

Glad Tidings

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

2023

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

God formed Adam from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and he became a living soul. He was a flesh and blood man and given a commandment to dress and keep the garden and could eat of every tree in the garden with the exception of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If he ate the fruit of that tree, he would die. He transgressed that commandment and died, separated from God and dead in sin. All of his posterity also died in him as Paul says in Rom. 5:12, “Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.” Man kind is polluted in sin in his own blood as the infant in Ezekiel 16 that was seen by the Lord in its pollution but had love, mercy and compassion, even in that polluted condition.

God commanded Noah after the flood that every moving thing that liveth would be meat for him but he was not to eat of the blood for that was the life of the flesh. Without any blood, natural life could not be sustained. There could not be any eternal life without the blood of Jesus Christ and what it accomplished on the cross of Calvary. Sin entered into the world by flesh and blood; hence, it must be flesh and blood but of a sinless nature to atone for the sins of the family of God. “Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;” (Heb. 2:14) Jesus was flesh and blood but by-passed the nature of man being conceived by the Holy Ghost and thus could make the perfect blood sacrifice to remit sins. “And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.” (Heb. 9:22) Sin must be purged or else no eternal life.

God gave the law to Israel regarding sacrifices but none of the blood shed could atone or remit any sin of the elect of God. It is plainly stated, “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) It was Jesus’ own blood that was without sin that washed us from our sins. “And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood.” (Rev. 1:5) Only the blood of Jesus could wash away sins.

The elect of God belong to Him by choice (chosen in Christ), by purchase in the death of Christ, and by birth when born again. Who are these chosen, purchased and ultimately born again children of God? Paul exhorts the elders at Ephesus to “Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.” (Acts 20:28) The redeemed elect are the church of God that was given to Christ in covenant before the world began. They aren’t redeemed with corruptible things as silver and gold but with the precious blood of Christ. (I Pet. 1:18-19)

Israel was commanded to take the blood of the Passover lamb and sprinkle it on the two side posts and upper door posts of each house. The first born of each family was under the curse of death but when the Lord passed by that night if He saw the blood, the first born of that house would be spared. God is looking for the blood of the Lamb of God (our Passover) and when He sees it applied to one of His children, he or she is spared from certain eternal death. Truly our eternal life is in the blood of the Lamb of God. John writes, “And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.” (I John 5:11) Paul also writes, “For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” (Rom. 6:23)

Everyone deserved the wrath of God because of the pollution of death in sin but God had love and compassion on an innumerable host and sent His Son to save them from the fires of hell. Paul said, “But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.” (Rom. 5:8-9) Jesus shed His blood on the cross of Calvary and not in the Garden of Gethsemane; it was there, on the cross, that eternal salvation was procured and secured by the blood of Jesus Christ for the family of God.

Jesus Christ was rich with the Father, but He left heaven and became poor that His children through His poverty might be made rich. (II Cor. 8:9) Now, we not only have redemption but forgiveness as well through Jesus’ blood. “In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;” (Eph. 1:7) As natural life was in the blood of the living creature so eternal life cannot exist outside the blood of Jesus. (Elder Larry Wise)

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A PURE HEAVEN

By Elder John E. Robbins (Deceased)

The Scriptures teach that the heaven where God sits upon His throne, and where poor sinners someday hope to be is pure. This heaven is referred to in the Holy Scriptures as the "third heaven" and is also referred to as "paradise." The Apostle Paul referred to heaven by both names in the 12th chapter of II Corinthians and the 2nd verse when he said, "I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth) such an one caught up to the **third heaven.**" In the 4th verse he says, "How that he was caught up into paradise." Jesus Himself referred to the heaven of all heavens as "paradise" when he spake to the dying thief and said in Luke 23:43: "Today shalt thou be with me in paradise."

The hope of the Lord's poor and afflicted people is to someday be with Him in paradise or heaven. The Apostle Peter tells of the purity and spotless nature of heaven as he speaks to the elect family in 1st Peter 1:3-4: "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, To an inheritance, incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you," The heaven referred to is the heaven from which Christ came and to which He also returned. This heaven is where God's glory, and the glory of His Son Jesus, shines brighter than the sun. Inasmuch as Paul referred to it as the "third heaven", it is necessary at this point to point out that the Scriptures teach also a "first" and "second" heaven. The first heaven is that old

Jewish heaven or law service in which the Jews worshipped according to the law given by Moses. The second heaven is the New Testament Church dispensation which began with the preaching of John the Baptist and shall continue until the second coming of Jesus Christ when it shall be carried above, together with the entire family of God.

It was not all of the Lord's people who lived in the first heaven. Neither shall they all live in the second heaven. But every one of them, an innumerable number that no man can count, shall live in the third heaven when this life is over.

There were toils, trials, troubles, and war in the old Jewish day or the first heaven. There are toils, troubles, and war in the New Testament Church dispensation or the second heaven. There are no toils, trials, troubles, and war in the third heaven. And neither has there ever been. In the old Jewish heaven, or the first heaven, all the powers of Satan were unleashed, and he continually was the accuser of the brethren. And so great was his influence that the Jewish nation completely went astray from the commandments and statutes and judgments which the Lord God had commanded that they keep in order to receive the dispensational blessings of that day. It might be said that Satan and his ungodly influence had brought about a total desolation and an abomination in this first heaven.

When the new day of the New Testament Church (the second heaven) dawned, the great power of God was manifested through His Son, Jesus Christ. Satan immediately endeavored to get this new High Priest to worship him. In Matthew 4:8 & 9: "Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; 9, And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me." It is easily seen from this lesson that the chief desire of Satan was to be worshipped in the room and stead of God. However, there was a high priest who was not made according to a carnal commandment but after the power of endless life, and there was no sin in Him. He was the perfect and spotless Lamb of God who had descended from God out of the pure, spotless, undefiled third heaven where sin could never and had never reached. Jesus spoke unto Satan and said, "Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve." It was in the dawning of this second heaven that Satan made war against the Son of God. John saw this as he was exiled on the isle of Patmos in the 12th chapter of Revelation, verses 7-10: "And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, 8. And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. 9. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. 10. And

I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.”

Satan gathered together all the evil forces of this world, and of hell itself, and tried to overcome the Son of God. This Scripture tells us that he “prevailed not.” It also tells **when** Satan was cast down from the **second** heaven and with what was he overcome. “Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down,” It is obvious that when salvation and strength in the person of Jesus Christ prevailed, Satan was cast down and as such out into the earth. This took place when Christ ultimately died upon the Cross and shed His blood to put away the sins of the elect family of God. The 11th verse shows how Satan was overcome: “And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto death.” Satan is a deceiver and a liar, and was so from the beginning. (Not from **before** the beginning, but **from** the beginning) And as a liar, Satan has likewise deceived some of the Lord’s poor people into believing that he was a mighty glorious angel in the third heaven and was possibly the angel in charge of leading all the other angels in worship, and then because he wanted to sit on God’s throne, war broke out and he got cast out of the third heaven. Nothing could be further from the truths of God’s sacred and holy word. Such a doctrine is unscriptural, ungodly and certainly uncomfoting to a child of grace. It is the doctrine of Arminianism. Satan says he was at one time in the third heaven and got cast out, and the same is true with poor sinners, that is, one can be saved today and lost tomorrow. Furthermore, he says that there are not very many who are going to make it to that third heaven anyhow! The Scriptures teach us that the hope of God’s children is to an inheritance that is incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, and is reserved in heaven for them.

The beloved Apostle John was comforted by the sweet hope of this pure heaven when he saw it in Revelation 21:27: “And there shall in no wise enter into it anything that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie, but they which are written in the Lamb’s book of life.” The Scriptures teach that God is of purer eyes than to behold evil, and **cannot** look on iniquity (Habakkuk 1:13). So glorious and pure and holy is God’s presence that Christ prayed from the shores of a sin cursed earth, that He might be given the glory that He had with the Father before the world. In John 17:1: “These words spake Jesus, and lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son....” A poor sinner never heard sweeter words. “Father, the hour is come!” Christ had told His disciples in John 12:31, “Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince

of this world be cast out.” The hour had come for the supreme sacrifice of God to be offered and for the accuser of the brethren to be cast down.

When Christ went to Calvary, all the forces of hell itself were turned loose, and Satan made the greatest effort (war) that he could to defeat the Son of God (Michael). The sun darkened, the earth trembled, but from Calvary’s brow the glorious King of kings cried out, “It is finished.” Three days later the spotless Son of God rose from the grave the conquering King of Glory. Victorious over death, hell, and the grave. The accuser, Satan, had been cast down. Sin had been atoned for. And forty days later, Christ ascended back to His Father in that third heaven where sin had never entered and sat down.---Elder John E. Robbins
(From “*Identity Of The True Baptist Church*”, Volume II by Elder Wiley W. Sammons)

WHO IS THE LORD

By Elder Jerry McMinn
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Pharoah, ruler of ancient Egypt, was the ultimate in human power in his day. He had the right of life and death over his subjects. A man with such authority is not often hindered in doing what he pleases. When Moses and Aaron, the leaders of Israel, Pharoah’s slaves, came to him with their demands, he met them with scorn.

“...Moses and Aaron went in, and told Pharoah, Thus saith the Lord God of Israel, Let my people go, that they may hold a feast unto me in the wilderness. And Pharoah said, Who is the Lord, that I should obey his voice to let Israel go: I know not the Lord, neither will I let Israel go.” (Ex. 5:12) Afterwards in his anger, Pharoah commanded his taskmasters to double up the work of the Israelites to keep them too busy to bother him again.

Most of us know how the story goes from there. Pharoah came to a bad end. He was not just mistreating the Israelites; he was fighting against God. Consider again Pharoah’s statement, “Who is the Lord, that I should obey his voice?” Those were very haughty words from a mortal man. Would you not agree? Nevertheless, those may be YOUR words and MY words.

Let us suppose that it is Sunday morning. Perhaps it is raining. The bed feels extra comfortable. Our favorite team is playing a game on TV today. Maybe the relatives are coming for a visit. The clock did not alarm because we did not set it. Whatever the excuse, if we are able to go to the Lord’s house and do not; then, we are speaking Pharoah’s words. “Who is the Lord, that I should obey his voice?” You and I are also making the same haughty reply if we never read our Bibles, never meditate, never pray. Let us repent lest the plagues of Egypt visit our house.

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THE FIRST COMMANDMENT

By Elder Roland Green (Deceased)

“Thou shalt have no other gods before me.” (Ex. 20:3) God prefaced the Ten Commandments “I am the Lord thy God, who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.” (V. 2) The word for “Lord” is “Jehovah”, who is the supreme, eternal, self-existent, self-sufficient One; the ever-present One “which was, and is, and is to come”, (Rev. 4:8) the great omnipotent, omniscient, omnipresent I AM. The word for God is “Elohim”, which is the plural of “Eloah”. For although Jehovah God is one in nature, yet He is three in His persons. He is in the past, present, and future, our Creator, Ruler, and Judge, besides being our Deliverer and Redeemer “which have brought thee out of Egypt, out of the house of bondage”. The word “have” in this passage denotes the plurality of God’s persons, as is also reflected in Genesis 1:27: “And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness”.

“Thou shalt have no other gods before me” is to be taken by individuals as addressed to them individually, for “thou” is singular; “ye” is plural. The commandment has the force of saying that I am not to own, desire, claim, love, or worship any other. “Other gods” are called such not because they are so, either by nature or office, but because the corrupt hearts of men make or esteem them as such; “whose god is their belly”. (Phil. 3:19) It may well be said that anything that takes precedence over or comes between me and the Lord God is a god of sorts. How many people make gods of money, sports, home, entertainers, etc. The first commandment requires from us a disposition and conduct suited to the relation in which we stand to Jehovah as our God, who only is the adequate object of our love and the only One able to satisfy the soul. It requires that we have a love for Him stronger than all other affections.

The duties which are embraced in this commandment may be summarized in: First, the diligent and lifelong seeking after a fuller knowledge of God as revealed in His word and works, for we cannot effectively or truly worship one who we do not know. Second, we are to love God with all our faculties and strength—that is we must long to be in His presence, in His courts, and to please Him in all that we do. Third, a reverential fear of God is vital to the right disposition toward Him. To love God is to obey Him; to fear Him is a deterrent to disobedience. Fourth, the worshipping of God “in Spirit and in truth” must be our goal, the principle aids to which are study and meditation of the word, prayer, and practicing what we learn. Things to avoid in this commandment are: willful neglect in keeping God before us; idolatry, or setting up false gods; self-will, or defiance of God; and carnal or inordinate affections which make us captive to them, diverting our attention and energies away from God. God, being a jealous God, will not accept division of our worship; His glory will He not give to another. Eld. R. U. Green—(From “*Glad Tidings*”, April, 1985)

NOTHING SHALL OFFEND THEM

I have noted a growing tendency in recent years to become offended at various things which are written and preached from the Word of God. The offense is with the preacher and the implication is that he should not write or speak anything which offends the flesh. The Psalmist has quite a rebuke for those who are easily offended because God has said things with which they do not agree. “Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them.” (Psalms 119:165) They are not offended by preachers and writers who preach or write upon the Word of God. Why then is there so much talk about the preachers who are called “offenders”?

The answer seems obvious in the light of what the Psalmist says; folks do not want the Word of God if it does not agree with what they think should be the truth. The modern trends and the old-fashioned ways of God are in conflict, and the easy way is to follow the modern ideas and use the name of Christ only to take away reproach. (Isaiah 4:1) My fear for our land and our churches is that the Lord will withdraw His hand of restraining grace and let us go our own ways. His power and presence will then no longer be felt and enjoyed amidst the trials and afflictions of this life.

Situations may arise with me from time to time which make my soul cry out to God. It would be much easier to say, “any way is alright” than to have to insist that the Word of God is our final authority in all matters of faith and practice. How seriously and sincerely do we love the Word of God? To what extent do we follow it? Is it our only rule of faith and practice or do we ignore it when situations arise which try our faith? Those who really love His Word are not offended at anything He has said. They have great peace even if the Word wounds the flesh. God help us to love His Word more sincerely and to follow it more devotedly.

Elder Fred Bethea

“Banner Herald” (1968)

(From “*The Christian Baptist*”, September, 1979)

WAKE UP CALL

I have heard it said that the gospel not only is meant to comfort the people of God but to disturb those who have become too comfortable. Certainly the gospel comforts with the good news of sovereign grace but the people of God can become complacent and become too much at ease and neglect the service of God. Amos writes, “Woe to them that are at ease in Zion, and trust in the mountain of Samaria,..” (Amos 6:1) When people place their trust in material things rather than the Lord of glory, they need a wake up call to repent and do the first works as the church at Ephesus who had left their first love. (Rev. 2:5) There are times when people need to be disturbed from spiritual lethargy and once again serve God.—*Editor*

GENTLENESS AND PATIENCE

By Elder Walter Cash (Deceased)

“But we were gentle among you, even as a nurse cherisheth her children.” (I Thessalonians 1:7). In this expression, the Apostle Paul shows us a trait that should mark the life of the Christian. True, it was as a minister that he had served the Thessalonians, but in doing that, he had given them an example to follow for all believers to follow in all ages of the world. Gentleness was manifested by the Son of God and should be found in all who profess to be His followers. The spirit of kindness will come out in gentle words and deeds.

He who has charity in the gospel sense must feel kindly to all and especially to the household of faith. This should prevent unkind and harsh expressions and deeds that injure and leave wounds. Our friends ought to be treated with gentleness because they are our friends, and in no better way could we conquer enemies than to be gentle toward them. It is not hard to be gentle toward those who do what we approve but if we are tried as to whether we really are gentle in character when others act in such a manner as should vex and anger us. If a gentle spirit had not been developed, then the lack of it will appear and a fleshly disposition will be seen in words and actions which is so unlike the spirit of Christ.

Paul said that in his manner toward the Thessalonians, it was such as we must have toward children. Children are not considerate, they do not study how they should do nor what annoyance they are to others. It is so in the church that many members do not consider how they should do, not how their course will pain others. But, if we take Paul’s example, we must be gentle, to such, however, little they may seem to deserve it. This requires patience indeed. We are so likely to justify a harsh and unkind disposition in ourselves upon the grounds that others deserve no better at our hands. But this is not considering what Christ character should be. It is to be gentle and patient, even as a nurse with her children. We are not responsible for the childish disposition in others, but we are for the disposition we cultivate in ourselves.

We shall not know if we have a right disposition unless it be tried and found equal to the test. When others act in an unbecoming manner, and we find it provokes harshness in us, this proves that we are weak in the Christ’s trait, gentleness. A nurse that would meet peevishness with peevishness, and anger with anger, would not be fit to care for children. She would rather encourage and develop bad traits in the children than subdue and correct them. So, it is in church. If we meet peevishness with peevishness, how much better are we than those we condemn? True, we may not be able to cure and correct an evil disposition in others, but we should not allow their evil disposition to spoil our own or to make it worse.

“Be not overcome of evil.” This admonition should stand before us continually, and the exhortation to “overcome evil with good” should be in our hearts and not be erased. “And the servant of the Lord must not strive, but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient...” The minister is to be this as an example to others. Therefore, others should follow this rule. Paul wrote to Titus that he should teach the saints, “To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, shewing all meekness to all men.” James asserts the wisdom that is from above is “gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits.”

One of the fruits of the spirit is gentleness, and we are told by the Saviour that it is the will of the Father that we bear much fruit. Certainly this fruit is needed much in the house of God and we should watch ourselves to see what is being developed most in our lives, gentleness or its opposite. How pleasant it is to be thrown in company with the gentle and meek, and if our disposition is to be helpful to others, surely gentleness must be cultivated

Elder Walter Cash

“Messenger of Peace” (1910)

(From “*The Christian Baptist*”, May, 1979)

WE NEED PHYSICIANS

“When Jesus heard it, he saith unto them, They that are whole, have no need of the physician, but they that are sick....” (Mark 2:17)

It is not an uncommon thing now to find persons who think that no one needs a physician, not even those who are sick, and they try to argue that it is not right to trust the physicians to heal the body. While physicians cannot save life, yet scripture references shows that the Bible has never taught there is no need for physicians. In the passage quoted above, the Savior recognizes the fact that the sick need a physician and uses this well known truth to illustrate the fact that they who feel their sinfulness need a Savior.

If it is fact that there is no use for a physician, then the Savior did a grave wrong in using the language quoted, for it clearly implies, that the sick need a physician. To call on a physician need not be taken that one does not pray to the Lord to heal and strengthen. We do not stop eating and pray the Lord to strengthen and continue our health while we defy the laws of nature. No more should we refuse the healing herbs and medicines that the Lord has given us, and ask Him to change the laws of nature.

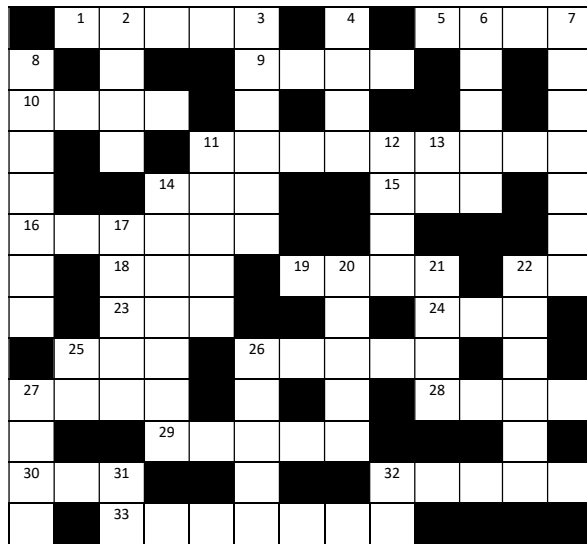
Better for us to use what the Lord has provided in nature and then pray His blessing on the use of it. Jesus healed the sick by divine power and gave His disciples Power to work miracles in His name, but He has not given that power to any now living, for there are no apostles now. They serve as special witnesses

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BIBLE CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS:

1. Pharisee in whose house Jesus was when a sinner woman washed his feet with tears.
5. Melchizedek brought forth bread and ___ and blessed Abraham.
9. God doeth His will in the ___ of heaven. Military.
10. Let us ___ fast our profession of faith. Embrace.
11. Except a man be ___ he cannot see the kingdom of God. Two words.
14. I would thou were cold or ___ and not lukewarm.
15. At the name of Jesus every knee shall ___.
16. Prophet who walked naked and barefoot 3 years.
18. Jesus rode into Jerusalem on colt foal of an ___.
19. Fear Him who is ___ to destroy both body & soul.
22. Attorney General.
23. The memory of the just is blessed but the name of the wicked shall ___. Decay.
24. If we believe not ___ he abideth faithful.
25. Jesus was both the ___ of man and ___ of God.
26. God found Jacob in a ___ howling wilderness.
27. The winter is past, the rain is over and ___.
28. The lilies toil not neither do they ___ Top action.



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29. 6 things the Lord hates yea ___ are abomination.
30. Sodom vexed his righteous soul day by day.
32. Lively stones ___ up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.
33. To the shepherd the porter ___. Not shutteth.

DOWN:

2. Why stand ye here ___ in the marketplace. Unbusy.
3. Man whose vineyard Ahab wanted for herb garden.
4. And behold I am alive forever more ___ Prayer end.
6. Peter healed his mother ___ of a fever. 2 words.
7. And the ___ and the morning were the first day.
8. Eunuch was sitting in his ___ when Phillip met him.
11. ___ not thyself of tomorrow for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth. Brag.
12. He offered to God more excellent sacrifice than Cain.

BIBLE CROSSWORD PUZZLE

DOWN:

13. ___ into all the world and preach the gospel.
14. And thou shalt call ___ name Jesus. Whosoever shall offend one of these little ___ it is better that a millstone hung around his neck. Two words.
17. He had a rod that budded and made a gold calf.
20. Jesus poured water into a ___ and washed the disciple's feet.
21. The ___ of the Lord are in every place, seeing all.
22. Can a maid forget her ornaments or a bride her ___.
25. For God ___ loved the world that He gave His Son.
26. The coat Jesus wore was without seam, ___ from the top throughout.
27. The golden image's head was of fine ___.
31. Draw nigh ___ God and He will draw nigh to you.
32. ___ that I had wings like a dove, I would fly away.

OUT OF THE MOUTH OF BABES

Our soon to be 4 year old grandson, Eli, is bad to pout when things don't go his way such as not getting to cut strawberry tops off. He loves little pizzas fixed with hamburger buns and he was told by his Nana that they were having little pizzas and strawberries for lunch. She told him, "But I do not want any pouting from you when we are fixing lunch." Eli said, "I don't want to hear one word about pouting!" "Who told you that?" said Nana. "My Daddy", said Eli.

WE NEED PHYSICIANS

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of Jesus. The Lord has given us now, as in the days of Ezekiel, fruit for meat and the leaf for medicine and they who not thus use them forsake their own mercies. Elder Walter Cash-- "Messenger of Peace", 1915 (From "The Christian Baptist", September, 1979)

CHILDREN OBEY YOUR PARENTS

Every conscientious parent recognizes how difficult it is to exercise his God-given authority over his children. The delicate balance of being tough yet tender is not easy to maintain. Many parents intensify a rebellious spirit by being dictatorial and harsh. Others yield when their authority is tested. When a strong-willed child resists, the pressure to give in for the sake of peace and harmony can become overpowering. I am reminded of the mother who wanted to have the last word but couldn't handle the hassle that resulted whenever she said no to her young son. After an especially trying day, she finally flung up her hands and shouted, "All right, Billy, do whatever you want! Now let me see you disobey THAT!" Our Daily Bread.

CHURCH NEWS

Yalobusha Primitive Baptist Church, Water Valley, MS will have its annual meeting, Lord willing, the 4th weekend in June, 2023 (June 23-25). Services Friday night, June 23, at 7:00 pm. Saturday, June 24, at 10:30 am followed by lunch. Elder Jeremy Wise, Pontotoc, MS is invited minister. Elder James Hall is Pastor of Yalobusha.

New Prospect Primitive Baptist Church, Fairground Rd, New Albany, MS invites everyone to their meeting the 1st weekend in June, 2023 (June 2-4). Services Friday night, June 2, at 7:00 pm. Saturday, June 3, at 10:00 am followed by lunch and afternoon services at 1:30 pm Sunday at 10:30 am. Elder Joe Nettles, Caledonia, MS is invited minister. Elder Rusty Wise is Pastor of New Prospect.

Everyone is invited to the annual meeting at Raleigh Primitive Baptist Church, 3625 Austin Peay Highway, Memphis, TN, June 16 & 17, 2023. Services are Friday night, June 16, sandwich supper at 5:30 p.m. with worship service at 6:30 p.m., and Saturday, June 17, at 10:30 a.m., with lunch following, then afternoon services. Invited minister is Elder Tim Montgomery, Pastor at New Hope Primitive Baptist Church in Jacksonville, AR. 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.

Everyone is invited to the annual meeting at Elgin Crossroads Primitive Baptist Church, 3153 SR 101 Rogersville, AL July 14-16, 2023. Services Friday night July 14 at 6:30 pm with supper preceding at 5:30 pm. Saturday, July 15, at 10:00 am followed by lunch and afternoon services. Invited ministers are Elder Ronald Lawrence, Goodlettsville, TN and Elder Tim McCool, Gordo, AL. Sunday service at 10:30 with Elder Jackie Smith. Elder Ben Shettles is Pastor of Elgin Crossroads.

Rector Primitive Baptist Church in Rector, Ar. Will have its annual meeting, Lord Willing, the second Sunday weekend in August, 2023. Friday night, Aug 11, supper at 5:30 pm with services following. Saturday, Aug 12, services to begin at 10:00 am with Lunch, and afternoon services to follow. Sunday Aug 13 services at 10:30 am. We plan to have an open meeting, and all are invited. Elder Devon Horton serves as Pastor of Rector.

“For Zion’s sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem’s sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth.” (Isaiah 62:1)

Hear the truth—Speak the truth—Live the truth.

CHURCH NEWS

Lord willing, New Hope Primitive Baptist Church, 60267 Hatley Rd. Amory, MS, will hold our annual anniversary meeting, Friday-Saturday, June 9-10, 2023. Supper will be served Friday night at 6 p.m., with worship at 7 p.m. Saturday services, will be at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., with lunch at noon. Elder Tim McCool, Pastor of Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church in Echola, AL, will be our guest preacher. We would love to have each of you visit with us. Please remember our meeting in prayer. New Hope Church meets every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. —Elder Tim Cunningham, Pastor.

Everyone is invited to the annual meeting of Laodicea Primitive Baptist Church, Lafayette Springs, MS the 4th weekend in July 2023 (July 21-23). Services Friday night, July 21, at 7:00 pm—No supper. Saturday, July 22, at 10:30 am followed by lunch and afternoon services. No night service scheduled. Elder Joe Nettles, Caledonia, MS is the invited minister. Regular services on Sunday with communion led by Pastor, Elder Steve Weaver and followed by lunch.

IN MEMORIAM

Elder Jerry Hunt, Sr., Cusseta, AL passed away April 13, 2023 at the age of 90 and would have been 91 on May 7. Elder Hunt pastored churches in Alabama and Georgia. He was an ordained Primitive Baptist minister since 1958 after starting preaching at age 18. The Lord’s people have lost another soldier of the cross that has entered into glory.

Elder Robert. “Bob” F. Ward, Columbus passed away April 26, 2023 at the age of 85. He had been in declining health for several years. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Joyce Ward, and three sons. Bro. Ward pastored churches in North Miss and in Laurel, MS for many years. The last church he pastored was Little Flock PBC in Burnsville, MS. Bro. Ward performed the wedding ceremony for me and my wife, 38 years ago.—*Editor*

HOW TO GROW OLD GRACEFULLY

By Elder J. H. Oliphant (Deceased)

Old age brings with it weakness and a sense of incompetency to do the things that were easy in the prime of life. Barzillai's little speech (II Sam. 19:35-37) is sensible. He could not enjoy the bounties of the king's table, the mirth and music of the palace. He preferred the quietude of home. This was graceful in Barzillai who was then more than four score years old. He requested David to take his son with him.

The old cannot participate in the entertainments and amusements of the young, and should cheerfully relinquish their interest in them. Barzillai gave to old men a good example. We should submit to old age cheerfully. It is said of Joseph that his great-grandchildren were "brought up on his knees." One can almost see him in the homes of his grandchildren assisting them in caring for their little ones. When grandfather is cheerful and contented, he is a welcome guest; and while they need the help of their children they may pay for it in cheer and pleasantries.

Old people ought to cultivate a gentle spirit, and try to make themselves agreeable and welcome in the homes where they stay. When they grieve and brood over their misfortunes, and repeat their tales of woe, their best friends will tire of them. But when grandfather is cheerful and content, his presence is sweet to his children. We should look on the bright side of things, and remember that the Lord will at last rescue His people from every sorrow.

Old people should love their church and study its interest. It is their home and will be the home of their children for generations to come; they should attend its meetings and receive the comforts of the Word, for it is ordained for their comfort.

It is not best to resign posts of duty too soon. Many men have continued to preach well up to the eighties, and even upwards of ninety. Gladstone held that men retain their moral strength by using their minds in investigation. Thomas A. Hendrix did the same. Elder G. M. Thompson was a student to the last, and was strong and vigorous mentally.

When David was old, near his death, he directed events so the Solomon was made king in his place, and this act of his was one requiring good judgment. Solomon also, when near eighty years old, overcame a strong conspiracy to prevent Rehoboam from being made king in his place. And Rehoboam rejected the counsels of old men and followed the advice of young men to the ruin of the kingdom, thus showing that old men are safe advisors.

When old men are studious and take care to keep informed, they may be of service to the church to the last. It is true that old men may be indiscreet, holding on as a pastor of a church too long, to the injury of the cause, but the judgment and feeling of the church will indicate when he had better resign.

Old people should avoid being childish, or ill-natured and peevish, or jealous-hearted; they should try to be of little or no trouble to those with whom they live. I have seen old folks beam with cheerfulness and contentment. Elder Vancleave once said that old men should grow old as a sound pear ripens, grow sweeter and sweeter till it drops from the tree. There is much to think of that would nourish and cheer good will in the aged. Our afflictions are light and but for a moment, followed by an eternal weight of glory, and are not worthy to be compared to the glory which shall be revealed in us.

The Lord will provide for our children to the end of time; and inasmuch as we cannot provide for them, we should trust them in the hands of the Lord who will provide for them. It is comely for one who has ever taught others to trust the Lord, to put their trust in Him also, even down to old age, and to wear a trustful, hopeful countenance among their friends.

Elder J. H. Oliphant

Zion's Advocate, June, 1915(From "*The Advocate and Messenger*", August, 1979)

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OLD AGE

"Thou shalt rise up before the hoary head, and honour the face of the old man, and fear thy God: I am the LORD." (Lev. 19:32)

"The hoary head is a crown of glory, if it be found in the way of righteousness." (Prov. 16:31)

DOCTRINE



By Elder Guy Hunt (Deceased)

“But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience,”
2nd Tim. 3:10

The Apostle Paul was frank and straight in the preaching of the gospel. He wanted those to whom he preached to have no doubt, but to fully know what he was preaching. He did not color his words with subtle or hidden meanings in his preaching. He wanted to be fully understood.

The Apostle Paul did not preach a perverted doctrine. Only those in error use language that does not reveal to all their hidden beliefs. The Apostle Paul spelled his beliefs out completely. He had no hidden agenda. He was not trying to reform the Church but to be a blessing to the very people to which he had been a curse.

During the cold war, the Russians never told the truth about their true intentions. If they had, they would not have had communist sympathizers in the free nations of the world. They wanted to fool the gullible into supporting their very destruction. They were cold and calculating and they wanted to absorb and rule those who were opposed to their form of government. Being a longtime friend of President Ronald Regan, I was never so proud as when he spoke the truth concerning the Russian government and stood on a stone wall which they built to prevent their people escaping and told them to tear it down. You see, a free America could never compromise with communist dictatorships. There is never a compromise between right and wrong.

The Apostle Paul was saying to Timothy, you not only know all the doctrine I preach, you know all about me. I have not hidden anything. That is the path we should all walk.

Some time ago I was in the presence of some men who had been accused of preaching some extreme Calvinism or absolutism. I listened intently as they asserted they really believed the doctrine of the Primitive Baptists but they had been misunderstood or misquoted in some of their preaching. Everything would have been alright if someone had not blown the whistle on their false doctrine. Becoming increasingly weary and wary of their beliefs, I spoke up. I told them that I was not articulate and learned as they. But, that

I am confident that if anyone ever accused me of preaching a form of Calvinism that is a perverted doctrine, I could set them straight in less than 30 minutes. I was convinced then, as I am now, that if anyone misunderstands the doctrine that such learned men preach, it is because they want to be misunderstood at this point in time.

The Apostle Paul warns us of those who pervert the doctrine of Christ. He says to mark them and avoid them. I am completely convinced of the doctrine preached by the Primitive Baptists when I united with them 59 years ago. I have preached this doctrine for over 50 years. My father and both grandfathers before me believed it and preached it. I have no intentions of following or holding in fellowship those who think they have found a better way and I am angered that they have the nerve to say our wonderful forefathers were asleep at the switch when false doctrine came in to be believed and preached among them.

I have the privilege today of teaching many young people this doctrine so they will be established in it. I want them to be able to tell their children that I did not have a hidden gospel but that I had the gospel preached by my Lord and the Apostles. I want them to be able to say, we have fully known his doctrine for it is truly the doctrine of Christ. —Guy Hunt

(From *“The Pathway Of Truth”*, October, 2005)

TO THOSE WHO SHOULD BE BAPTIZED

We bury the dead. It is needful. So to be buried in baptism is needful to those dead to the world. It is a putting on Christ in a professional sense. Surely you are not ashamed of Him in whom you hope for salvation. If we love Him, if we hope for what He has done for poor sinners for salvation shall we deny Him? This is a serious question. Jesus says he that denies me before men him will I deny before my Father in heaven. May we not deny our blessed Lord and Master, but may we strive to prove our love to Him. There is something for each one of His children to do—not in order that they be His children, but in order that they prove *obedient* children. The obedient eat the good of the land—the disobedient are beaten with many stripes.

Do not ask which way must I go? How shall I proceed to follow the Lord? Turn to God's word as a lamp to your feet. Read it. Solomon says, “If thou know not, O thou fairest among women, go thy way forth by the footsteps of the flock.” (S. of Sol. 1:8) Follow in the footsteps of the flock as they follow Jesus, and you cannot go wrong. May God help you.—Elder R. H. Pittman—1912

(From *“The Advocate and Messenger”*, June, 1985)

Why tarriest thou, arise and be baptized, Acts 22:16

FOR THIS CAUSE...

By Elder Rick Taylor
Booneville, Mississippi

Ephesians 3:1: "For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles,"

The Apostle Paul had endured much hardship for the cause that he was sent of God to do. We read in Corinthians a sampling of the things he endured for the cause. 2Cor. 11:24-28: "Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one. Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep; In journeying often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fasting's often, in cold and nakedness. Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches."

Paul had endured many physical hurts and on top of those Paul will end it by saying oh by the way, I also on top of all of that, looked after the daily care of the churches. Paul always had something to do. What was the cause that Paul writes about? For the cause of the precious gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ he preached to both Jew and Gentile. The gospel of salvation by the grace of God. Eph 2:13-22 "But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace; And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby: And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh. For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father. Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God; And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit."

This dear man was enduring so much hardship and continually working for the cause not to save their eternal souls, but to tell that they were saved already by what Jesus Christ did on the cross. To bring to them the gospel that through obedience and prayers would bring them to a civilized state of living that would bring them great joy while they were here on earth. It mattered to Paul that those that were considered heathen by the Jews that they had an opportunity to improve upon their lives and be able to raise their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. These Gentiles didn't have the gospel until Paul and the apostles came preaching it to them. It changed the world completely! Some of the sweetest teachings come to us through these letters that Paul, wrote to Gentiles. We read of predestination in the Book of Ephesians. We read of the communion table and its purpose in the Corinthian letter. We read of the covenant that God the Father made with the Son on securing the salvation of everyone of his children in the book of Romans.

If it were possible for us to ask Paul about why he endured the ship wreck, the beatings, imprisonment and eventually as it is believed he was beheaded by the Roman Emperor Nero. Was it worth it, we might ask? I have no doubt that he would say, yes and I would do it all again if I had too. So realizing what men before us have had to endure for the cause of Christ; Let us not take too lightly our responsibility to the church and our spiritual lives. Let us set aside the sins that so easily beset us and take our place in the pews to sit under the sound of the gospel being preached to us, and praise our wonderful God.

R. L. Taylor

WHICH WAY TO GO

Christians without goals are a little like Alice in the fairy tale Alice in Wonderland. In a conversation between her and the Cheshire Cat, Alice asked, "Would you tell me please, which way I ought to go from here?" "That depends a good deal on where you want to get to," said the cat. "I don't much care where," said Alice. "Then it doesn't matter which way you go," said the cat.--Source Unknown.

When children of God come to a crossroads in their life, it matters greatly as to which way they go. Just like Alice in Wonderland, it doesn't matter which way you go if you don't care where you go. I wrote this down that someone said which makes sense to me. "If you want to go nowhere, follow the crowd. If you want to go somewhere follow Jesus." A crowd to follow could likely lead anywhere and in paths contrary to the word of God. Following Jesus will always lead in right paths. Solomon said, "Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men." (Prov. 4:14) Solomon failed to follow his own advice and chose the wrong way and learned the vanity of such folly.—*Editor*

ARE YOU READY?

By Elder Larry Wise
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The righteous have been subject to persecution from the very beginning. The first killing that took place was of righteous Abel who was slain by his brother Cain who was of that wicked one. The apostle Peter says that if we suffer for righteousness' sake, we are happy (blessed) and are not to be terrified of the terror of the tormentor. (I Pet. 3:14). Then Peter tells the elect strangers, "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:" (I Pet. 3:15)

The righteous are to be ready to give an answer and reason for the hope that lies within. The hope that lies within of course is Jesus Christ, the hope of glory. We need to be ready always to give a reason for that hope when asked, whether it is before those we might be suffering or before anyone. The apostles were told by Jesus that they would be brought before kings and governors and suffer for the kingdom of God. On those occasions they were instructed, "But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak." (Matt. 10:19) The Holy Ghost would give them what they needed to say in the questions asked regarding their allegiance to Christ.

We also have the Holy Ghost within as did the apostles, but we aren't instructed to refrain from meditating on how we should answer. We are told to be always "ready" to give a reason of the hope within and sanctify (set apart) the Lord. The Lord is to have a special spot in our hearts that no one else can replace. The Lord had that special spot in the heart of the apostle Paul. When people were trying to persuade him not to go to Jerusalem for fear of his life, this was Paul's response: "...What mean ye to weep and to break mine heart? for I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus." (Acts 21:13) Paul was not only ready to give an answer; he was ready to die for the name of the Lord Jesus.

Once the grace of God had appeared to Saul of Tarsus and made him a regenerated heir of God and an apostle, he was ready to preach the gospel he once hated. He writes the church at Rome, "So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also." (Rom. 1:15) What was "in" Paul

was the grace of God and the hope of Glory in the person of the Lord Jesus. He was ready to preach the gospel. Are we ready to preach the gospel? You probably are not a God called preacher, but all the people of God can preach the gospel by their daily walk with God, declaring their love and devotion to the One who loved them and gave Himself for their sins.

Jesus taught the apostles that when He as the shepherd of the sheep was smitten, they would all be offended that night; the reason being that it was written "...smite the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered abroad." (Matt. 26:31) Peter speaks up and says that he would never be offended and Luke tells us he said, "...Lord, I am ready to go with thee, both into prison, and to death." (Luke 22:33) Peter felt he was "ready" to go and even die with Jesus. However, Jesus told Peter that before the cock crow that night he would deny Him three times. Peter wasn't as ready as he thought he was.

Are we ready to dine at the Lord's table when we are bidden to the supper?. The Bible tells us of a certain man who made a great supper and sent his servants out at supper time. The servants commanded those who were bidden to "come" for all things have been made ready. (Luke 14:17) Those that were bidden were not "ready" to come and began to make excuses not to come. One said he had bought a piece of ground and he needed to go and see it and wanted to be excused. Another had bought five yoke of oxen and he needed to go and prove them and wanted to be excused. These excuses were without reason or foundation for not being ready. The last one didn't even ask to be excused. He just said he couldn't come because he had married a wife. (Luke 14:17-20) How pitiful the excuses people give for not being ready to come to the Lord's table. What pitiful excuses people give for not being ready to worship the Lord in the assembly of the saints.

Those who have been blessed with the good news of the gospel and the knowledge of the Lord's will need to be ready and prepared to follow that will. The Bible tells us of the consequences of knowing the Lord's will and failing to follow it. "And that servant, which knew his lord's will, and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes." (Luke 12:47) The teaching goes on to say that unto whom much is given, much is required but the Lord never requires too much; it is just a reasonable service to present the body as a living sacrifice.

At the conclusion of his life, Paul was "ready" to be offered as the time of his departure drew near. He had fought a good fight and had kept the faith. There was laid up for him a crown of righteousness which the righteous judge would give him at that day and also to all those who love His appearing. Are you ready to serve the Lord with all your heart, soul, and mind?

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