1966)

(From "The Best of Elder Guy Hunt")

**FINANCE REPORT
THE NEW HOPE ASSOCIATION 1955**

Contributions Collected.....	\$ 93.50
Balance from last year.....	4.50
Received from the churches.....	<u>171.50</u>
Total.....	\$269.50
Gave ministers.....	\$219.50
Paid for Minutes.....	50.00
Balance on hand.....	<u>0.00</u>
Total.....	\$269.50

This Association Sept. 9-11, 1955 was held with New Providence PBC in Belmont, MS—9 Visiting Elders—
Oh times have changed—J.D. Holder Moderator

DEPRAVITY

By Elder W.S. Craig (Deceased)

All the human family by nature are "children of wrath" (Eph. ii. 3), and deeply mired down in "an horrible pit" (Ps. xl. 2) of sin. Such is the positive corruption, vanity and pride of their hearts (where Satan's seat is), and their natural enmity against God (Rom. viii. 7), that I think the words "Total Depravity," as defined in the light of the Scriptures, truly describe their awful condition. The following are only a few references: Gen. vi. 5; viii. 21; Job 11:12; xv. 16; Ps. xiv.3; xxxix. 5; lxii. 9; Ecc. vii. 20; ix. 3; Is. i. 5,6; Jer. xvii. 9; Mark vii. 21; Rom. iii. 10-18; viii. 7.

The awful deceitfulness and blinding nature of this heart corruption is so very great, notwithstanding the above positive testimony, that none of Adam's sinful race before regeneration ever believe their condition is so bad; so this doctrine of depravity is quite often very strongly denied and opposed as may be expected. But if the gracious Lord be pleased to open their eyes to see this plague and corruption within their hearts, then they can easily believe that what the Bible says about this sinfulness and depravity is really true, and then can most fully agree,

"That if my soul be sent to hell
His righteous law approves it well."

So what right have those who have never seen, felt nor realized this awful heart corruption, to say that those who have are either dishonest or deceived? A true follower of Jesus Christ ought to believe all of His teachings. John xii. 25; Luke xiv. 26.

This corruption and sinfulness of heart (Mark vii. 23) is the fruitful source of all inward and outward sin. Evil practices are the natural fruits of an evil heart. And, sad to say, so very many cultivate this sinfulness by shameful practices instead of trying to curb and restrain their sinful inclinations by earnestly trying to lead upright, moral lives, as all should do. No man has the least right to claim that his condition in nature is one whit better than the Bible says. The blindness of this heart corruption must be very great that it would lead men to believe they would be doing "God service" by killing the apostles. John xvi. 2. The whole human family inherit this sinful depravity by being descendants of Adam after his fall for they all sinned in him and fell with him.

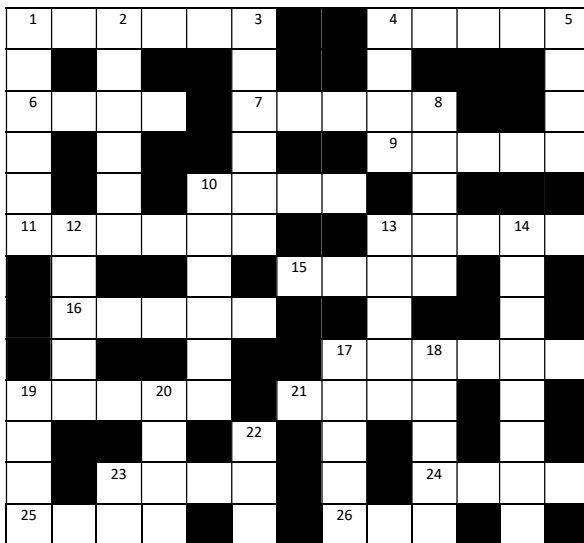
Not only the loathsome disease of leprosy, which was so highly typical of sin, and so plainly marked God's displeasure against it, but all manner of sickness, with their accompanying sufferings and death, are the certain results of sin. So the whole of human nature (soul and body) by reason of sin, is leprous before the God of all holiness and purity. The very great wickedness of this world surely furnishes

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BIBLE CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS:

1. Jacob labored at least 14 years for this woman.
4. The brother of Rebekah for whom Jacob worked.
6. Jesus will ____ up the chaff with unquenchable fire.
7. Be ye ____ and sin not; let not sun set on thy wrath.
9. O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou ____.
10. On hem of priest was a pomegranate and a ____.
11. When they shall say peace and safety, then ____ destruction cometh upon them.
13. It is not in man that walketh to direct his ____ Foot.
15. With lowliness of mind let ____ esteem other better than themselves.
16. The chief butler told his ____ to Joseph for meaning.
17. In God's nostrils is the ____ of life. Inhale, exhale.
19. The ____ of a virtuous woman is far above rubies.
21. ____ your heart and not your garments. Tear.
23. When thou doest ____ let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth.
24. ____ the flock of God which is among you taking the oversight thereof, not for filthy lucre.
25. Wherefore gird up the loins of your ____ and hope.
26. ____ the spirits whether they are of God. Test.



(Answers on Page 8)

DOWN:

1. Hear ye ____ must we fetch you water of this rock?
2. ____ is every one that hangeth on a tree.
3. A little ____ leaveneth the whole lump.
4. The ____ gave and the LORD hath taken away.
5. As an eagle stirreth up her ____ flutters over young.
8. Remember thy Creator in the days of thy ____.
10. ____ of the leaven of the Pharisees said Jesus.
12. When thou wast ____ the fig tree I saw thee.
13. Jesus spoke and they laughed Him to ____.
14. He maketh me to lie down in green ____.
17. The ____ and the false prophet reside in lake of fire.
18. All things are lawful for me but all things ____ not.
19. The people took branches of ____ trees and went forth to meet Jesus crying Hosanna.

BIBLE CROSSWORD PUZZLE

DOWN:

20. While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, ____ and heat, and summer and winter.
22. We have not because we ____ not. We ask and receive not because we ____ amiss.
23. Be ready to give ____ answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is within.

OUT OF THE MOUTH OF BABES

Our son, Joseph, was holding our grandson, Eli (11 months old) in his arms and chasing our other grandson, Isaac (age 6) and Eli chanting, "run, run, run". Isaac pitched a basketball in front of Joseph and Eli as they ran. His Nana said, "No, no, don't do that; they might trip and fall, then what would we do?" Isaac replied, "Go to the hospital."—*Editor*

A three-year-old went with his dad to see a litter of kittens. On returning home, he breathlessly informed his mother there were two boy kittens and two girl kittens. "How did you know?" his mother asked. "Daddy picked them up and looked underneath," he replied. "I think it's printed on the bottom."

"Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward." (Psalm 127:3)

DEPRAVITY

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positive evidence of this awful corruption. The very first man born into this world was a murderer. The slaves of sin do wickedly. On nature's night all are so insensible of their awful condition in this pit of sin and depravity, and so puffed up with their pride and vanity (fruits of this corruption), that it comes quite natural to deny their true condition. And many make labored apologies and excuses for their guiltiness. All this is very wrong, for none can in the least degree whatever justify themselves before God. If they were excusable in any degree, to that same extent they would not be guilty.

If this doctrine of depravity be true, then the doctrine of election by grace must necessarily be true also if there be any saved in heaven. And very much of the opposition intended against election is really thrown against this doctrine of the sinful depravity and corruption of our fallen nature. I feel quite safe in saying that this doctrine receives far more abuse from many preachers today than the infidel writings of Voltaire, Paine and Ingersoll.

(From "Primitive Baptist Faith and Practice",
By Elder W. S. Craig)

CHURCH NEWS

Everyone is invited to Bethany Primitive Baptist Church, 5 miles west of Ecu, MS on Hwy 346 for their annual meeting the 2nd weekend in September, 2021 (Sept. 10-12) Services Friday night, Sept. 10, at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, at 10:30 a.m. followed by lunch. Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Elder Ricky Harcrow, Fort Payne, AL is invited minister. Elder Larry Wise is Pastor of Bethany.

We invite everyone to Pine Hill Primitive Baptist Church, Ripley, MS fall meeting. It will be the 4th weekend of September, 2021, the 24,25,26. Friday night, Sept. 24, at 7:00, Saturday morning, Sept. 25, at 10:30, Saturday night at 7:00, Sunday morning at 10:30. Snacks after service Friday, lunch Saturday at noon, Saturday night meal at 5:00, Sunday lunch at 12:00. Our guest minister is Elder David Guttery. Elder Darren Owens is the Pastor of Pine Hill.

Everyone is invited to the annual meeting at Friendship Primitive Baptist Church, Winona, MS the 4th weekend in September, 2021 (Sept. 25-26). Services Saturday, Sept. 25, at 10:00 a.m followed by lunch and afternoon services. This is an open meeting. Elder B. T. Strum is Pastor of Friendship.

The Tombigbee Association of Primitive Baptists will convene, Lord willing, with Sulphur Springs Primitive Baptist Church, Wolfe Rd, Caledonia, MS the 3rd weekend in September 2021 (Sept. 17-18). Services Friday, Sept. 17, at 10:00 a.m. with lunch and afternoon services. The same schedule of services for Saturday, Sept. 18. Elder Joe Nettles is Pastor of Sulphur Springs. Everyone is invited.

I believe there are some meetings coming up in October in Northeast Mississippi but no details are available at the present time. I have been blessed to attend some good gospel meetings the past couple of months. Please always pray that the word of the Lord will have free course in all the assemblies that gather together to worship the Lord of glory.—*Editor*

“How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!” (Isaiah 52:7)

“Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.” (Matt. 9:37-38)

The grand old church has been a haven of refuge all these centuries and we rejoice that God has promised to preserve her until Jesus returns.—*Editor*

CHURCH NEWS

The Tidewater Primitive Baptist Church in Norfolk, VA has recently called Elder Steve Aquino to be their Pastor and he has accepted. They had been without a Pastor for some time. Pray for all the other churches that are without pastors that God would provide the right overseer of the flock.

IN MEMORIAM

Elder David Machiavello and wife Terri



Elder David Lee Machiavello passed away very suddenly on July 14, 2021 at the age of 62. He had just this year been called to Pastor Tyler Primitive Baptist Church in Tyler, TX after the death of long time Pastor, Elder Vernis Stanaland, with whom he served as Associate Pastor. He leaves behind, his wife of 35 years, Terri Machiavello, and seven children plus four grandchildren and a host of friends to mourn his passing. Pray for his family and Tyler church which is again without a Pastor.

A PASTOR

What is a pastor? The word pastor in the Old Testament means to tend a flock or keep sheep. “And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.” (Jer. 3:15) In the New Testament pastors means shepherd. Who does he shepherd? It is the flock of the sheep of God. He is called to be the overseer of a particular church or flock of God whom he feeds with the word of God. He prays for the church; he weeps with the church; he mourns for the church when in disarray. He baptizes individuals and mourns if they go astray. He performs marriages which some endure and some do not. He conducts funerals of church members and others. Whether the seed of God’s word takes root, he has no control; he continues to sow seed as a faithful pastor.—*Editor*

LIFE



By Elder Larry Wise
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Preachers have often spoken led by the Spirit of God but they have never spoken the Spirit but Jesus did. Jesus said, "It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life."

The miracle of life has been a phenomenon that has been studied for centuries. Man has tried to generate life artificially and in any other conceivable way, but God has always been the miracle worker of life. All the studies throughout the years would never be enough to find out about God whose ways and thoughts are so much higher than ours. We conclude; therefore, that all life comes from the great Creator who is the only one that creates and man discovers.

God created Adam, the first man, as a living soul. He forms a spiritual creation in every member of the family of God who is the offspring of Adam. The spiritual creation generates life where death once reigned supreme. "And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;" (Eph. 2:1) This is the Spirit of God giving spiritual life to His children who were dead in sin and void of any desire whatsoever for spiritual things.

Man who is dead in trespasses and sins is a creature of the earth that does everything in the image of the earthy. First Corinthians Chapter 15 tells us what that image is. The image of the earth is one of corruption, dishonor, weakness and mortality. After the quickening power of the Holy Spirit, man is still a creature; however, he is a new creature. "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." (II Cor. 5:17)

Man did not exist, naturally speaking, prior to the creation of Adam. Man does not exist spiritually prior to the working and quickening of God's Spirit. We must ask then, "Who controls his own existence seeing that God gives life and breath?" We must conclude that no man controls his own existence and if left to his own choice he would choose to do the evil that dwells within. He cannot change his inherited earthly traits from Adam. "Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots/ then may ye also do good, that are accustomed to do evil." (Jer. 13:23)

The flesh cannot produce this miracle of life because it never profits anything. The flesh always lusts against the Spirit in a born-again child of God and desires no profit for the child of God. The flesh surely doesn't work together for good to all the children of God. The truth is the Spirit overpowers the natural man in the new birth or spiritual creation and stamps His image as one of incorruption, honor, power and immortality. The earthly image will pass away one day in the resurrection because as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall bear the image of the heavenly.

Jesus spoke the Spirit itself and commanded the stormy winds to obey Him when He said, "Peace be still." No man has ever spoke like this or ever will speak like this; therefore, He is the giver of life both naturally and spiritually.

Father, it is our prayer that thou will reveal this precious truth to more children of God so they too can rejoice in a God that reigns and rules as He pleases without any consultation of man!

(This is almost verbatim of an article I originally had written for Glad Tidings in Sept. 1987—notice that the truth hasn't changed but is still the same.)

**ANSWERS
BIBLE CROSSWORD PUZZLE
READ RIGHT TO LEFT**

ACROSS:

- 1. lehcar
- 4. nabal
- 6. nrub
- 7. yrgna
- 9. tbuod
- 10. lleb
- 11. neddus
- 13. spets
- 15. hcae
- 16. maerd
- 17. htaerb
- 19. ecirp
- 21. dner
- 23. smla
- 24. deaf
- 25. dnim
- 26. yrt

DOWN:

- 1. sleber
- 2. desruc
- 3. nevael
- 4. drol
- 5. tsen
- 8. htuoq
- 10. eraweb
- 12. rednu
- 13. nrocs
- 14. serutsap
- 17. tsaeb
- 18. yfide
- 19. mlap
- 20. dloc
- 22. ksa
- 23. na

SIGNS OF MIDDLE AGE

Everything about your body that still works hurts and if it doesn't hurt, it doesn't work any more.—*From a sermon by Elder Sony Pyles. Elder Pyles points out that if it hurts, it is a sign of life.*

COULD I HAVE KEPT FROM IT?*February 2, 1939*

By Elder C. H. Cayce (Deceased)

A brother has asked us "If Adam, in the garden, could have kept from eating the apple?" We do not know whether the fruit he ate was an apple or not; we rather think, if it was an apple, it may have been a crab apple. A crab apple will make your mouth "pucker," and the mouth of man seems to have been "puckered" all along down the line. Perhaps it was sour grapes that he ate, as the children's teeth have been set on edge. Do you know anything about possum grapes? Maybe it was possum grapes he ate. Or it might have been a peach, or an apricot?

Anyhow, laying aside foolishness, we have been under the impression that it was the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil that he ate. It seems to us that this is the way we have learned it in the Book. The man violated the law which God gave him. If the man could not help doing what God told him not to do, then punishment could not possibly be inflicted upon any principle of justice. If the man did violate the law, which he did, he is justly punished for the violation, then he could have kept from violating it. [pg 449] Paul, the inspired apostle to the Gentiles, said "the law is just." As the law is just, then the punishment of the violator is just, then the man did not have to violate the law. If he could not have obeyed and kept the law, then he had to violate it. If it is argued that he had to violate it in order that people be saved in heaven, then that makes the salvation of men and women dependent upon wicked works—the very worst sort of Arminianism. God knew what the man could do just as well as He knew what he would do. To say that the man had to violate the law because God knew that he would is to deny that God knew the other side of the question. The man who argues that a thing had to be the way it was because God knew it would be that way denies the foreknowledge of God, for he denies that God knew the other side of the question. The servant that received the one talent hid his Lord's money; but the talent was given according to his ability. Hence he had the ability to improve the talent. God gave him the ability and then gave him the talent. As God knew he had the ability, He knew he could improve the talent. But he also knew that he would not improve it. He knew both sides of the question.

The brother also asks, "If he could, why did Christ stand as a lamb slain from the foundation of the world?" In this we will say that He did not. We have heard that said times without number. There is no such statement as that in God's Book. Rev. xiii. 8 says, "And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship Him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world." Their names were written from the foundation of the [pg 450] world. Where were they written? In the book

of life. What book of life? Of the Lamb slain. If He stood, He was not slain. If He was slain, He did not stand. That very expression is self-contradictory, and we have often wondered why brethren would use it. Why not quit contradicting yourselves? Rev. xvii. 8 says: "And they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world." This shows that what was from the foundation of the world was the writing of their names. The Lord knew that His people would fall into the bondage of sin, as well as He knew that man did not have to transgress, and so Christ was made surety for them.

C. H. C.

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TO BE CONTINUED. . .

By Elder Louis Culver—Deatsville, Alabama

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To be continued...is often at the end of articles in this publication. It is an indication that something else is to follow at some later date. Conversely, it means that the article is not complete as it appears at present.

In life there are many things which are not yet complete. We speak of "continuing education" as something being undertaken by certain students. The truth is, we are all continuing our education. When we cease learning we cease living. No one ever "knows it all" nor can we expect to do so.

We frequently hear people say, "I sure do wish this could last forever" when they are enjoying some activity. In reality they are saying that they want the activity "to be continued..." We would become bored rather quickly if the same thing were to continue uninterrupted forever.

We need a variety of activities in order that we not become disenchanting with any one activity. Hence, we need to have some activities "to be continued..."

God's love for His people is never-ending. It is always "to be continued..." We do not want His love to cease, but we want Him to continue showing His love toward us. We want it "to be continued..." forever and ever.

So long as we sojourn here in this world, we want the blessings of God to continue with us. A very wonderful blessing in our life is for God to be an active part of our life. We want His activity with us "to be continued..."

When the preacher, blessed of God, speaks to a congregation, he wants to tell all that he can about the love and mercy, grace and peace of God. He wants to share everything possible with the children of God and he wants to leave nothing untold. Sometimes it seems that he is so filled with the Spirit of God that he must tell everything in the present discourse. However, he must realize that sometimes it is "to be continued..."

The Bible says, "Let brotherly love continue."—Heb. 13:1.

**THE POOR LITTLE STOWAWAY BOY,
WHO EVEN TO SAVE HIS LIFE,
WOULD NOT TELL A LIE**

On board an English steamer a little rugged boy, aged nine years, was discovered on the fourth day of the voyage out from Liverpool to New York, and carried before the first mate, whose duty it was to deal with such cases. When questioned as to his object in being hid on the ship, and who had brought him on board, the boy, who had a beautiful sunny face, that looked like the very mirror of truth, replied that his step-father did it, because he could not afford to keep him, nor pay his passage out of Halifax, where he had an aunt who was well off, and to whose house he was going. The mate did not believe the story, in spite of the winning face and truthful accents of the boy. He had seen too much of stowaways to be easily deceived by them, he said; it was his firm conviction that the boy had been brought on board and provided with food by the sailors. The little fellow was very roughly handled in consequence. Day by day he was questioned and re-questioned, but always with the same result. He did not know a sailor on board, and his step-father alone had secreted him and given him the food which he ate. At last the mate, wearied by the boy's persistence in the same story, and perhaps a little anxious to inculcate the sailors, seized him one day by the collar, and dragging him to the forepart of the ship, told him that unless he told the truth, in ten minutes from that time he would hang upon the yardarm.

He then made him sit down under it on the deck. All around him were the passengers and sailors of the mid-way watch; and in front of him stood the inexorable mate, with his watch in his hand, and the other officers of the ship by his side. It was a touching sight to see the pale, brave face of that noble boy—his head erect, his beautiful eyes bright through the tears that suffused them. When eight minutes had fled, the mate told him he had but two minutes to live, and advised him to speak the truth and save his life. But he replied with the utmost simplicity and sincerity, by asking the mate if he might pray. The mate said nothing, but nodded his head, and turned as pale as a ghost, and shook with trembling like a reed in the wind. And then while all eyes turned on him, the brave and noble fellow, this poor boy whom society owned not, and whose own step-father could not care for—knelt with clasped hands and eyes upturned to heaven. There then occurred a touching scene somewhat like that of Pentecost. Sobs broke from strong, hard hearts as the mate sprang forward and clasped the boy to his bosom, and kissed him and praised him, and told him how sincerely he now believed his story, and how glad he was that he had been brave enough to face death and be willing to sacrifice his life for the truth of his word. The God of

truth was with this poor little friendless castaway boy, and caused him to adhere to the truth, and the mate to believe him and to spare his life? "Oh that men would praise the Lord for His goodness and for His wonderful works to the children of men." "Whoso is wise and will observe these things, even they shall understand the loving kindness of the Lord." Psalm 107:8, 43.

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MY MINISTER—RIGHT OR WRONG

I have a minister. Time was when he was a good minister. I pronounced him great. This I did because I liked him.

His sermons were wonderful—as long as I liked him.

His speech was passing fair—as long as I liked him.

He was a hard worker—as long as I liked him.

In fact, I was strong for him—as long as I liked him.

But my minister offended me one day. Whether he knew it or not, I do not know. Since that day, my minister has ceased to be a good minister—he is just an ordinary one.

His sermons are not so wonderful—since he offended me.

His speech is of no account—since he offended me.

His faults are more prominent—since he offended me.

He is not a hard worker—since he offended me.

He's not the man for the job—since he offended me.

In fact, I'm trying to oust him—since he offended me.

***Many times, our estimate of a minister is determined in a large measure by personal likes or dislikes. Individual feelings, whether we realize it or not, color our judgment. Liking a minister, we like his work. Disliking a minister, he cannot please us. God help us to rise above the little, petty things and see men and issues in their clear light...

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FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP

"Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful." (I Cor. 4:1-2) Faithful ministers keep on preaching whether it is to many or few.—*Editor*

BELIEVE ON HIS SON

By Elder Rickey Taylor
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John 6:28-29: "Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God? Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent."

Jesus is telling the people to believe on the one God sent into the world to die for us. Who was he? The scriptures plainly tell us that it is his Son Jesus Christ. Acts 3:26; Galatians 4:4. So we should believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. This is good and acceptable in the eyes of God. That being said this is obviously an important subject, and should be thoroughly studied by a disciple of Jesus Christ. We will look at what believing is and what is exactly accomplished through believing. One thing that is not obtained through believing on Christ is eternal life. Jesus Christ himself obtained that for us on the cross. First: one cannot believe unless he is already born of the Spirit. Believing is a fruit of the Spirit. If one was to say that you must believe to have eternal life, then they are saying that Christ has neither finished nor accomplished what he was sent to do Matthew 1:21. Christ said that it was finished John 19:30. **"When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost."** What was finished? The work that his Father had sent him to do the work of redemption. Therefore believing on the Lord Jesus Christ doesn't save our souls because Christ has already done that.

There are benefits however to believing. Our text says that the people had come looking for Jesus because they had witnessed his miracle of feeding the multitude. Jesus tells them that they are seeking him for the wrong reason. They were seeking him because their natural bodies were fed, not because the miracles they had seen bear witness to the fact that Jesus was the Christ, the Son of God. This they did not believe, therefore they were losing the blessings of believing upon him. They wanted to keep sticking with an old law system that offered the blood of bulls and goats to atone for their sins, but the scriptures tell us that that kind of sacrifice could never atone for sins.

Hebrews 10:4: **"For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins."** What they should now do was look to what Christ was to accomplish on the cross, and believe that he was God's son. They should put away the old law and rest upon what he had done, and not their own works. In doing so this would have provided them comfort and rest from going about to establish their own righteousness. The same is true today. The scripture tells us that God chose his children before the foundation of the world Ephesians 1:4-5. He entered into covenant with his Son that he would insure that every one of them would be saved to live in glory. Romans 8:28-31 & John 6: 38-40. These are comforting scriptures to the child of God. However not every child of God knows these facts. Those that believe these facts are the most blessed of God's children here on earth. Not a one of the children will be lost, but sadly not all of them will believe these wonderful truths while here on earth. Nevertheless God is faithful to keep his covenant that he made with his Son. It is not required that they believe this in order for them to receive the benefit of this amazing covenant. Believing is for here on this side of heaven. If we believe here then we are rewarded here.

If one believes that he has to do something in order to get saved, to get his name written in the book of life (though the book of life was sealed from the foundation of the world Revelation 5:1), then he does not believe that Jesus Christ **completed** the work of redemption on the cross! This is the work that Christ is speaking about in our text. We are to believe that God chose us before the foundation of the world. We are to believe that the Father and the Son made a covenant to save all of his children. We are to believe that Christ finished the work of saving our souls on the cross. We are to believe in the death, burial, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. We are to believe that we too shall be changed from mortal to immortal just like our Lord. If we believe these things, then we are doing the work of God. Those who believe these truths are the most blessed of the children of God.

I am thankful that God has left us his inspired word to let us know of how to live closer to him here and the great hope that awaits us on the other side.

R. L. Taylor.

"Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk, O LORD, in the light of thy countenance. In thy name shall they rejoice all the day: and in thy righteousness shall they be exalted."
(Psalm 89:15-16)

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