

# Glad Tidings

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

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

*Philippians 4:13*

*I Corinthians 15:19*

## FROM THE PASTORS DESK

The Bible tells us that children are an heritage of the Lord and as arrows in the hand of a mighty man so are the children of the youth. (Psalm 127:3-4). Since 1973 when abortion was legalized, children have been aborted (murdered) while in the womb by the millions. This is a heinous blot on our nation and God will not be mocked. The Bible tells us about such things as this, "Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee." From the womb to the grave and before that, the Lord knoweth them that are His but holds accountable those that flaunt His laws as the giver of all life whether it be natural or spiritual.

A woman can forget her sucking child as we often see in the headlines of the news, being left anywhere and everywhere in addition to being left to the scalpel and chemicals of the abortionist. The consolation for us is that the Lord will not forget His children; He could not even if He wanted too. Why is this? Isaiah goes on to say, "Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands; thy walls are continually before me." (Isa. 49:16) We are constantly in His sight in the metaphor of the palms of His hands. This comfort is given to Zion who had lamented that the Lord had forsaken them, but in reality He had not.

I have often said that a woman can forget her sucking child because she is just a woman that bore a child. However, a true mother, I believe, will not forget her child because of that love down deep in the heart and of course we know that the Lord bestows that. Solomon was able to discern the real mother when two women claimed the same child. The real mother was willing to give up her child rather than see him divided in half by King Solomon. (I Kings 3:16-27) Solomon also tells us about the impossibility of true love being quenched. "Many waters cannot quench (extinguish) love, neither can the floods drown it: if a man would give all the substance of his house for love, it would utterly be contemned." (Song Sol. 8:7) God's love for Zion (His people) can never be extinguished. Absolutely nothing can separate one of God's children from His everlasting love. They are bone of His bone and flesh of His flesh. For God to deny or eternally forget one of His people, He would have to deny Himself which is something He cannot do. Praise God!

Although God cannot and will not forget His children, they often think they have been forsaken when they are going through a fiery trial. The Psalmist said, "Will the Lord cast off for ever? and will he be favourable no more? Is his mercy clean gone for ever? doth his promise fail for evermore? Hath God forgotten to be gracious? hath he in anger shut up his tender mercies? Selah." (Psalm 77:7-9) The writer of this Psalm would remember the right hand of the Most High and talk of His wonders. That feeling of being forsaken was vanquished.

While it is true that God doesn't forget His own, He does forget their sins and iniquities as they have been cast behind His back and removed as far as the east is from the west. (Psalm 103:12; Heb. 10:17) If the Lord was keeping tabs on us and keeping up with our sins, we would be doomed to hell. "If thou, LORD, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand?" (Psalm 130:3) Jesus bore the iniquities of His people on the cross of Calvary because of His great love for them and none can lay any charge to any of His elect. (Rom. 8:33)

Those children that have been murdered in the womb are not forgotten by God because they have been graven in the palms of His hands. The Bible tells us concerning Jeremiah, "Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations." (Jer. 1:5) Jeremiah was one of His from his mother's belly. John the Baptist leaped for joy while in the womb of his mother Elisabeth. David was a man after God's own heart and made to hope while on his mother's breast. Notice that he was a person (a me) at conception. "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me." (Psalm 51:5)

Though God doesn't forsake His children except in a timely manner because of disobedience, they do forsake Him for other things. The Bible tells us, "For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water." (Jer. 2:13) Though they had forsaken Him, they were still His people, but they would experience the chastening hand of God for their conduct and this again is because of His love. "As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent." (Rev. 3:19) God's promises are yea and Amen. He will not forget His own! (Elder Larry Wise)

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**STUDY**

By Elder W. R. Dale (Deceased)  
(2 Timothy 2:15)

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of truth."

The first thing I notice in the above Scripture is that it takes me away from mass thinking, and puts the responsibility directly on the shoulders of me as an individual, when it comes to me rightly dividing the Word of truth. However, I am not so much interested at this time in analyzing the text as I am in showing you the effect the text has on me. The text places such responsibilities, restrictions and boundaries on me that I can not afford to gamble with the meaning of other Scriptures. Being conscious of that fact while searching for the primary meaning of the fundamental principle, dealt me the fatal blow, or the malady of ignorance shall make death inevitable.

It seems to me the foremost importance of any text is its primary meaning. And if I can discover that primary meaning, then I have found a jewel that the Holy Spirit will bear witness to. Furthermore the jewel of truth will not contradict other scriptural truths. In case the text may have a secondary meaning, if so be that I have discovered the primary meaning or the fundamental principle, then I stand safely on the solid rock as I search for the secondary meaning.

However, dear brethren, that is not as easy for me as it sounds. For when I search for secondary meanings, there it is that I am confronted with such terms as types, shadows, figures, or allegories, metaphors, and even anti types. Brethren, if I fail to

understand the difference in those terms, do you believe that I could ever fully understand the secondary meaning of the text? I am reminded of a judge that I read about. While entering a trial, he stated himself to the attorneys by saying, "I am tired of judges and attorneys making laws." He further said, "We are not legislators, neither is this a legislature. We shall prosecute according to the law that we have, but we are not making any new laws." That very sentiment hovers down close around while searching the Scriptures.

Referring to Jacob and Esau in Romans 9:11, let us read: "For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of Him that calleth." To me it appears very obvious that the primary lesson in the text is: that the purpose of God according to election might stand. If I have any understanding of the context of the subject matter, and especially the text above, the context of this subject will not allow me to agree with the universalist that the election is only timely. Therefore the context proves that the election in Romans 9:11 has reference to God electing some people from others to live with Him in heaven. Is it possible that Romans 9:11 may have a secondary meaning? If so, may I ask how, and what is it? About 25 or 30 years ago an Elder, whom I loved, said to me he thought Jacob and Esau there represented the Spirit and the flesh. There may be something wrong with me, but I could not believe it then and I can't believe it now. If indeed Jacob and Esau do represent the Spirit and the flesh, let us get that thing where I can understand it. How do they represent the Spirit and the flesh? Are they a type, anti type, shadow, illusion, figure, allegory, or metaphor? Verse 12 says, "It was said unto her, the elder shall serve the younger." Dear reader, please go back to the 25<sup>th</sup> chapter of Genesis and start reading, and see what you see in the elder serving the younger. Proverbs 21:18 says, "The wicked shall be a ransom for the righteous." The point is this: Does Jacob and Esau mean two persons or do they represent two parts of one person? Should you have given birth to them as Rebecca did, perhaps you would think they were two persons. And as certain as they were two persons, just that sure God elected Jacob and did not elect Esau. Since one of these well-known men was an elect and the other one was not, God referred to them to explain the doctrine of election. Verse 13: "As it is written, Jacob have I loved but Esau have I hated."

Whether the election in our subject is eternal or timely, there is one thing certain and that is that Jacob is the elect in the lesson. If Jacob was a person, then the lesson teaches that God elected some people for salvation in heaven and some people He did not elect. However if Jacob means the

Spirit, the incorruptible seed that cannot sin, did Christ die for the elect? Who sinned, the Spirit or the flesh? Did Christ redeem any from sin, did He redeem the Spirit that had not sinned, or did He redeem the flesh that had sinned? If the elect, Jacob represents only the sinless Spirit, and Esau represents the sinful flesh, then which did Christ die for, Jacob or Esau? If Christ died for Esau then He did not die for the elect. And if Christ died for Jacob, then He did not die for sins. If Jacob represents the sinless Spirit only, and Christ died for the sins of the elect, then how could Jacob be an elect?

It seems to me that if I should take the position that Jacob and Esau represented only the Spirit and the flesh of man, then I would be denying that God elected people or human beings, and furthermore, I would be electing the wrong man, and then more, I would be forced to deny the resurrection of the dead bodies of human beings.

If I believed that all people will finally live in heaven, then I would be forced to believe that both Jacob and Esau were children of God. And by believing that they were both children of God, I would be forced to believe that the election in Romans 9:11 was only a timely affair. And by believing the election to be only a timely affair, then I would be forced to believe that Jacob and Esau only represent two parts of one man, then I am forced to believe that the Spirit is the elect. And in believing that the Spirit is the elect, then I am forced to deny that the body of man will ever live in heaven.

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### QUESTIONS AND BRIEF ANSWERS

*What did Jesus mean when He said, "Woe unto you when all men shall speak well of you?"* Luke vi.26.  
Sallie Flowers, Vidalia, Ga.

Jesus was forewarning His disciples of the persecutions that awaited those who would live godly and who would contend for true principles, and while He taught them that they should love their enemies and do good to them that hate them, yet He assured them that if they followed Him they would be persecuted and their names cast out as evil; hence would not be well spoken of by the ungodly world. So the idea is, if they should have the approval of all men and be well spoken of by those that hated Christ and His doctrine, it would be evidence that they were advocating and practicing things that the world admires. They might be well spoken of by the world as being truthful, law abiding citizens and living upright lives, and yet be persecuted and evilly treated for advocating the doctrine of Christ and following His examples as Christians.

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

### FUTURE UNKNOWN

By Elder H. L. Golston (Deceased)

No man knows what the future holds in store for him. As wise as some pretend to be, inspiration tells us that even the apostles did not know. "And now, I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there: save that the Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me,"—Acts xx. 22, 23. If inspired men did not know, we should all understand that others do not know. The Holy Spirit (third in the Trinity) alone knows future events. I have been amused reading some books that I have, some telling what would take place in 1938; some told what would be in 1945. I lived through those times and saw that these things did not come to pass. Now they have moved the time up to 1951.

But Paul said, "I know not." Inspired men insisted, "Now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation." There is not any human glory in man's being called to preach the gospel. In the place of this kind of glory, it is the very opposite. With the apostles it was bonds, persecutions, hardships, imprisonments, stripes, afflictions, heartaches, disappointments, burdens, battles without and within, the care of all the churches, the extension of the gospel kingdom and the conflicts with false brethren. Who, under the burden of all this, could think to inject human glory in any form? Down the line of history, the useful men have gone with bowed heads and in much fear. "Fear God and keep his commandments," was the wise man's orders. No preacher has a right to glory, save in the cross of Jesus Christ, and that only when this cross has crucified him unto the world and the world to him. How important that we preach after the inspired pattern.

Not so many years ago, while preaching in another state one day, an elder followed me, that is, he made some explanations, telling how he did and how he had always done. An old deacon, sitting in the congregation, said, "Brother, where is your authority? You are not inspired. We have no right to follow you unless you follow after the apostles." That ended the conflict. In my early ministry, an elder gave me some valuable information. Here I give the substance: Don't make the gospel a secondary business. Let that be first. Don't go out as a salesman on some other business, and preach as a side line. We have too many men preaching as a secondary job. More than forty years have come and gone since he gave me this information. Now I am sure he was correct.

Would it be out of place for me to give an experience I had years ago? I am not an authority, and do not claim to be, but when quite young I made up my mind to go into another state on a preaching tour. The plans were arranged. Some elders in that state made the appointments. I had never seen any

of them. The time arrived, December 23. I moved out in much fear. At my first appointment, it rained and snowed; became very cold. The elder there insisted that I return home. Many reasons were presented. I told him I had made up my mind to go. So on in the snow, ice and cold I made my way. No words that I can command would have described my feelings nor my thoughts. It was days before I could make connections to another appointment. One united with the church at the next meeting. At the next appointment, more came asking for a home in the kingdom. On I moved throughout the winter, and did not miss a single appointment. As I remember now, I had one day off that I did not have an appointment, and I traveled all that day and part of the night. On the journey I saw forty-five join the church, and was present when many were baptized. I remember one day that I cut the ice out of the way and baptized some. If I ever made a trip when the Spirit of my Master was my companion, that was one of those times. I did not understand the future then, and I do not now. Some young man may read this who has the burden of the Word of the Lord down in his heart (like fire shut up in his bones). If such is your experience, thank God for it. If you do not understand yourself, the work before you, how you are to perform this work, and you do not understand the present, nor the future, just remember that Jesus promised to be with you all the way after you have taught your hearers to observe all his commands,

But do not expect this promise to be fulfilled until you get that done. It is often beneficial to council with the brethren. They should be interested in you and the work before you, however this is not always true; in bitter tears I have sometimes had this experience. This journey is a walk by faith. This is in strict keeping with the inspired teaching, hence the importance of a good understanding of the Bible. This will require constant investigation. Bible, first; best literature, second, and the constant companionship of the followers of Christ are all of vast importance. I am not able to be out so am writing this, hoping it may do some good. In bonds, H. L. Golston

(From *"The Primitive Baptist"*, March 6, 1947)

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### FACE THE SUN (SON)

If you see your shadow, remember I pray,  
That the sun is still shining,  
but you're in the way.  
Don't grumble, don't bluster, don't dream,  
don't shirk;  
Don't think of your worries,  
but think of your work!  
The worries will vanish, the work will be done;  
No man sees the shadow who faces the sun!  
(*"Glad Tidings"*, Dec. 1985)

### WEDDING GARMENT

By Elder E. D. McCutcheon (Deceased)

"...Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind, And the servant said, Lord it is done as thou hast commanded, and yet there is room. And the Lord said unto the servant, go out into the highways, and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled." (Luke 14:21-23)

It seems that many of our people have chosen to ignore the above passages of the Bible, or have tried to pretend that they do not apply in this present time in history. I frankly admit that I do not know how to compel wandering ones to come into the house that it may be filled, but I believe that I do recognize the obligation to endeavor to bring the wayward ones to the fold and it gives me joy to see others beginning to realize that there is an obligation upon every disciple to be constantly aware that there is a definite commandment from the Lord to find lost sheep, then to lead them to the church where they can find the long-sought rest.

This bringing—compelling has nothing to do with making them into children of God, but has everything to do with making them into disciples. It is so easy for many to not be able to make the distinction because so much effort is put forth by other denominations to make dead, alien sinners into living sons that when an effort is made by our people to make disciples, it is often misunderstood and we are accused of becoming "Arminian" in our theology by some of our own brethren. Because of the fear of being accused of this very thing, many are afraid to preach in a proper manner; are afraid to give a forceful invitation or to insist in a compelling manner on obedience to the gospel. This has caused many able evangelical-type preachers to turn to the solid areas of election, predestination, etc., and neglect the kind of preaching that is so badly needed in most places now.

The argument has been heard for years and years that we have to be careful with our actions and our invitations, or we will get the world into the church—that we must keep house for the Lord and not let anything get into the church that will defile it. This is indeed true, but we have no right to judge them which are without. God does that. (See 1 Cor. 5:12-13) When someone comes to the church in a state of repentance, we are to bid him welcome to membership. Then, and only then, he is under jurisdiction of the church. The church may not be able to discern whether he has on a wedding garment or not, but God will make it manifest in due time. (See Matt. 22:11-13)

I fear that the attitude that has prevailed in the past regarding who can become a member of the church and who cannot, has kept many who would have been lovely guests at the wedding supper from being able to attend. Somehow I cannot help but wonder in

my own mind if those who objected in some cases I have witnessed, were no better dressed for the occasion than those who were turned away. I know that I am not to judge—but a man can wonder can he not?

Looking back to the man who did not have on the wedding garment: The master of the wedding did not provide the garment, neither did he have it put on the other guests. Every guest had to provide the wedding garment and dress himself. If the master of the wedding had provided the garment and put it on the guest, there would have been no lack on the part of the man who was not properly dressed. If it had been the responsibility of the master to provide the garment and dress the man, there would have been no place for a reprimand or casting out of the man. It would not have been his fault. If any one is bidden to the wedding party today, it is absolutely necessary that he “bring forth fruits meet for repentance.” (See Matt. 3:7-8) God does not repent for any of us, but grants repentance for all of his beloved. The wedding garment is for the outward adorning of the body. God makes us beautiful within, makes us pure and holy inside, but the outward adorning of the body is left to us. When Israel left Egypt, they were told by God to borrow clothing and jewelry from the Egyptians. There is not sufficient space, but remember that Egyptian bondage represents the bondage of sin under the moral laws of God. These moral laws are binding upon every man, woman and child on earth. When one has been made pure within, he is still a sinner in the flesh, but has been set free from being a bond slave to the law of sin and has come under the law of the spirit of life and can now put on the raiment borrowed from the law—the wedding garment. When a man comes into the church and does not cease to break the moral laws of God except in a very limited manner, he does not have on the wedding garment. He can expect the master of the wedding to have him bound and cast out.

So many say, “Yes, but I am afraid that I can not live as I should.” Well, when we are ready to surrender our all to Him, He gives us the ability to overcome every serious sin in our lives. He will not overcome them for us, but will enable us to always wear the wedding garment if we follow His leading.

As Moses said to his father-in-law, “Come with us, we will do thee good.”

(From “*Glad Tidings*”, Sept. 1985)

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### OBEDIENCE

Where our Captain bids us go,  
'Tis not ours to murmur no;  
He that gives the sword and shield  
Knows too the battlefield  
Where we are to fight the foe.

Source Unknown.

### QUESTIONS AND BRIEF ANSWERS

**Q.** *What is meant by the expression, “Though He were a Son, yet learned He obedience by the things which He suffered;”* D.B. Weatherford, Mission, Texas.

**Ans.** It is said of Jesus, “And being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.”—Phil. ii. 8. As the Son of God He was always obedient unto His Father, but in manifestly becoming our High Priest, through the suffering of death upon the cross, He experimentally and practically learned obedience. Not that He was ignorant of what would take place, or that He had ever failed to be obedient to the heavenly Father, but that He had never experienced death before.

**Q.** *What is meant in 1 Pet. ii. 8, especially the expression, “being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed?”* Tom Little, Texas

**Ans.** The entire verse read: “And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed.” It was the woeful condition of punishment that these people were in that they had been appointed to, and not that God had appointed for them to commit the crime of disobedience. God has not appointed for anyone to commit sin, or for the human family to be in a state of sin and wrath, as they all are by nature, but He has appointed, or purposed, the punishment for sin, and has also purposed to save His people from sin. “For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ.”—1 Thes. v. 9.

**Q.** 1. Can a man be saved without baptism this side of the cross? E.T. Armstrong, Mercedes, Texas

**Ans.** He can be saved in an eternal sense without water baptism, this side of the cross or on the other side either. God gives eternal life to dead sinners now just like He did before water baptism was instituted and before there was a preacher to baptize folks.

**Q.** 2. Can a man be saved without faith? E. T. Armstrong, Mercedes, Texas

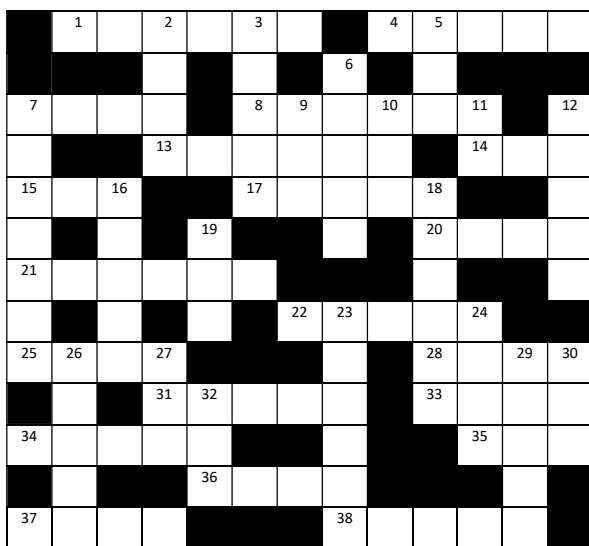
**Ans.** If you mean the faith of God, I say no. If you mean our faith, or gospel faith, I say yes. “What if some did not believe, shall their unbelief (not having faith) make the faith of God without effect? God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar.”—Rom. iii.4. There is a saving faith in time, which God’s people have, but it has nothing to do with saving people in the glory world.

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

**BIBLE CROSSWORD PUZZLE**

**ACROSS:**

1. Worship the Lord in the \_\_\_\_ of holiness. Pageant.
4. Lot \_\_\_\_ the plains of Jordan as it was well watered.
7. Jesus' coat was without \_\_\_\_ woven from the top throughout. Made by thread.
8. Some crucify to themselves the Son of God \_\_\_\_ and put him to an open shame.
13. The \_\_\_\_ of the world worketh death. Grief.
14. David once was young now he is \_\_\_\_ yet he had.
15. The animal that took the place of Isaac on altar.
17. A \_\_\_\_ went out to sow the seed, the word of God.
20. Abel's works were righteous and Cain's was \_\_\_\_.
21. The Syrian captain cured of leprosy in Jordan .
22. God resists the \_\_\_\_ but gives grace to the humble.
25. Moab hath been at \_\_\_\_ from his youth. At rest.
28. God swore in His wrath that Israel would not enter into His \_\_\_\_.
31. He had a rod that budded and made a molten calf.
33. A good \_\_\_\_ is rather to be chosen than great riches.
34. The LORD hath \_\_\_\_ and will not repent. Swear.



(Answers on Page 9)

35. Last tribe of Israel to receive its portion. Danites.
36. What Moses cast into bitter waters to make sweet.
37. The \_\_\_\_ of the Lord are in every place seeing both good and evil.
38. If ye refuse and \_\_\_\_ ye shall be devoured by sword.

**DOWN:**

2. God is our refuge; underneath are the everlasting \_\_\_\_
3. A sinner woman washed Jesus' feet with her \_\_\_\_.
5. The Lord knoweth them that are \_\_\_\_.
6. There is laid up for me a \_\_\_\_ of righteousness which the Lord the righteous judge shall give me.
7. Don't be carried about by divers and \_\_\_\_ doctrines.
9. The raven went to and \_\_\_\_ until the waters abated.
10. A female sheep Nathan used to show David's sin.
11. \_\_\_\_ ye that thirsteth, come ye to the waters.
12. Little children keep yourselves from \_\_\_\_ False gods.

**BIBLE CROSSWORD PUZZLE**

**DOWN:**

16. \_\_\_\_ for the belly and the belly for meats.
18. Dust thou art; unto dust shalt thou \_\_\_\_.
19. God will judge between lean and \_\_\_\_ cattle.
23. What shall I \_\_\_\_ unto the Lord for all His benefits unto me? I will take the cup of salvation.
24. You hath he quickened who were \_\_\_\_ in sins.
26. Lo I am with you \_\_\_\_ unto the end of the world.
27. He that hath an \_\_\_\_ let him hear the Spirit sayeth.
29. Jesus fed the multitude with a few \_\_\_\_ fishes.
30. Five were wise and five foolish of the \_\_\_\_ virgins.
32. Go to the \_\_\_\_ sluggard and learn her ways. Insect.

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**OUT OF THE MOUTH OF BABES**

Elder Tim McCool was preaching at a meeting in Ackerman, MS where Elder David Wise is Pastor. He was preaching from Revelation chapter 3 on the lukewarmness of the Laodicea church where Jesus says "Behold I stand at the door and knock." Bro. McCool would periodically knock on the pulpit when he was making a certain point. Sometimes he would knock softly and then he would knock louder. Our two year old grandson after a few knocks said, "Who is knocking on the door." When Bro. McCool also said that because of their condition, Jesus threatened he would spew them out of His mouth which he said meant to vomit. I think it was Eli who also said upon hearing that phrase said, "That is disgusting."—*Editor*

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**ONE SOLITARY LIFE**

(From "ITMS", June 2013)

He was born in an obscure village. He worked in a carpenter shop until He was thirty. He then became an itinerant preacher.

He never held an office. He never had a family or owned a house. He didn't go to college. He had no credentials but Himself. Twenty centuries have come and gone and today He is the central figure of the human race.

All the armies that ever marched,  
 And all the navies that ever sailed,  
 All the parliaments that ever sat,  
 And all the kings that ever reigned,  
 Have not affected the life of man  
 On this earth as much as that...

**ONE SOLITARY LIFE**

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"For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous." (Romans 5:19)

**CHURCH NEWS**

Everyone is invited to Harmony Primitive Baptist Church in Tupelo, MS the first Sunday weekend in May, 2022 for their annual meeting. Friday night April 29th supper at 6:00pm and worship services starting at 7pm, then Saturday morning April 30th starting at 10am with lunch and then services at 1:30pm. Sunday morning May 1st services at 10:30am with lunch and then communion following lunch. Lord willing, we plan to have Elder James Conley, Meadville, MS and Elder Jeb Owen, Lockhart, TX with us. We would love to have everyone come and worship with us and we desire your prayers for the meeting.—Elder Tony Lester, Pastor of Harmony

Everyone is invited to Bethany Primitive Baptist Church, Ecru, MS for their Communion Meeting the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in May, 2022 (May 13-15). Services Friday night, May 13, at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday night, May 14, at 6:30 p.m. preceded by a fish supper at 5:00 p.m. Sun. May 15, at 10:00 a.m. with Communion, then lunch. Elder Jeremy Wise, Pontotoc, MS is invited minister. Elder Larry Wise is Pastor of Bethany.

The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday night Fellowship Meeting on May 29, 2022 will be hosted by Laodicea Primitive Baptist Church, Lafayette Springs, MS with supper at 5:30 pm and worship service at 6:30 pm. New Prospect was scheduled for this 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in May but due to their meeting the weekend following 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday wanted to swap hosting times and Laodicea was gracious to accommodate that desire. New Prospect will take their spot next 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday which is in July. Everyone is welcome. This meeting rotates between New Prospect, Laodicea, Bethany and Hopewell churches. The Covid-19 virus has wrecked havoc with this meeting over the last two years. Elder Steve Weaver is Pastor of Laodicea.

Beulah Primitive Baptist Church in Saltillo, MS would like to invite everyone to our annual meeting. It will be the weekend of the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in May, 2022. Friday night May 27<sup>th</sup>, supper at 6pm and worship services start at 7pm, then Saturday morning May 28<sup>th</sup> starting at 10am with lunch and a afternoon service starting at 1:30pm. Then Sunday May 29<sup>th</sup> services starting at 10:30 with lunch following worship services. Lord willing we are to have Elder Ronald Lawrence, Goodlettsville, TN and Elder Gary Rhodes, Little Rock, AR with us—Elder Tony Lester, Pastor of Beulah.

Yalobusha Primitive Baptist Church, Water Valley, MS usually have an annual meeting the 4<sup>th</sup> weekend in June each year. We will have more details in next issue of Glad Tidings. Elder James Hall is Pastor of Yalobusha.

**CHURCH NEWS**

New Prospect Primitive Baptist Church, New Albany, MS will have its annual summer meeting and a ordination service beginning June 2-4, 2022 which will observe their 175 + 1 Anniversary. Services will be Thurs. night, June 2, and Fri. night, June 3, at 7:00 pm followed by refreshments and fellowship. Services Sat. June 4, at 10:00 am followed by lunch and an ordination service in the afternoon to ordain Bro. Ben Shettles to the full work of the gospel ministry. Sat. night supper at 5:00 pm and service at 6:30 pm. Elder Chris McCool, Gordo, AL will be preaching Thurs. night. Elder David Wise, Starkville, MS and Elder Darren Owens, Ripley, MS will be preaching Fri. night. Bro. Ben Shettles and Elder Charles Kitchens, Jasper, AL will be preaching Sat. morning and Elder Joe Nettles, Caledonia, MS on Sat. night. Everyone is invited to this anniversary celebration. Elder Rusty Wise is Pastor of New Prospect.

New Hope Primitive Baptist Church, located at 60267 Hatley Rd., Hatley, MS, plans to hold our annual meeting, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, June 10-12, 2022. Lord willing, Elder Vaughn Winslett from Leeds, AL, and Elder Jackie Smith from Fulton, MS will be our guest preachers. Supper will be served Friday night at 6 p.m., with the worship service at 7 p.m. The Saturday morning service will begin at 10 a.m., with lunch at noon, and afternoon service at 1:30 p.m. The meeting will conclude with the Sunday morning service at 10:30 a.m., with lunch at noon. We would sincerely appreciate the prayers of God's people, and hope to see many of you with us. For more information, contact the pastor, Elder Tim Cunningham, at 931-201-7881.

Everyone is invited to the annual meeting of Laodicea Primitive Baptist Church, Lafayette Springs, MS the 4<sup>th</sup> weekend in July 2022 (July 22-24). Services Friday night, July 22, at 7:00 pm--No supper. Saturday, July 23, at 10:30 am followed by lunch and afternoon services. No night service scheduled. Elder Darren Owens, Ripley, MS is the invited minister. Regular services on Sunday with communion led by Pastor, Elder Steve Weaver and followed by lunch.

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“And it came to pass, when the priests were come out of the holy place, that the cloud filled the house of the LORD, So that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud: for the glory of the LORD had filled the house of the LORD.” (I Kings 8:10-11)

“...It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.” (Matt. 21:13)

**EAST AND WEST**

By Elder Rickey Taylor  
Booneville, Mississippi

**Matthew 8:11: And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven.**

There are several symbolic illustrations throughout the scriptures, and we have one here from the book of Matthew. Such as the words east and west. Jesus says this after the centurion tells him that, he believed if Jesus would simply speak the word then his servant would be healed; A true confession of faith in his Lord. Now the first clue in understanding what is meant here by east and west is the man that spake to Jesus. He was a centurion, a leader of at least one hundred men; A man of the Roman Empire. He was a Gentile. He was also a man of compassion, who felt empathy for his sick servant. No doubt he had heard of the Nazarene and the powers he possessed. He not only had heard, but he also believed he could cure his servant (V 5-9). To which Jesus replied **Matthew 8:10: When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.** Notice the words faith and Israel.

The scriptures tell us that they who are blessed today are those that believe, who have faith in the Lord. Just as faithful Abraham did. (**Galatians 3:9 So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham**). Faith is something that is given to you when God causes you to be born again, regenerated. Faith will always follow after the work of regeneration, one is not capable of exercising faith until after they are regenerated. Abraham believed what God told him which was accounted unto him as a good thing (**Galatians 3:6 Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness**). Paul tells us that when we believe God then we are walking in faith as faithful Abraham did, and it is accounted to us as a righteous act. The centurion had clearly demonstrated that. Our next clue in understanding east and west is in the saying that Jesus says **I have not found so great of faith, no not in Israel.** Why would he mention Israel here in particular? Because if anyone should have shown faith in the Lord Jesus it should have been the nation

of Israel. The leaders of Israel should have identified him immediately because they had the very oracles of God (Romans 3:1-2).

They knew more about God than any other nation. It had been passed down from generation to generation for 1500 years to make them prepared to see the Christ. However when Christ came in the flesh working miracles, Israel did not acknowledge him as God in the flesh, instead they accused Christ of doing miracles by the power of Beelzebub (Matthew 12:24). Yet a centurion of the Gentile nation who didn't have the oracles of God, never been in the Temple, yet he recognized that this man was Jesus the Christ. He was truly more blessed than many of the nation of Israel. And it would not be the last time that this scenario would play out among the Gentile nation. This is why Christ mentions Israel. Then the Lord says that many shall come from the east and west and sit down with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven.

East and West are symbolic of the Gentile nations coming into the church, the kingdom of heaven here on earth. Under the gospel dispensation it would be those that were by faith in the Lord that would enjoy the kingdom with faithful Abraham. Now it would not be by a bloodline, but anyone of any nation, kindred or tongue could enjoy the gospel kingdom by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. The church came through the nation of Israel. In Acts 2 we read that on the day of Pentecost the first Christian church was made up of those three thousand believers that were of Israel. Then over in the same book of Acts we read of a man of Tarsus the Apostle Paul traveling throughout Asia and establishing churches throughout the land. Look at your maps in the back of your Bible, and you will see that those churches were set up in a direction of east to west, consisting primarily of Gentile people. Afterward the church continued traveling east to west across Europe, and eventually America. Today we refer to those established civilizations as Western Civilization. Thus the prophecy of Jesus Christ in Matthew 8 being fulfilled.

R. L Taylor

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**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY  
A HEARTY SOUL INDEED**

No one deserves a special day all to herself more than today's Mom. A cartoon showed a psychologist talking to his patient: "Let's see," he said, "You spend 50 percent of your energy on your job, 50 percent on your husband and 50 percent on your children. I think I see your problem."

Source Unknown.

No man is poor who has had a godly mother.--  
Abraham Lincoln.



**CONVICTION**

Unsaved, a man is “dead in sin.” As long as he is dead he has no feeling. Now the intellect naturally understand the moral law and knows naturally that it is wrong to steal or lie, or violate any one of the Ten Commandments, or all of them. One knows it from its being a standard for conduct in the community. But the quickened soul knows a better way. His conscience has been “purged” from dead (legal) works to serve the living God, and so he has a feeling sense of sin. ‘

Paul, in 1 Tim 1:5, speaks of charity out of a “pure heart, of a good conscience.” The saved man has that kind of heart and conscience. The unsaved has an evil heart and an evil conscience. In Heb. 10:22, Paul describes the change in salvation as “having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience.”

It is perfectly true that anyone with an intellect knows, by the moral law, it is wrong to steal. But stealing would never burn his conscience until he was caught. He would then be sorry, not that he stole, but that he was caught. The quickened or saved man is so annoyed by his feelings of guilt that he is sorry he stole. The Spirit sends his conviction in measures of anguish, sorrow and shame. The unchanged conscience merely sees his guilt, and has not the Spirit’s chastisement.

Elder Samuel Rives—“Meditations on Religious Subjects”  
(From “ITMS”, June 2013)

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**ANSWERS  
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**OLD THEY—EXPOSED**

By Elder John Leland  
(From “The Writings of John Leland”)

Of all the villains that haunt the world, not one of them is more mischievous than *Old They*. He is generally treated as a noun of multitude, followed by a single verb, (*They say*.) which makes it exceedingly difficult to identify the vagrant. Whether he is an individual, bearing as many titles as a Spanish Don, or a monster, having as many heads as a Hydra, is hard to ascertain.

If a man wishes to spread a false report, to injure his ruler, priest or neighbor, he has nothing to do, but to add, *They say so*, and all passes currently.

If any, however, are incredulous, and back the evil report, after passing many hands, which gave the report publicity, and drawing the ideal residence of *They*, he then plays the game of talisman before them, or dissolves himself in air.

Others, who have been often foiled in their pursuits after the fugitive, and yet are in the habit of believing that *They has said so*, instead of fixing the blame on the infamous tattler, who is retailing the slander, conjecture a substitute for *They*, and ever afterwards consider the substitute as an enemy, when, at the same time, the poor suspected man, knows not for what. If will not be considered too dictatorial, I will here suggest a salutary expedient.

When a man begins to retail the libelous reports of others, or vend his own choleric manufacture, on the credit of, *They say so*, if he will not identify his author, hold the man responsible for all he says, and let *Old They* shift for himself.

(From “ITMS”, June 2013)

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**WASTED YEARS**

I worked upon a farm one day that once I used to own;  
The barn had fallen to the ground, the fields were overgrown.  
The house in which my children grew, where we had lived for years—  
I turned to see it broken down and brushed aside the tears.  
The years had passed while I had cared for things of lesser worth;  
The things of heaven I let go while minding things on earth.  
To Christ, I turned with bitter tears and cried, “O, Lord forgive!  
I haven’t much time left for Thee, not many years to live.”  
The wasted years forever gone, the days I can’t recall;  
If I could live those days again, I’d make Him Lord of all.  
--Author Unknown  
(From “The Christian Baptist”, March/April, 2021)

**TRUE LABOUR OF LOVE**

By Elder Larry Wise  
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It seems that nobody wants to work in today's "give me, give me" culture that was perpetuated by all the economic stimulus that rewarded people for doing nothing. When it comes to the kingdom of God on earth, we must Labour (work, toil, engage in, minister about) in order to enjoy the blessings God has for His obedient children for whom He paid the ransom price.

Jesus fed 5,000 plus people with five barley loaves and two small fishes and twelve baskets of fragments were left over. Shortly afterwards, some people sought Jesus on the other side of the sea of Galilee but Jesus told them they were seeking Him not because they saw the miracles but had eaten of the loaves and were filled. Jesus then said, "Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed." (John 6:27)

We need to understand and realize that as born again sons of God there is a requirement to do some labouring while we wait for the glorious redemption of our bodies. Whereas some people don't want to work for a pay check, plenty work in the modern church but for the wrong reasons. They are labouring to establish their own righteousness in the sight of God which could only be as filthy rags rather than trusting in the finished work of Jesus Christ on the cross. These folks need to realize that Isaiah said, "For the bed is shorter than that a man can stretch himself on it: and the covering narrower than that he can wrap himself in it." (Isa. 28:20)

The labour heretofore described can bring no lasting joy and satisfaction and will not endure unto everlasting life. Isaiah also said, "Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness." (Isa. 55:2) In this type labour, one would never know if he did enough.

We must indeed rest in the finished work of Christ and cease from our own works toward a home in heaven outcome and believe in the finished work of Christ which has secured that heavenly outcome. Heb. 4:10-11 says, "For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as

God did from his. Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief." These Israelites forgot the wondrous works of God and began to trust in themselves and many fell in the wilderness. They experienced leanness of soul. "They soon forgot his works; they waited not for his counsel: But lusted exceedingly in the wilderness, and tempted God in the desert. And he gave them their request; but sent leanness into their soul." (Psalm 106:13-15)

There is a diligent work and labour to be done for us to enjoy our salvation (deliverance). God always does His part, but we do not always do what is required on our part. Paul writes, "Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence; work out your own salvation with fear, and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure." (Phil. 2:12-13)

The motivating factor behind all this work and labour is the love of God which has been instilled into the hearts of His children by way of the new birth. This is one way the apostle Paul was able to identify the beloved in Thessalonica as the elect of God. "Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father; Knowing, brethren beloved, your election of God." (I Thess. 1:3-4) These people turned from idols to serve the living God because of His great love. These people did what they did not for what they could get out of it but because they loved the Lord.

The love factor is so important in serving God that the great apostle Paul wrote, "And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing." (I Cor. 13:3) Love is the cement and bond of perfectness that binds us to Christ as believers and as a body of believers in the church kingdom here on earth. (Col. 3:14) "And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity." (I Cor. 13:13)

If the apostle Paul remembered without ceasing the work and labour of love of the Thessalonians, how much more shall God remember our work and labour of love. It matters not if we are recognized in our labour because the Lord is the ultimate one to remember and recognize it. "For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister." (Heb. 6:10) Those who sought Christ for the natural bread would be sent away empty but those who seek Christ out of love and labour in the kingdom will not be sent away empty. Christ isn't on earth but His children are and Jesus will say, "...Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." (Matt. 25:40)

### JOY BEFORE HIM

“Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.” (Heb. 12:2)

We will, the Lord willing, notice some of the *joy* that is found in the above scripture. Will the reader notice that for the joy that was set before our Lord, He endured the cross, despising the shameful death of the Roman cross and is set down on the right hand of the throne of God. The fact that he is *set down* indicates that it was a finished work, That fact that He is at the right hand of the throne of God, indicates that it was accepted by the God of Heaven as a finished work!

History tell us that criminals, who were crucified by the Roman Law, were stripped of all their clothes, took out on a public highway, nailed on a cross where all the people could see them as they passed by. A superscription was put up over them to tell what the crime was, so as to teach others the severe punishment of the breaking of the Roman Law. If this be so, then no wonder our sweet and precious Lord did despise the shame. Will the reader notice that He endured it all for the *joy* that was set before Him! Now that He finished the work, by enduring the cross, will He lose any of the *joy*? God forbid. Just as sure as He endured the cross, just that sure He will receive all the joy that was set before Him, and that *joy* is the salvation of His people!

Let us notice the words of the Apostle Paul, in his epistle to the church at Ephesus: “The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,” (Eph. 1:18) We find in this lesson that it was Paul’s prayer that the church at Ephesus would be enlightened so that they would understand what is the hope of His calling and what is the *riches* of the *glory of His inheritance* in the saints. The riches of His inheritance is some of the *joy* that was set before Him. He will receive all His inheritance without the loss of any. His elect is His inheritance, and they were given to Him before the foundation of the world! Inheritance is a *gift*. We hear Him say, “All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.”—John 6:37. This, kind reader, was joy to our Lord to know that the shameful Roman cross was not in vain.

Now let us go back to the Old Testament and notice some sweet Scripture along this line. Will the reader notice the words of the prophet Isaiah: “He shall see of the travail of His soul, and shall be satisfied; by His knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for He shall bear their iniquities.”—Isaiah 53:11. When he saw the travail of His soul and was satisfied; again we can say that it

was the joy that was set before Him. The reason that He was satisfied is because He would justify many by bearing their iniquities. If our Lord was satisfied, I wonder what will make Him become dissatisfied. The only thing that could make Him dissatisfied would be for the blood to lose its power. Thank God, this will never be! The *many* that was justified by His blood will some day be with Him in Heaven, without the loss of any!

The writer of the Hebrew epistle has some wonderful things to say along this line. Let us notice some of them: “But this Man, after He had offered one sacrificed for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God; from henceforth expecting till His enemies be made His footstool. For by one offering He hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.”—Heb. 10:12,13,14. We can see our subject all over this lesson. This word *perfected* was translated from the Greek word *teleioo* and means to *be made perfect*. So by one offering our Lord made perfect them that are sanctified. Not only were they made perfect, but this perfection will last for ever! No wonder the prophet Isaiah could say: “The pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in His hand.” Again: “And with His stripes we are healed.” May we all say with Jonah, of old time: “Salvation is of the Lord!”

In conclusion, let us notice one more passage of Scripture that deals with the joy of our Lord: “Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by His own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.”—Heb. 9:12. The holy place that He entered was Heaven; there He is by the right hand of the Father. All that He obtained this eternal redemption for, will some day be with Him without the loss of one. This was the *joy* that was set before Him, the salvation of His people!

Written in love for the truth.

Elder J. B. Warren  
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(From “*The Primitive Baptist*”, April 6, 1961)

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### QUOTES ABOUT MOTHERS

- Tired mothers find that spanking takes less time than reasoning and penetrates sooner to the seat of the memory.--Will Durant
- Some are kissing mothers and some are scolding mothers, but it is love just the same, and most mothers kiss and scold together.— Pearl S. Buck
- Life doesn’t come with a manual, it comes with a mother.—Unknown

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