

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

1 Corinthians 15:19

FROM THE PASTORS DESK

We celebrate Father's Day this June 19 and some fathers are faithful to their duty and some are not. God, however, as our Heavenly Father, is faithful in every aspect of His being. Just as we have nothing to do or could do to choose who our natural father would be, neither do we nor can we choose to be children of our Heavenly Father. However, there are evidences that we belong to God and He is our Heavenly Father:

Love of God: Man by nature does not love God or have any desire for His affection; they are dead in trespasses and sins. If we have a true love for God, it is evidence that we are His child and that we have been born again which is a necessity to see and enter the kingdom of God. “Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.” (1 John 4:7) Love is the very first fruit of the Spirit by which we are born of God. (Gal. 5:22)

Love of Brethren: Jesus is our Elder Brother and He is not ashamed to call us brethren and loved us enough to give His life for our salvation. We are all brethren in Christ by His sovereign choice. The Bible tells us, “We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death.” (1 John 3:14) Preachers cannot teach this kind of love without God having first taught them about love. “But as touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another.” (1 Thess. 4:9) All elect children will have this teaching.

Belief in Jesus Christ: Modern Christianity says we must believe in Jesus Christ in order to become a child of God. Our natural fathers were already acting the role before we ever knew that as such. Rather than causative, belief is evidentiary that we have been born of God and are His child. “Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him.” (1 John 5:1)

Belief of the gospel: The unregenerate natural man has no desire for the spiritual things of God. (1 Cor. 2:14). Then how did Paul know the election of those in Thessalonica? “For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance;...” (1 Thess. 1:5) This response could only be by those born of God.

Spiritual warfare: The Bible tells us they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh. (Rom. 8:5) We are also taught that they that are in the flesh cannot please God. (Rom. 8:8) We cannot please God because we are destitute of faith because we have not the Spirit of God within. When born again, we have both the Spirit and the flesh; consequently, Paul writes, “For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.” (Gal. 5:17) If we have this conflict and feel convicted when we do wrong and feel assurance when we do right, God is our Father.

Confession of Jesus: Modern Christianity teaches that we must confess Jesus Christ at some point to become a child of the King. However, we cannot confess Jesus without the love of God within. “Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God.” (1 John 4:15) Notice that God is already dwelling within the individual who confesses Jesus is the Son of God. In other words, it is evidence of their sonship.

Heart prayer to God: The wicked unregenerate have no desire for the ways of God and no desire to pray. In fact they say, “What is the Almighty, that we should serve him? and what profit should we have, if we pray unto him?” (Job 21:15) God dealt with Saul of Tarsus on the Damascus road and one of the assurances God gave to Ananias that he could now go and preach to him was “behold, he prayeth,” (Acts 9:11) Saul's heart had been changed and now he could truly pray not my will but Thine be done.

Led of the Spirit: We are told in the Bible to quench not the Spirit. (1 Thess. 5:19) We cannot quench something we do not possess. We may be led of the Spirit to take up our cross, to pray, to confess, to believe, to do good works and other things of a spiritual nature. This leadership confirms a relationship of the Heavenly Father with the person who possesses the Spirit. Paul said, “For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.” (Rom. 8:14)

Chastened by God: It is the natural father that chastens His children for disobedience because he loves them. It is the same with our Heavenly Father. “For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.” (Heb. 12:6) If we possess any or all of the evidences listed, we can know He has chosen us as His child. (Elder Larry Wise)

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THE PRODIGAL SON
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Elder J. W. Parker, of Quill, Ga., has requested our views on the parables in Luke 15, especially the parable of the two sons, beginning at Luke 15:11.

The first parable is the parable of the lost sheep, and reads as follows; "What man of you having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it? And when he hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he cometh home, he calleth his friends and neighbors, saying unto them, Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost. I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance."

Just as there is joy in the home of the shepherd when he finds the sheep that was lost, so there is joy in heaven when the sinner repents. The word heaven does not always refer to the place of ultimate bliss and glory. Paul speaks of the third heaven; and if there is a third, there is also a first and second. The church is sometimes spoken of as a heaven, we think. And the term "sinner" does not always refer to the unregenerate—not by any means. See James 4:8 and James 5:19-20. Children of God are here called sinners, as is the case in many other places. We think there is joy in the church when one of the Lord's children repents who has been in disobedience and sin. We think the parable teaches this. "Likewise, there is joy." We think the next parable, recorded in verses, 8 to 10, teaches the same lesson.

As to the parable of the two sons, will say they were both sons. The elder was no more a son than the younger; but the latter said to his father: "Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me." Then the father divided his living unto them unto the sons. The younger son gathered all together and took his journey into a far country—not into a fair country, but a far country. Every time one of the Lord's sons, or children, takes a journey away from the home the Lord has prepared for them here in this world, which is the church of God, and the true service of God, he goes to a far country; but he does not go to a fair country. The younger son spent all he had, wasted his substance with riotous living, and there arose a mighty famine in that land. That far country—far away from the sweet service of God, is a land of famine to a child of God who has realized the sweet pleasures of gospel service and the fellowship of the saints in the church of Christ. Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country. He did not join himself to a citizen of the land of Canaan—the land of joy and delight, but to a citizen of that far country. He did not join himself there to the service of God. Yet he was a son, just as he was before he took the journey to that country. The husks that the swine did eat was no food to him. Swine food and sheep food is very different. "But no man gave unto him." In the Lord's economy, the gospel, he says, "Freely ye have received; freely give." But not so in the land far away from the service of God not so among the swine feeders. But when he was pinched with the famine he said, "How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger." So many of the Lord's children do this. "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? And your labor 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. 55:1-2. This is spoken to Israel—not to unregenerate persons. The son says, "I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven and before thee, and am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants." He is ready now to make full confession of all his wrongs, and is content and willing to have a very low place in the home.

He does not ask for a high place; he has been brought low. Oh, how proud he was before! But how humble now! He was a proud son before, lifted up with vanity. But "pride goeth before a fall, and a haughty spirit before destruction." But what joy when the wanderer returns and confesses all his sins! True, sometimes there are some who are jealous, as was the elder son; still it is true that there is joy over the return of the wanderer.

Afflictions though they seem severe,
In mercy oft are sent;
They stopped the prodigal's career,
And caused him to repent.

Although he no relenting felt,
Till he had spent his store;
His stubborn heart began to melt,
When famine pinched him sore.

What have I gained by sin, he said,
But hunger, shame and fear?
My father's house abounds with bread
While I'm starving here.

I'll go and tell him all I've done,
And fall before his face;
Unworthy to be called his son,
I'll seek a servant's place.

His father saw him coming back;
He saw and ran and smiled,
And threw his arms around the neck
Of his repenting child.

David says, "Before I was afflicted I went astray."
Psa. 119:67. How prone we are to go astray, but afflictions serve to bring us back. Some of the most humble and devoted Christians we have ever seen were sorely afflicted. Afflictions will cause us to realize our own weakness, and then we are brought low before the throne of grace, acknowledging our sins and wickedness, and pleading for an humble place in the service of God.

The prodigal son has no reference whatever to unregenerate characters. There is nothing in the whole parable about regeneration or unregenerate characters.

C. H. C.

(From *"Editorial Writings From The Primitive Baptist"*,
By Elder C. H. Cayce, Vol. 1)

HE THAT HATH AN EAR

A fellow went to a church fellowship with both of his ears bright red.

A friend asked him, "What happened or did you do to your ears?"

"Terrible thing," said the fellow. "While I was ironin' my shirt to come tonight, the phone rang, and well, I picked up the iron instead of the phone."

"That's so gross," said the friend sympathetically, "but, what happened to the other ear?"

"The same guy called back!"

I have walked into a group of friends from time to time and they would ask me, "Were your ears burning, we were just talking about you?" One consolation in this is they told me what was said was all good which was nice to know.—*Editor*

A NEW COMMANDMENT



By Elder Herman Clark
(Dec. 24 1942—Nov. 15 2021)

We find in the New Testament that Jesus said unto His disciples, "A new commandment I give unto you. That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." John 13:34-35. We find in 1 John 3:14, "We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death."

Have you found it difficult to love some people? Is it difficult to love the person sitting in the pew in front or behind? Let's face reality. It is difficult to love some people. In fact, we are told to "...love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you." Matthew 5:14

Oh! How difficult it is to love your enemies. How does one love His enemies? First, there has to be the love of God in one's heart. This comes from God. Remember that God loved us when we were His enemies, dead in trespasses and sins. We love our enemies by loving their souls. We do not love their evil ways. God loves us but not the sinful ways in which we may sometime walk and the acts of sin that we sometime commit.

We love our enemies for Christ's sake. Ephesians 4:32, "And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you."

LAW OF LOVE

Dr. Mitchell was impressing upon us that we are not under the Law when we're in Christ, but we're under a new law -- the law of LOVE. He used this to illustrate: In America there is a law stating a woman must take care of her child. So, a man comes to a new mother's home. He says "Are you taking care of your baby? The Law says you have to." The woman, tenderly holding her baby, said, "I don't need a law to make me take care of my baby." Why? Because she loves her baby! She feeds him, holds him, changes him because she loves him. I no longer need the Law because I'm under Christ -- a law of LOVE.

.—Source Unknown

FOOD FOR THOUGHT EVERY DAY IS A SPECIAL OCCASION

My brother-in-law opened the bottom drawer of my sister's bureau and lifted out a tissue-wrapped package.

"This", he said, is not a slip. This is lingerie."

He discarded the tissue and handed me the slip. It was exquisite, silk, handmade and trimmed with a cobweb of lace. The price tag had an astronomical figure on it and was still attached.

"Jan bought this the first time we went to New York, at least eight or nine years ago. She never wore it. She was saving it for a special occasion. Well, I guess this is the occasion."

He took the slip from me and put it on the bed with the other clothes we were taking to the mortician. His hands lingered on the soft material for a moment, then he slammed the drawer shut and turned to me.

"Don't ever save anything for a special occasion. Every day you're alive is a special occasion."

I remembered these words through the funeral and the days that followed when I helped him and my niece attend to all the sad chores that follow an unexpected death.

I thought about them on the plane returning to California from the Midwestern town where my sister's family lives. I thought about all the things that she hadn't seen or heard or done. I thought about the things that she had done without realizing that they were special. I'm still thinking about his words, and they've changed my life.

I'm reading more and dusting less. I'm sitting on the deck and admiring the view without fussing about the weeds in the garden. I'm spending more time with my family and less time in committee meetings. Whenever possible, life should be a pattern of experience to savor, not endure. I'm trying to recognize these moments now and cherish them.

I'm not "saving" anything, we use our good china and crystal for every special event, such as losing a pound, getting the sink unstopped, the first camellia blossom. I wear my good blazer to the market if I feel like it. My theory is, if I look prosperous, I can shell out \$28.49 for, one small bag of groceries without wincing. I'm not saving my good perfume for special parties, clerks in hardware stores and tellers in banks have noses that function as well as my party-going friends.

"Someday" and "one of these days" are losing their grip in my vocabulary. If it's worth seeing, hearing or going, I want to see and hear and do it now.

I'm not sure what my sister would've done had she known that she wouldn't be here for the tomorrow we all take for granted. I think she would have called family members and a few close friends. She might have called a few former friends to apologize and mend fences for past squabbles. I like to think she

would have gone out for a Chinese dinner, her favorite food. I'm guessing; I'll never know.

It's those little things left undone that would make me angry if I knew that my hours were limited. Angry because I put off seeing good friends whom I was going to get in touch with someday. Angry because I hadn't written certain letters that "I intended to write - one of these days." Angry and sorry that I didn't tell my husband and daughter often enough how much I truly loved them.

I'm trying very hard not to put off, hold back, or save anything that would add laughter and luster to our lives. And every morning when I open my eyes, I tell myself that every day, every minute, every breath, truly is a gift from God. ■

To realize the value of ONE MONTH, *ask a mother who gave birth to a premature baby.*

To realize the value of ONE HOUR, *ask the lovers who are waiting to meet.*

To realize the value of ONE MINUTE, *ask a person who missed the train.*

To realize the value of ONE SECOND, *ask a person who just avoided an accident.*

To realize the value of ONE MILLISECOND, *ask the person who won a silver medal in the Olympics.*

IMMORTALITY

William Jennings Bryan

If the Father designs to touch with divine power the cold and pulseless heart of a buried acorn and make it burst forth from its prison walls, will He leave buried in the earth, neglected, the body of a man made in the image of his Creator?

If He stoops to give the rosebush, whose withered blossoms float upon the summer breeze, the sweet promise of another summertime, will He refuse that word of hope and cheer to the sons of men when the frost of winter comes?

If matter, mute and inanimate, though banged by forces of nature into a multitude of forms, can never die, will man suffer annihilation after he has paid a brief visit to this world like a royal guest in this tenement of clay?

No! I am just as sure that there is another life as I am that I live today.

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"But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought **life and immortality to light** through the gospel:" (II Tim. 1:10)

LITTLE CHILDREN

By Elder J. H. Oliphant--(1846-1925)

"My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not."—1 John 2:1

John's object in writing was "That ye sin not." This is true of other ministers. They seek to discourage sin. A truth to be of use should influence men for good. It is a light in a community when filling the place intended.

The church is a good place for children to go, and should help them to be moral. John calls them "little children." If we could ever be *little* children, it would be a blessing. Big strong cattle drive the little and the weak away. It is bad when we get to be *big* children and think more highly of self than we should think. How helpful and ornamental is a lowly man. Paul felt to be less than the least of all saints. A minister like this is safe, and is an example to his flock in his every day life. Such a man is forgiving. Stephen prayed for his tormentors and so did Christ. These are noble examples to us. Often parents trouble less over their children while they are little. As they grow bigger they are more exposed to temptations, than when they were little.

A preacher is not as safe when he finds himself growing bigger as when he sees himself as being less than the least of all saints. Christ says, "Learn of me: for I am meek and lowly in heart." Christ never teaches us that we are good, or strong. He never teaches us to be proud. When we are with such men as Elders Respass and Henderson were, we breathe the air of humility and are bettered.

"If any man sin." Any man is liable to sin. The best men have their faults. The straightest tree has its defects, such as wind-shakes and knots. I have never seen a perfect tree, nor a sinless man. But you are discouraged to see sin mixed in all you do. When ye would do good evil is present. There is no place where you may hide from sin. You may hide in a dark cave and yet be troubled with horrid thoughts of unbelief and sin. But if you are so troubled you may have hope. When we can sigh or weep over our own sins there is hope for us; for life is ever when pain is felt; and if your sins are a grief to you, we have a good message for you; for "we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous." An advocate pleads in court for his client. We think of Christ as in Heaven, before the throne, looking after our interest. "*Christ the righteous.*" Grace reigns through righteousness unto eternal life. Christ pleads for us. But all of his arguments are founded in truth. I wonder what arguments he would make for one like me. He would not build on the ground of good works, but he would hang all on his own death and the mercy of God, saying, "Father, here is a poor sinner. He is by nature a sinner, a poor fallen sinner, and justly condemned; but I died for him; I bore his sins—a heavy load—upon Calvary's gloomy mount. For my

sake, pardon him of all his sins. I have washed him in my blood. I am thy dutiful Son and love him, and I am glorified in his salvation. Forgive him for my sake. He was an enemy but I have won his affections and have bound his heart fast. His heart was as hard as a stone, but I have made it tender; he was a rebel, but is now loyal to Thee and to Thy cause. He was known in the covenant before time, and was named in Thy will, O God; he was haughty and self-conceited, with hands red with blood; but I emptied my veins for him. I am Thy Son—I pray remember Calvary and all of my groans and sorrows. All of this I did for this poor sinner. Remember how I suffered for him and let not the shedding of my blood be in vain, to the joy of all Thy foes." The Bible uses such arguments as these and our Advocate with the Father thus seeks to gain our court. Paul says, "Who loved me and gave himself for me."

So he loved all of his little children. He died for them, rose from the dead for them, intercedes for them, and is at the right hand of God for them, and will succeed for them. Not one of his clients will fail in the end.

J. H. O.

(From "*The Gospel Messenger*", Feb. 1920)

KEEPING PEACE

By Nena Holder (Deceased)

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

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

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

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

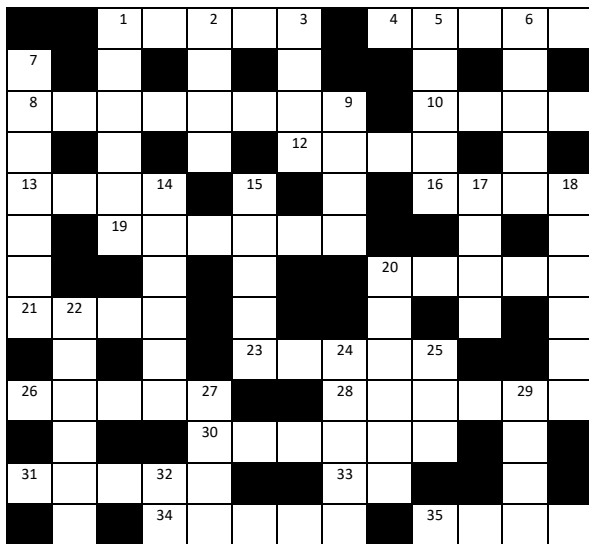
CHURCH NEWS

Everyone is invited to Rector Primitive Baptist Church in Rector, Ar. on the second Sunday weekend in August 2022 for Our Annual Meeting. Friday night August 12th Supper at 6:00 pm with services starting at 7:00 pm. Saturday morning August 13th services at 10:00 am with lunch and service to follow in the afternoon. Sunday morning Aug 14th service at 10:30 am, Lord willing we plan to have an open meeting. We would Love to have everyone come and Worship with us and we desire your prayers for the meeting. Elder Devon Horton, Pastor.

BIBLE CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS:

1. Lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes and ____ of life.
4. A little ____ a little slumber and folding of the hands.
8. The ____ was made subject to vanity, not willingly.
10. The ____ of the temple was rent top to bottom.
12. Jesus is the ____ yesterday, today and forever.
13. Where neither moth nor ____ doth corrupt.
16. He knows our frame, He remembers we are ____.
What man was originally made from.
19. As we have borne the image of the ____ we will
bear the image of the heavenly.
20. Think it not strange concerning the fiery ____ which
is to try you.
21. The lilies grow, they, ____ not neither do they spin.
23. An ____ stirreth up her nest, flutters over her young.
26. Paul felt to be less than the ____ of all saints.
28. ____ unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's.
30. After shipwreck Paul landed on the ____ of Melita.
31. My daughter is grievously vexed with a ____ Satan.
33. Mary said whatsoever he saith unto you do ____.
34. Thou wast ____ and hath redeemed us to God by
thy blood out of every nation and kindred.
35. Ask and it shall be given; seek and ye shall ____.



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DOWN:

1. So they that are in the flesh cannot ____ God.
2. Father, ____ thy hands I commend my spirit.
3. Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ____
5. Having ____ His own He loved them to the end.
6. My people have committed two ____ they have
forsaken me the fountain of living waters.
7. The color of the thread Rahab put in her window.
9. For my yoke is ____ and my burdens light.
14. God gave the law to Moses written on ____ of stone.
15. The angel rolled away the ____ from Jesus' tomb.
17. His word was in my heart as a burning fire shut
____ my bones and I could not stay. 2 words.
18. Abel was a keeper of the sheep but Cain was a
____ of the ground.

BIBLE CROSSWORD PUZZLE

DOWN:

20. The wicked servant that received the one
____ went and hid it in the earth.
22. The Lord ____ the heart of Lydia so that she
attended the things spoken by Paul.
24. If ye had faith as a ____ of mustard seed.
25. Then cometh the ____ he delivers up the kingdom.
27. Sit thou on my right hand ____ I make thine
enemies thy footstool.
29. God drove Adam from the garden of ____.
32. The Lord ____ my shepherd I shall not want.

OUT OF THE MOUTH OF BABES

Many years ago my uncle had a grandson that was very small at the time. He would stand on the hearth and say he was going to preach. He got up on the hearth and didn't say anything for a good while. My uncle asked him what was the hold up, what was he waiting for? He replied, "I'm waiting for the Lord to give me something to say?" We preachers surely need to wait on the Lord, but if we wait too long, we lose the congregation. In fact, we may lose them anyway if they aren't very hungry.—*Editor*

EARS FROM HARVESTED SHEAVES

June 6

"*Though I be nothing.*"—2 Corinthians xii. 11.

Paul did not mean to say that he had no religion, but none in himself. 'What! Could not Paul stand against temptation?' Not more than you or I, unassisted by the grace of God. 'Could not Paul pray more than you or I?' No, not at all, except so far as the spirit of grace and supplications was given to him. 'Could not Paul love more than I do?' Not a bit more, nor think a spiritual thought more, as far as self was concerned. I do not mean to say that Paul did not pray, believe, and love more than any of us do; but he did not perform these actions in himself one whit more than we can. He says expressly, "In me, that is, in my flesh, dwelleth no good thing;" and therefore not the good thing of faith, or love, or divine communion.

Now when the Lord has brought a soul down to nothing, he then makes his strength perfect in that nothingness; he communicates strength to pray, strength to believe, strength to hope, to love, to receive the gospel. Just like the poor man with the withered hand, to whom Jesus said, "Stretch forth thine hand." It was withered, he could not do it of himself. But Christ's strength was made perfect in weakness: when he spake the word, the withered hand was stretched forth, and became whole as the other. So with the dead Lazarus—he was asleep in death; but when the voice of love and power penetrated into the tomb, "Lazarus, come forth," life was made perfect in the dead corpse. So with the Old Testament worthies, who "out of weakness were made strong" (Heb. xi. 34). And so, each in our measure, it is with us; our weakness, helplessness, and inability are the very things which draw forth the power, the strength, and the grace of Jesus.—J. C. Philpot

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 4th 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.

Yalobusha Primitive Baptist Church, Water Valley, MS will have its annual meeting the 4th weekend in June, 2022 (June 24-26) Services Friday night, June 24, at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, June 25, at 10:30 a.m. followed by a sandwich lunch. Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Elder Jerry Wise, Pontotoc, MS is invited minister and everyone is invited to come and worship. Elder James Hall is the long time Pastor of Yalobusha.

CHURCH NEWS

Everyone is invited to the annual meeting at Raleigh Primitive Baptist Church, 3625 Austin Peay Highway, Memphis, TN 38128, June 17 & 18, 2022. Services are planned as follows: Friday night, June 17, sandwich supper at 5:30 p.m. with worship service at 6:30 p.m., and Saturday, June 18, at 10:30 a.m., with lunch following, then afternoon services. Invited minister is Elder Jeff Winfrey, pastor at Dawson Springs Primitive Baptist Church in Kentucky. We covet your prayers for an edifying and blessed meeting that will be glorifying to our Lord and Savior. Elder Chase Harrison is Pastor at Raleigh.

START SONG LEADERS EARLY

"Bro. Joe Thompson getting some assistance with song leading from his son, Silas, at Raleigh Primitive Baptist Church, Memphis, TN. where Elder Chase Harrison is the Pastor. What a joy!"



Elders Max Ewing, Ed Easley, James Hall, Grady Camp, Larry Wise, John Moseley, E.D. McCutcheon and Edwin Carter. Bro. Ewing, Moseley, McCutcheon and Carter are in heaven now—Picture made at Laodicea PBC in Lafayette Springs, MS.

SOUND DOCTRINE

By Elder Larry Wise
Randolph, Mississippi

There are many things taught in the word of God for the benefit of God's people. It is all sound doctrine because it all came by the inspiration of God. God said, "My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew,..." (Deut. 32:2) The word "doctrine" means instruction, teaching and learning and even Jesus taught the doctrine of His Father. Jesus said His doctrine was not His but was that of His Father which had sent Him. (John 7:16) Jesus warned the disciples to beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees. Afterwards they understood Jesus meant to beware of the doctrine of the Pharisees and Sadducees. (Matt. 16:11-12)

Paul charged Timothy to preach the word, to be instant in season and out and exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. We know then that true doctrine is taught by God-called ministers. However, Paul's charge also included a warning, "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;" (II Tim. 4:3) Sound doctrine according to Strong's means 'to have sound health, i.e. be well (in body); figuratively, to be uncorrupt (true in doctrine)--be in health, (be safe and) sound, (be) whole(-some)." The word of truth when rightly divided and taught to born again children of God brings spiritual health to those who believe and embrace it.

However, Paul tells of a time when men would not endure sound doctrine but after their own lusts shall heap to themselves teachers having itching ears. He further says they would have their ears turned from the truth and be turned into fables. (II Tim. 4:4) Evidently these people had known the truth that sets free but turned from the truth. They did not want to hear sound (healthy, wholesome) doctrine. They desired teachers that would soothe fleshy lusts much as the children of Israel in the Old Testament that Isaiah speaks about, "Which say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, Prophecy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophecy deceits:"(Isa. 30:10) In spite of this failure to endure sound doctrine, Timothy was urged to watch and endure afflictions and make full proof of his ministry. He was to continue to proclaim sound doctrine.

Sound doctrine is perpetuated from generation to generation by faithful men, sound in the faith, who teach other faithful men, not a variant of the truth, but identically the same. Paul writes again to Timothy, "And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also." (II Tim. 2:2) This task would not always be easy so Paul exhorts Timothy to endure hardness (hardships, afflictions) as a good soldier of Jesus Christ that he might please Him who hath chosen him to be soldier.

Jesus said to beware of the leaven (doctrine) of the Pharisees and Sadducees so unsound doctrine is like leaven. Leaven changed the mixture of the dough for baking and was forbidden by God to have in the house during Passover which was to be eaten with unleavened bread. Anything added to the word of God changes its intent just as leaven changes the dough mixture and so does the diminishing of anything in His word and both become unsound doctrine or corrupt doctrine.

Paul wrote to Titus and urged him to hold fast the faithful word as he had been taught as a qualification of a bishop that he might be able by sound doctrine to exhort and convince the gainsayers. (Titus 1:9) He tells Titus there are many unruly and vain talkers, deceivers, who are teaching things that ought not to be for filthy lucre's sake. These deceivers were being successful, even being able to deceive whole houses. Remember what Peter said about an elder feeding the flock but not for filthy lucre. (I Pet. 5:2) If someone is preaching for only filthy lucre, they aren't going to care much (if any) whether their doctrine is sound or not.

In contrast to the vain deceivers, Paul again writes Titus in the next chapter and tells him "But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine:" (Titus 2:1) The things which Titus was to speak would not become sound because he was declaring it; it was already sound. However, he was to speak it in such a way that it might become (adorn, tower up, be conspicuous) sound doctrine. Some preachers may preach sound doctrine but it is preached in such a way that it doesn't become (adorn or make conspicuous) what is already sound doctrine. The same Greek word for "become" is used when Jesus said to John the Baptist upon His being baptized "...Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness..." (Matt. 3:15) The words become and becometh are from the same Greek word. It was proper and fit that Jesus be baptized. Every time a child of God is baptized it becomes or becometh them to fulfill all righteousness and makes conspicuous the sound doctrine they have embraced.

Yes, many may not endure sound doctrine, but I trust we won't be among those who depart from the faith but will be faithful and true unto the end and fight a good fight and keep the faith, as did Paul.

SATAN IS A LIAR

By Elder Herman Clark (Deceased)

John 8:44: "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it."

I have to pinch myself every so often to remember that Satan is a liar. The Lord said that Satan is a liar, and the father of it. Satan is the father of all lies. When one tells a lie, no matter what color one may label it, it is still a lie and is of Satan.

I first read about Satan in Genesis 3:1. I am reminded that Satan is around today. He hangs around me a lot. I suppose it might be the same with all of us. This is why Paul directs us to put on the whole armour of God. We find in Ephesians 6:10-12, "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."

Notice that the apostle Paul tells us where our strength lies. It is in the power of His might and not our might.

And, by putting on the whole armour of God we are able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

Oh! If I could only listen to what Paul said, "We are able to stand." One of my faults is when Satan attacks, I want to rush forward, meet him head on, and I want to be on the offence. That is exactly what Satan desires. Paul said, "to stand." Satan says to chase after me. When this happens we find ourselves following Satan instead of following the Lord. Remember Paul said that we would be able to stand. We are firmly fixed in the might of the Lord. It is then we are able to stand against the wiles of Satan. Remember that Satan is a liar. He was a liar when he spoke to Eve. Satan never attacks us with truth. He does not ring bells, beat the base drum, send a telegram or call you on a cell phone. It is always with lies. Satan comes to us subtil. How charming he becomes. He is full of trickery. He shows us the "pleasures of sin" which is only for a season.

There is not one single thing that Satan has shown us that is good! It is always evil. It may appear good, but we must remember the pleasures of sin are only for a season. Don't be carried away by the lies of Satan.

We read further in Ephesians 6:12, "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." Our warfare, in most cases, is not against a certain individual, a man or woman, flesh and blood,

but we wrestle against principalities. "Wrestling" implies that it is a hand-to-hand and foot-to-foot struggle for the mastery. Flesh and blood foes are Satan's mere tools; the real foe lurking behind them is Satan himself, with whom our conflict is.

The Ephesians had practiced sorcery (Acts 19:19) so the apostle Paul appropriately treats of evil spirits in addressing them. The more clearly any book of Scripture, as this, treats of the economy of the kingdom of light, the more clearly does it set forth the kingdom of darkness. Hence, nowhere does the satanic kingdom come more clearly into view than in the Gospels that teach us Christ is the true Light. Christ said, "I am the light of the world." Therefore we ought to walk in His light and not be carried away into the darkness of this world where Satan lurks patiently, subtil, seeking those whom he may devour. He is a roaring lion. A lion only roars when it successfully has its prey in its grip and overcoming its prey.

We may open ourselves to the snares of Satan and be carried away, but I assure you that Jesus Christ is our Captain. He is the one that holds us eternally in His hands. Satan may cause misery in this world. Satan may play with us as a cat does with a mouse, but that is all that Satan can do. He may accuse us, trick us, and cause us to seek after the pleasures of sin for a season, but rest assured that not one of the elect family of God will be finally lost to Satan. There is coming a day when our Lord shall say to the wicked, the goats, go into everlasting punishment, but the righteous shall go into heaven's pure world where we shall abide with the Lord and His pleasures forever more.

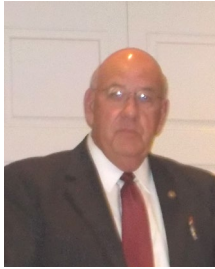
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**THE AMEN CORNER
RAISED US UP**



By Elder Ricky Harcrow
Fort Payne, Alabama

In addition to being quickened as Paul told us in Ep. 2:1-5 we are also told that He hath **“raised US up TOGETHER and made US sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:”** Ep.2:6. Surely what God hath done for us is no less than a resurrection. Quickened, made alive, and raised from death to life. He also makes plain that he hath **“MADE US SIT”**. These are words which actually mean that HE hath CAUSED US to sit down together. The words meaning to “cause to sit down” doesn’t mean much unless we understand how and why the term is used. In the ancient world sitting down was, often times a mark of honor or authority. For example, a king SAT to receive His subjects; members of a court SAT and passed Judgment on the one who stood before them; a teacher SAT and taught his students. So the idea conveyed is one of HONOR. In fact, it is used of Christ in Eph. 1:20 to convey the fact that He is seated with HONOR in the heavenlies. Eph.1:20 says that Christ was raised by the power of God, from the dead and that He **“SET HIM AT HIS OWN RIGHT HAND IN THE HEAVENLY PLACES”**.

So the word’s meaning is TO CAUSE TO SIT TOGETHER IN CHRIST are used correctly. In a Spiritual sense then we have already been enthroned and exalted with Christ because we are In Christ. In the purpose and plan of God; in His mind and determinate counsel we are already seated with Christ in Heaven. That’s what Paul meant in Col.3:1 **“If ye then be risen with Christ”**; then, because of that fact, that is a reality, **SEEK THOSE THINGS WHICH ARE ABOVE**. That is always the order, first “raised up” then “seek”. Seeking always and without exception belongs to the living. Life before action in all cases both natural and Spiritual. This is agreeable to the testimony of Jesus himself in St. Jn. 5:21, **“As the Father raiseth up the dead and quickeneth them EVEN SO the Son quickeneth Whom he will”**. One is accomplished just like the other; the words “Even So” make that teaching plain.

A crucial truth to understand here is the picture of our identification with Christ. We need to recognize a wondrous progression: 1-We have been crucified

with Christ (Rom.6:6-Gal.2:20). 2-We died with Christ (Rom.6:8-2nd Tim.2:11). 3-we were buried with Christ (Rom.6:4-Col.2:12). 4-We have been quickened to a new life in and with Christ (Eph. 2:1). This is why we can preach that he hath made us to sit together with Him. He hath raised us up not only to a NEW LEVEL but to a NEW POTENTIAL being dead to Sin. The same power, now think about it, the same power that raised and will raise the PHYSICALLY dead (even so) in like manner, raises the SPIRITUALLY dead. In other words the same power that raised Christ from the grave also has given us Spiritual life NOW and even now we sit with him our advocate and representative in heaven itself. AMEN!--(From ShareTheWord: 3-13-13)

WOMEN PREACHERS

April 23, 1907

We have been requested to write an article giving our views as to women preaching. We do not think there should be much necessity for writing an extended article on this subject. The scriptures are too plain on this point. The most disgusting sight we have ever seen in affairs of religion is a woman occupying the pulpit. Which one of the prophets was a woman? Which one of the apostles was a woman? When did the apostles ordain a woman to preach?

To preach is to teach. The eminent apostle to the Gentiles, Paul, says: “But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence.”—1 Tim. 2:12. If he did not suffer a woman to teach, then he did not suffer a woman to preach. No one would say he was a woman hater, and was not correct in his teaching on this line.

We had just as well reject his teaching on any other subject as on this. In the third chapter of this same letter he says, “If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work. A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife,” etc. If women as well as men may preach, Paul would have said, “If a man or woman desire the office of a bishop.” But God does not call women to fill this office—hence “if a man desire the office of a bishop.” May not a bishop be the wife of one husband? No! not if Paul knew what he was talking about. A bishop must have only one wife. He should be the husband of one wife. “One that ruleth well his own house.” The husband is the head of the family, as Christ is the head of the church. “The same commit thou to faithful men.” Why did he not say men and women? it is a flagrant and open violation of God’s word for a woman to preach—occupy the place of a teacher in the church. Yet the so-called Christian church seem to care but little what the Bible says or teaches. They are for anything and everything that will tickle the fancy of the world and gain the applause and praise of men. May the Lord deliver his church and kingdom from such heretical and abominable practices. Elder C.H. Cayce--

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DOCTRINES



By Elder Rickey Taylor
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Mark 7:7: "Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men."

The word doctrine means a **teaching** or **instructions**. Sometimes ministers will use the word doctrine in the teachings of eternal things such as eternal salvation, predestination, election etc.... Eternal teachings are certainly a doctrine of teachings. However doctrine is any teachings of God, eternal or timely teachings. Obedience to God's laws is doctrine as much as the teaching of predestination. There is the teachings that come from God, which is divine doctrines or teachings, and there is the doctrine or commandments of men. The commandments of men are perverse as opposed to the teachings or doctrine of God. The ability to be able to differentiate between those two is a blessing. In our verse Jesus is teaching the difference between what are God's teachings and man's teachings. We must heed the doctrines or teachings of God, not man's in order to please God. The Pharisees and Scribes were the teachers of Israel at the time of Christ's presence on earth. They had taken the pure form that God had given Abraham to teach the children of Israel with and over time had added so much of their interpretations and teachings that it became a huge volume of commandments that added to man's burdens rather than their spiritual well being.

If we read the preceding verses of our text, we see that the Pharisees had noticed that the disciples ate bread without the ceremonial washing of hands. The Pharisees began to point out to Christ that he was not teaching them the law of God when he allowed them to do so. **Mark 7:3-5: For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, except they wash their hands oft, eat not, holding the tradition of the elders. And when they come from the market, except they wash, they eat not. And many other things there be, which they have received to hold, as the washing of cups, and pots, brasen vessels, and of tables. Then the Pharisees and scribes asked him, Why walk not thy disciples according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with unwashed hands?**

To this Jesus replied to the Scribes and Pharisees: **Mark 7:6-8: He answered and said unto them, Well hath Esaias prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, This people honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me. Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men, as the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye do.** Jesus shows that the washing of pots and cups are not the way to live close to God; these are outward things for show. It is what is inward in man from a regenerated heart that is important. Love for God which comes from the heart; love for fellow man which comes from the heart. Look at how ridiculous their teachings were through this example: A man could go out and steal, harm others in some way, yet if he kept his cup clean, and washed his eating utensils he was considered a righteous man! That's the teachings of the scribes and Pharisees, the commandments of men. We must stay vigilant in our awareness of what are God's teachings and what are man's teachings.

Even today we have a lot of man's teachings that a lot of people have mistaken for God' teachings such as: Unless you come to God and get your soul saved you will not get to go to heaven. However the Bible says: **Ephesians 1:4-6: According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.** That tells me plainly that God chose us; we didn't choose him. There is nothing wrong with coming to God, but it is not a condition on whether you go to heaven or not. The scriptures say: **1 John 4:19: We love him, because he first loved us.** Yet if you listen to some of the preaching today it seems to imply that God will start loving you when you start to love him. God first loved us; he didn't start loving us when we became obedient to him. The scriptures tell us that he died for his enemies. Yes he most definitely loved us first. Please understand that if at any time you have loved God, then you know that he has always loved you!

Man's commandments bring us no joy, but the pure uncorrupted doctrines of God are for our joy here in this time world. Let us seek out his doctrines.

R.L. Taylor

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