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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

Jesus is our true friend that sticketh closer than a brother. He has promised never to leave or forsake us because He that performed a good work in us will perform it unto the day of Jesus Christ. (Phil. 1:6) However, Jesus will not stand by us when we are in the wrong, having transgressed His laws. The apostle was beaten, put into prison, and accused by the Jews of preaching things contrary to the law of Moses. Paul was a Roman citizen and appealed to Caesar. Paul writes Timothy and says, “At my first answer no man stood with me, but all men forsook me: I pray God that it may not be laid to their charge.” (II Tim. 4:16)

Paul had many friends in Rome but evidently they felt the need to remain silent and not assist Paul in his trouble. They all forsook Paul, but the Lord stood with him because he was in the right and give him strength to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ despite the opposition he faced. When the Lord stood with Paul, The Lord came to him and strengthened him to continue to declare the truth. There wasn't any wicked intent to those who failed to stand with him; many were his friends but weren't willing to stand with him. Contrast this with what Paul said concerning Alexander the coppersmith: “Alexander the coppersmith did me much evil: the Lord reward him according to his works: Of whom be thou ware also; for he hath greatly withstood our words.” (II Tim. 4:14-15) Those that forsook Paul had not done wickedly evil as did the coppersmith.

Many years ago, the country music singer, Tammy Wynette popularized a song entitled “Stand By Your Man” and forgive him for love's sake. We have a man who stands with us when we are in the right, but He is no ordinary man. He is the Godman, Christ Jesus who did nothing to be forgiven of because He was sinless; He is the One that forgives us our sins and comes to our assistance when needed. The question is “Will we stand with the Lord despite the opposition and faithfully declare His word and be a good disciple of Jesus Christ who loved us and gave His life for us?”

Paul stood with the Lord when formerly he was in opposition to Him because he wasn't born again. Now, he has been turned from a persecutor to a preacher of righteousness and declares that no man is justified in the sight of God by the deeds of the law. (Rom. 3:20) The Jews did not want to hear this and beat Paul unmercifully; thus Paul is before the Roman emperor.

Paul was not alone when he gave his first answer; the Lord was standing with him. When Jesus was led away to be crucified, all the disciples forsook Him and fled. Jesus told His disciples, “Behold, the time is coming, yes, and has now come, that you will be scattered, everyone to his own place, and you will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me.” (John 16:32) The Father was with His Son; He always (without exception) did that which was pleasing to His Father. We cannot say the same.

The only time that the Father left Jesus Christ was for a moment in His ninth hour on the cross. “About the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, la-ma sa-bach-tha-ni? that is, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?” (Matt. 27:46) Jesus was forsaken that His people would not be forsaken so He could promise “I will never leave thee or forsake thee.” What a Savior we have who stands by us in the good times and the bad and often whispers sweet peace in our ears. When Israel was ready to stone Moses, the Lord was with him and he interceded on their behalf.

Even though Paul's friends in Rome did not stand by him in his distress, other children of God did stand by him when he was in bonds at various time, enduring much loss to help him. We read in Heb. 10:34: “For ye had compassion of me in my bonds, and took joyfully the spoiling of your goods, knowing in yourselves that ye have in heaven a better and an enduring substance.” Anything in this life will ultimately perish but not in heaven as eternity lasts or endures for ever and ever. When Job's friends failed as miserable comforters, he was able to endure and say, “Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him: but I will maintain mine own ways before him.” (Job 13:15)

Lest we get the idea that the Lord always is with us and stands by us whatever we do, we read that is not the case in scripture. King Asa was one of the good kings of Judah and he defeated the enemies of Israel on many occasions because he relied upon the Lord. Then he was warned by the prophet Azariah, “...The LORD is with you, while ye be with him; and if ye seek him, he will be found of you; but if ye forsake him, he will forsake you.” (II Chron. 15:2) Asa failed to take heed and made an alliance with the ungodly and was defeated by the host of Syria's king because he had not relied on the Lord. The Lord had forsaken him (not eternally) because he had not done right as in former times. The Lord stood with Paul because he was in the right and He will with us in like manner. (Larry Wise)

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NOTE: In the June issue there was an article by Elder John Robbins entitled "The Pure Heaven" and it was indicated he was deceased. This is incorrect. He is still alive and about the Master's business. Sorry for any confusion this may have caused.—*Editor*

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT



By Elder Bobby Willis (Deceased)

"Having eyes, see ye not?" Mark 8:18

Have you ever noticed how some people will not believe what you may tell them no matter the amount of proof you have? They just do not want to believe God's children are saved by grace and not by their own works.

In Mark 8:7-8 you will find a rendering of where Jesus fed the multitude with seven loaves of bread and a few small fishes and had seven baskets of leftovers. After entering a ship with his disciples, they came to Dalmanutha where they were met by a group of Pharisees who **"began to question with him, seeking of him a sign from heaven, tempting him."** The Pharisees prided themselves in knowing everything that went on. Surely they knew of the

miracles which Jesus had performed of healing the sick, raising the dead, casting out demons, walking on water, calming storms, and now feeding multitudes with a meager amount of food, multiplied by the power of God. In addition, Jesus had preached the gospel, and preached it clearly. And yet these Pharisees wanted a sign from heaven. Like the saying of old, they were *'as blind as a bat'*.

If the Lord has not opened the heart of understanding of an individual, they are spoken of in the scriptures as being blind. Jesus told the disciples to **"beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, and of the leaven of Herod"** (Mark 8:15). Even the disciples, who were already regenerated and were now in a state of conversion, were blind to the truths of enlightenment which Jesus was teaching. They saw His miracles and heard His words, but even though they had been born again, they weren't using their spiritual remembrance prompting Jesus to say, **"Having eyes, see ye not? and having ears, hear ye not? and do ye not remember?"** (Mark 8:18). They remembered there were twelve baskets left when he fed the five thousand plus, and also remembered the seven baskets of leftovers after the feeding of the four thousand. Jesus went on to say, **"How is it that ye do not understand?"** (Mark 8:21).

There are three times in the life of a child of God when they are, or can be, in a blind condition. 1. Prior to regeneration (being born again) 2. Prior to conversion (changing of our walk) 3. During periods of Self Righteousness, Pride or Ignorance (willful neglect of being a good disciple of Christ - Judicial Blindness). Those who do not belong to God (the non-elect) remain in a state of blindness and will never understand the things of God because their hearts are hardened, having only a carnal nature. God's children take on a spiritual nature when they are born again of the Spirit and then are in a condition of being able to see the truths of God. When they are converted, they can see to walk in the narrow way, changing from following worldly pleasures to walking (seeking) to praise, honor and glorify God.

Now, the third time a child of God can be in blindness is when we willfully turn away from God (backslide) and lose our close spiritual relationship with the Saviour. This sorrowful condition we can find ourselves in can be caused by a feeling of our own self righteousness or our failing to draw nigh unto Him which brings about ignorance on our part. A failure to study God's word is upmost in bringing about this condition.

We as God's children, should be so thankful unto the Lord for all of His blessings and benefits that we would never backslide (fall away) from the feeling of His spiritual blessings during our earthly existence. Look about you and count your blessings, which you must have your eyes open to see. Thank Him for opening your eyes to enable you to see Him for who He is... the Saviour of sinners. **"Think About It!"**

COMMENT ON JOB 2:3

By Elder T. I. Webb Sr. (Deceased)

What is meant in Job 2:3? I do not understand how Satan could move God to destroy Job without a cause.-J. D. BENCH, Greenville, Texas.

The above mentioned Scripture reads, "And the Lord said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and upright man, one that feareth God and escheweth evil? and still he holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movedst against me to destroy him without cause."

This does not conflict with the immutability and omniscience of God; neither does it support Fatalism nor Arminianism. It does not teach that Satan so worked upon the Lord in this matter that it caused Him to change His mind and purpose toward Job or influenced Him to turn against him, because the Bible plainly teaches that God is unchangeable-that He is of one mind and none can turn Him-the same yesterday, today and forever; but the idea is, Satan proposed this matter to the Lord, requested it and was anxious to have it done-that is, have Job destroyed and also to take his life, and, in a measure, the Lord allowed him to succeed; but God did not change in any sense. It worked out just like God knew it would work out.

The Lord was not disappointed in it at all. But what is meant by the words "movedst against me to destroy him without cause" is, Satan was urging the matter without cause; he could give no intelligent reason for his arguments. It was not the destruction of Job that was without cause; it was not what God did that was without cause; but it was Satan's motion and propositions that were without cause. In other words, there was no occasion for what Satan said to the Lord about Job. However, in a limited sense, the Lord granted Satan's request and turned Job over to him. Not that the Lord ceased to care for him, love him and own him as His child, for nothing can separate one from the love of God {Ro 8:38-39} nor destroy the life implanted in the soul in the work of regeneration. See Col 3:3- 4; Joh 10:28. Job's life was still in the hand of God and Satan could not touch it, not only his spiritual life but his natural life. He was destroyed, in the sense that everything else was taken away from him, but he lived on for years after this and still held on to his integrity; and while he afterwards mourned and even abhorred the day of his birth, because of the weakness of the flesh, yet after all of his afflictions and trials and, finally, when she, who had been his bosom companion and sharer in the joys and sorrows of life, told him to "curse God and die," yet he trusted in God, saying, "Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him." God did not allow Job to be so severely tried and sorely afflicted just to please Satan, but it was according to His own will and purpose and for the good of Job; yet it refuted all the arguments of Satan and redounded to the glory of God.

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

SAVED BY HOPE

Hope is the Christian's anchor. He is saved by hope, (Rom. 8:24) but not in the sense that he is saved by the blood of Christ. The distinction is very broad and easily seen. However, he is not saved by hope independent of the blood of Christ, but he is saved by the blood of Christ independent of hope in Christ as his Saviour. He is the hope of all who believe in Him. Hope is that precious God-given grace that has for its origin the gift of eternal life. It is born of eternal life.

The blood of Christ saved at the cross all for whom it was shed. It was in order that he should save His people that He gave His life a ransom for them. Time will develop through the gift of eternal life who they are. Hope lays hold upon the work finished on the cross and rejoices in the victory through the Lamb of God that was slain. This is salvation by hope; it saves the believing one from gloomy despair, from unbelief, but does not save a soul from death in sin or from eternal perdition. Doubts and fears oft times seize the child of God, and he feels he cannot claim the promises of God; feels he is a stranger and without hope. But, nay, hope is the anchor that is sure. "It rests in nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness." Men must and will ever fail to provide such refuge for the faint and weary ones. God has set before you a hope which is sure and steadfast and it enters into that within the veil, and that is to Jesus your Saviour.

This hope of homeward bound saints has stood amid the storm of centuries an unflinching support, an impregnable fortress, the imperishable rock of safety. It is the one "hope of their calling" and will abide until death shall remove them, and they shall "know as they are known." Then they will have passed beyond the power of hope to save, but not beyond the efficacy of the blood of Christ, the redeemed sinner's only plea. By the patience of hope they here wait the fulfillment of the promise of God, and though it tarry, they wait for it, knowing that he who promised is faithful and true. Is this my hope? It is the Christian's beacon light, reaching out over the dark clouds of sin and death; abides amidst the wreck of thrones and kingdoms of men, and finds its victory over every obstacle in the one God and Father of all, to whom be glory and dominion for evermore.

Elder R. W. Thompson

Primitive Monitor—1915

(From "Advocate and Messenger", June 1984)

The heirs of grace have an Almighty Friend who cares for them and who exhorts them to cast all their cares upon Him (! Peter 5:7). There is no greater blessing than to be completely reconciled to Him and wholly submissive to His will, no matter what circumstances arise.—Elder Ralph Harris

(From "The Advocate and Messenger", January, 2009)

FOOLISHNESS TO THEM THAT PERISH

By Elder Harold Hunt, Maryville, TN

I asked someone recently to summarize for me what he understood the gospel to teach. He thought about it for a long time and he finally said, "Christ came into this world to suffer and die in order that people could be saved. And anybody can be saved, if they will only repent and believe the gospel, and live according to its precepts." I wrote his statement out on a scrap of paper, and asked him if he thought that was an accurate statement of what it took for a person to live in heaven some day. He said he did.

I asked him if he should take that little paper and show it to his pastor, what would he think about it? Would he think it was reasonable or foolish? He allowed his pastor would think it was reasonable. I asked him if he showed his statement to a thousand ministers of various denominations (and I listed a string of them for him) what would they think about it. He said that some of them might want to add "enduring to the end" or water baptism, etc. to the formula, but that in general they would all agree with the statement.

I asked him if he took that paper to one hundred of the meanest men in town, what would they think of it? What would the gambler, the bootlegger, the drunkard, and the thief think about it? He allowed that the meanest man in town would have to agree with that statement. He said, "The meanest man in town does not want to be saved, but he would agree that when he gets ready to be saved, that's what it will take." He could not think of anybody who would challenge the statement.

I said, "Do you realize that you have just proved that that statement is not the gospel?"

"What do you mean?"

"That statement could not be the gospel. TOO MANY PEOPLE BELIEVE IT." If that statement was the gospel, this old wicked world would reject it. You will never find such a ready market as that for the gospel. This old world has no use for the gospel. Let me read something to you. "For the preaching of the cross if to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God." 1 Cor. 1:18. When preachers and gamblers, deacons and thieves agree about what then gospel is, you can count on it, "the blind are leading the blind."

Then I turned the paper over and wrote this statement. "Before a person is born again, he is in such a dreadful condition, that he cannot repent of sin, he cannot have faith, he cannot please God, he cannot even want to please God. If God waits for the sinner to repent of sin and have faith in him before he saves him, there will never be the first sinner saved." I showed him the statement and asked him what he thought of it. Was it reasonable or foolish? He said it was foolish. I asked him what his pastor would think of it. What would a thousand preachers, chosen at random think of it? What would the meanest man in town think of it? He was sure that just about anybody he asked would think the statement was foolish.

Paul was right. I never doubted it for a minute. "The preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness." The contrary system could not be the truth. Too many people believe it. The contrary system is too much at peace with the world.—Harold Hunt

(From "The Christian Pathway", March, 1978)

ECCLESIASTES IX. 14-16

April 20, 1939

There was a little city, and few men within it; and there came a great king against it, and besieged it, and built great bulwarks against it: Now there was found in it a poor wise man, and he by his wisdom delivered the city; yet no man remembered that same poor man. Then said I, Wisdom is better than strength: nevertheless the poor man's wisdom is despised, and his words are not heard.—Eccl. ix. 14-16.

Brother W. H. Dearman, of Chunky, Miss. Has asked us to give our views on this text. The little city seems to us to be the true church, or the Lord's humble followers. That has always been just a few. The poor wise man appears to us to be the blessed Saviour. He became poor that we, through His poverty, might be rich. He delivered the city, notwithstanding all the powers of darkness were arrayed against her.

Satan and his cohorts have besieged the city all along the line. It was by the Lord's own power and wisdom that His people are delivered from everlasting destruction and ruin, which Satan would bring upon them. No man remembered that same poor man. He trod the winepress alone, and of the people there was none to help. All the disciples forsook Him. Peter even cursed and swore and said, "I know not the man." And His children, even now, often forsake His sweet and delightful service, and His service is so often made a secondary matter, when it should be first. How forgetful we are.

C.H. C.

(From "Editorial Writings of the Primitive Baptist", by Elder C. H. Cayce)

"Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid." (Matt. 5:14)

A Righteousness In Which Jehovah Himself Cannot Find A Flaw

William Gadsby (1773-1844)

We must have a righteousness in which Jehovah Himself cannot find a flaw, a righteousness which Jehovah cannot mend, a righteousness which neither sin nor Satan can mar; and unless we have on a righteousness of this nature, we can never enter into the blessedness of the world to come.

Where, then, are we to find it? Eternal praises to the matchless mercy of a covenant God, we have it in the blessed Person, glorious work, and spotless obedience of the Lord Jesus Christ! And, therefore, as it was essential for Him to fulfill all righteousness for His people, He loved the Lord His God with all His heart, with all His mind, and with all His strength. He began at the beginning, and went through hollily, righteously, and steadily every step of the law of God and all in justice and righteousness. He fulfilled every iota of it, and gave it immortal glory and honor. The law could only require the perfect obedience of a perfect man, but He gave it the perfect obedience of the God-Man, and stamped forever a holy dignity and majesty on it, in order to manifest that this glorious *righteousness* is suited to every sinner's case, to all their needs, and to honor and glorify all the perfections of God; and thus He has "forever perfected them that were sanctified," all those who were set apart for Himself. They are perfected forever in His own blessed obedience and spotless righteousness; and this righteousness which God gives shall endure forever. As for you who have a righteousness of your own, you never can feel your need of Christ's righteousness. You do not know your need of it, and it is an insult to your pride to mention it. But, for the poor creature who feels himself to be a loathsome, vile, and ruined sinner, and is brought experimentally to feel what he is before a heart-searching God, and that every iota of the law is against him – for God to give this righteousness to him, to put it upon him and communicate the power of it to his soul, why it will raise and exalt him to such a blessed enjoyment of God's righteousness that his tongue will sing aloud and speak forth praise to the honor and glory of His blessed Name; and he will say, "My soul shall be joyful in my God; I will glory in the God of my salvation; for He hath covered me with the robe of righteousness; He hath adorned me with the garments of salvation."

–William Gadsby, from a sermon preached June 1, 1843 (From primitivebaptist.net)

"For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." (II Cor. 5:21) (God's righteousness vs that of man) "But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away." (Isa. 64:6)

BOTH SOUL AND BODY

If the reader will have before him a "Cruden's Complete Concordance" find the word *soul*. In numerous instances it will appear in which the word *soul* means *person*, so *soul* is used interchangeably with *spirit*. Besides these uses of the word there are many texts in which the word *soul* is treated as the distinct *entity* from the body. Now, can we establish that the Scriptures authorize us to believe that man is a compound being having a human body and also a human soul? Open your Bible to Gen. 35:18. Here you have an account of Rachel's death at Ephrath in giving birth to a boy whom she called Benoni, but his father Jacob called him Benjamin. Here the Holy Ghost directing the pen of Moses says: "And it came to pass *as her soul was in departing* (for she died) that she called his name Benoni."

Now turn to First Kings 17:20. The child was dead; Elijah took him up into a loft where he abode, laid him on his own bed, stretched himself upon the child three times and cried unto the Lord and said, "Oh, Lord, my God, I pray thee, *let this child's soul come unto him again*. And the Lord heard the voice of Elijah, *and the soul of the child came into him again, and he revived*."

Again, Jesus said, "Fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell" (Matt. 10:28). Unless we recognize the soul as an *entity* to be considered distinct from the body, how, without vague speculation, are we to understand what the Lord said to the thief on the cross? "Today thou shalt be with me in paradise." Their *bodies* were both on the earth. How are the spirits or souls of "just men made perfect" now with the Lord?

How do we understand Paul's uncertainty as to whether he was in the body or out of the body on one occasion (II Cor. 12:2-4). How will we understand and explain Paul's saying that "to be present in the body is to be absent from the Lord." And to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord?" (II Cor. 5:6-8). Why multiply arguments? Certainly every reasonable man or reader is more ready to admit that the Scriptures teach that the soul is an entity.—Elder Charles Waters. *Zion's Advocate*, 1917

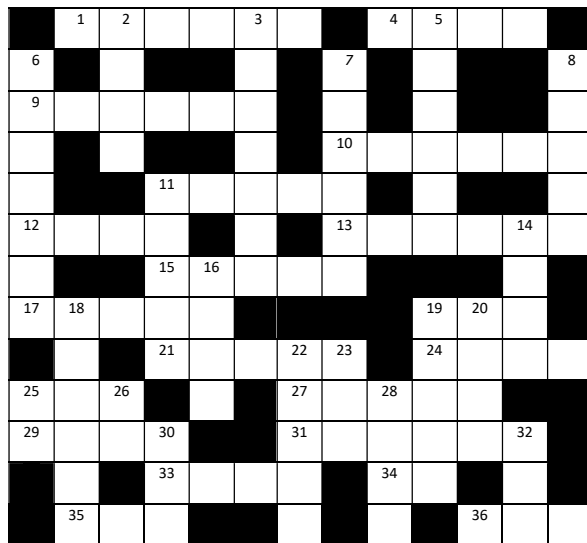
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The great teacher, Jesus the Holy One of Israel, said to such as had been previously taught by Him. "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Paul said, "There remains therefore a rest to the people of God." To get this rest we must *come*, and in order for one to come he must be taught of the Lord. The person that has "heard and learned of the Father" has the ability to come because the Lord worked in him the will to do, not what he could *not* do, but what he worked in him the *will* to do.—Elder J. S. Newman, 1905

BIBLE CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS:

1. Israel was to ___ a certain rate of manna every day.
4. God made Eve as an ___ meet for him. Assist.
9. Neither ___ nor axe or tool was heard in building of Solomon's temple.
10. Not one jot or ___ of the law failed to be fulfilled.
11. Bitter waters of Marah were made ___ by a tree.
12. We are to ___ in grace and knowledge of Jesus.
13. We have borne the image of the ___ and shall bear the image of the heavenly.
15. Out of the ___ came forth meat, and out of the strong came forth sweetness said Samson.
17. A voice was heard in ___, lamentation and bitter weeping, Rahal weeping for her children.
19. King of Judah who removed his mother from queen.
21. The ___ of Manna was like wafers made with honey.
24. ___ up the loins of your mind and hope to the end.
25. Who believed our report; to whom is the ___ of the Lord revealed?
27. One of the two men who held up the arms of Moses.



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29. Bring forth fruits ___ for repentance said John.
31. The publican smote upon his ___ crying for mercy.
33. They ___ to and fro, stagger like a drunken man.
34. Judgment must begin ___ the house of God.
35. Israel crossed the Red Sea on ___ ground.
36. 12 men were sent by Moses to ___ Canaan's land.

DOWN:

2. Lame man at the gate beautiful was asking for ___.
3. We ought to give the more ___ heed to the things we have heard lest we let them slip.
5. Herod imprisoned Peter intending after ___ to bring him forth to the people.
6. John the Baptist's head was put in this receptacle.
7. To obey is ___ than sacrifice Samuel told Saul.
8. If thine ___ is thirsty give him something to drink.
11. Jesus ___ as it were great drops of blood.
14. He that hath ears to ___ let him hear.

BIBLE CROSSWORD PUZZLE

DOWN:

16. Jezebel's husband who wanted Naboth vineyard.
18. Can two walk together except they be ___?
19. Seven days shalt thou prepare every day _ _ for a sin offering. Two words. Not a sheep.
20. If we confess our ___ God is faithful to forgive us.
22. Dogs eat of the crumbs that fall from masters' ___.
23. He that hath an ___ to hear let him hear.
25. I ___ the way, the truth, and the life said Jesus.
26. Ye believe in God believe also in ___.
28. Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also ___.
30. ___ the spirits whether they are of God.
32. Moses beheld Canaan's land from ___ of Mt. Pisgah.

OUT OF THE MOUTH OF BABES

Our grandson, soon to be 4 years old, went with us to church on Sunday recently after an overnight stay with us. He did very well in church and went with his Nana through the handshake at the end of service. After awhile and back in their seat, he said, "This is taking forever." This was just in the handshake; just imagine what the whole service seemed like, even also possibly with some worshipper. I heard Elder Sonny Pyles say in a sermon that he had heard many brethren pray for him to preach the "everlasting" gospel. It was strange to him that some expect the everlasting gospel to be preached in 30-45 minutes or less.—*Editor*

IN MEMORIAM



Bro. Howard Lee Case, Germantown, TN, originally from Dallas TX, passed away on June 2, 2023 at the age of 81. He served in the military for 22 years and was a Vietnam veteran. Bro. Case was a member and deacon of Raleigh Primitive Baptist Church in Memphis, TN. He leaves 3 children and 18 grandchildren to mourn his passing as well as many friends. His funeral was on June 15, 2023 in Dallas, TX. Pray for his surviving family and the church of which he was a member and deacon. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.—Printed by request.

(Rev. 14:13)

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them." (Revelation 14:13)

CHURCH NEWS

Everyone is invited to the annual meeting at Antioch Primitive Baptist Church, Oxford, MS the 1st weekend in August, 2023 (Aug. 4-6). Services Friday night, Aug. 4, at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 5, at 10:30 a.m. with lunch and afternoon services. Sunday, Aug. 6 at 10:30 a.m. Elder Larry Wise, Randolph, MS is invited minister. Elder Jeremy Wise is Pastor of Antioch.

Everyone is invited to the annual meeting at Little Flock Primitive Baptist Church, Burnsville, MS the 2nd weekend in August, 2023 (Aug. 11-13). Services Friday night, Aug. 11, at 7:00 p.m. preceded by supper at 6:00 p.m. Saturday night, Aug. 12, at 7:00 p.m. with supper at 6:00 p.m. Sunday, August 13, at 10:30 a.m. Elder Chase Harrison, Pastor of Raleigh PBC, Memphis, TN is invited minister. Elder Jonathan Wise is Pastor of Little Flock.

Everyone is invited to the meeting at Chewalla Primitive Baptist Church, Potts Camp, MS the 3rd weekend in August, 2023 (Aug. 18-20). Services Friday night, Aug. 18, at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 19, at 10:30 a.m. with lunch. Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Elder Ronald Lawrence, Goodletsville, TN is invited minister. Elder Jerry Wise is Pastor of Chewalla.

Everyone is invited to Pleasant Hill Primitive Baptist Church, 2871 Highway 363, Mantachie, MS (just off I-22 between Peppertown and Mantachie), for their annual meeting 3rd weekend in August (Aug. 18.-20) 2023. Lord willing, Elder Jeff Winfrey from Dawson Springs PBC, Dawson Springs, Kentucky, Elder Neil Honea from Five Mile PBC, Akron, AL, and Ben Shettles from Elgin Crossroads PBC, Rogersville, AL will be our guest preachers. Supper is served Friday night at 6:00 pm with worship service at 7:00 pm. Saturday morning service begins at 10:00 am with lunch at noon, and afternoon service at 1:30 pm. The meeting will conclude with a Sunday morning Communion service at 10:30 am then lunch. Please help us be in prayer for this meeting and please come. Contact Pastor, Elder Jackie Smith 901-734-9376.

Everyone is invited to the annual meeting at Bethany Primitive Baptist Church, 5 miles West of Ecru, MS on Hwy 346, the 2nd weekend in September, 2023 (Sept. 8-10). Services Friday night, Sept. 8, at 7:00 pm. Saturday, Sept. 9, at 10:30 am followed by lunch which is usually fish and all the fixings. Sunday, Sept. 10, at 10:30 am followed by lunch. Elder Charles Kitchens, Jasper, AL is invited minister. Please note the change in invited minister from last issue. Elder Larry Wise is Pastor of Bethany.

“Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.” (II Tim. 4:2)

CHURCH NEWS

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.

The Tombigbee Fellowship Meeting (formerly Tombigbee Association) will be held with Sulphur Springs Primitive Baptist Church, near Caledonia, MS the 3rd weekend in September, 2023 with services on Saturday, Sept. 16, beginning at 10:00 am followed by lunch and afternoon services. Elder Joe Nettles is Pastor of Sulphur Springs.

“Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.” (Psa. 100:3-4)

“For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.” (Psa. 84:10)



Sister Linda Prestridge was received into New Hope Primitive Baptist Church, Hatley, MS, on June 18, 2023 and baptized the following Sunday by the Pastor of New Hope, Elder Tim Cunningham, shown above with Sis. Prestridge as she was received into the church fellowship as its newest member. We pray that more of the Lord's people will take up their cross and follow the Lord Jesus in the watery grave of baptism. Pray that Zion will have revival!—*Editor*

SALVATION IN REMEMBRANCE

By Elder S. N. Redford
(From "**Church History**")

"And thou shalt remember all the way which the LORD thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep his commandments, or no."-Deut. 8:2

I tried to preach from the above text today at Valley Springs and as it is often the case with me after I review my feeble discourse, I see many things I left out, and so it was in this case. I do not know that I can better the case to pen a few thoughts on the subject, but maybe I can relieve my mind. If God's people were not forgetful, the above admonition would be useless. There is salvation in remembrance. Paul told the Corinthian brethren: "By which also ye are saved if ye keep in memory what I have preached unto you." Again: "Be not forgetful hearers." These texts show beyond a doubt that God's people do forget.

There is much to remember, which makes it the more important that we be much concerned over this important duty. It is true, God's poor saints have much to cause them anxiety in a temporal way in this life, but this should not be all their study.

"Martha was cumbered about much serving" while Mary had time to commune with Jesus, and I am sure many of us often neglect that better part.

"Remember all the way." How many things occurred by the way! One remarkable occurrence was the deliverance of Israel from Egyptian bondage. They were never to forget this even so are we not to forget our deliverance from sin and death. We should remember how our bitter cups have been sweetened, as the bitter waters were sweetened for Israel along the way. We should remember how our spiritual thirst has been quenched when we were perishing for water in this terrible wilderness, as the streams flowed out of the flinty rock for Israel, and that rock was Christ, and in all their wanderings the rock followed them.

Has it been the case with you that Christ has supplied you in all the straits you have been in? If so, then remember His loving kindness. Has the sweet gospel bread fed your hungry soul, as God rained down manna from heaven to feed the hungry Israelites? Then do not forget this great miracle. Has God appeared to lead you along life's rugged pathway and met and vanquished your enemies, as He did for Israel? If so, treasure it up in your mind. Again, your adversary has attacked from the rear, as he did Israel, has it seemed to you that God has in such instances stood in the rear between you and your enemies? If so, do not ever forget this. Have you forgotten the wells of salvation which refreshed you in the terrible wilderness, and the palm trees which shaded you from the burning heat of trials and reverses, as Israel came to the 12 wells and the 70 palm trees? If so, remember this until your dying day.

But again, have you forgotten the mistakes you have made along the way? Have you murmured and complained? Have you lusted after the fleshpots of Egypt? Have you "Loathed" God's bread from heaven? Have you had a mind to cast stones at your leaders? Have you gone into idolatry, as Israel did? All these things occurred to Israel in their wilderness journey, and they had to suffer for their wrongs.

Do not forget the chastening of the Lord. He will whip you every time you do wrong. Has it ever occurred to you that you are on trial to test you out, as Israel was? Not that God wanted to find out what was in you, but that you might discover your own weakness and thereby be humbled. Is it not a fact when all your weakness appears to your view, you realize that God must help or else you are ruined? If not supported by the God of our salvation, there's no telling what we might do or where we might drift.

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SORROWS AND AFFLICTIONS

(As written by Elder John R. Daily after his son, Elder Ollie Daily, his wife, and child were killed in a train wreck.)

What else could be expected of a life of sin than that it should be a life of sorrow also? We must have nights as well as days, and winter as well as summer. The sky is not always cloudless and we cannot always escape the shadows. We cannot always be upon the delectable hills of joy and tranquility, for in traveling, we sometimes descend into the valley where the fog is dense and dark. In the battles of life, it is impossible for us always to escape being pierced. Sorrow comes to other homes and can we expect to escape its unwelcome visitations?

We have had so many temporal blessings and privileges and accommodations to a sweeten life and make our passage more agreeable through this wilderness, but these would fail and disappoint us and bring us more thorns than roses unless we should keep in view the hand that provides them and use them in subserviency to what we owe to the Blessed Giver. We are prone to admire our gourds, cleave to our cisterns, and think of building tabernacles and taking our rest in this polluted world. Hence, the Lord often sees it necessary to embitter our sweets, break our cisterns, to send a worm to the root of our gourds, and to draw a dark cloud over our most pleasing prospects. This he does in mercy to us. Afflictions thus quicken our desires and convince us that this cannot be our rest. When we are forced from one creature comfort, we are liable to flee to another, and then to another, and so on, but the Lord mercifully follows us with trials and will not let us rest upon any. By degrees, our desires take a nobler flight and cannot be satisfied with anything short of Jesus Himself, and we are constrained to say, "To depart and be with Jesus is far better."

"Zion's Advocate" 1907

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WHO IS OUR KEEPER?

By Elder Larry Wise
Randolph, Mississippi

The first murder that took place in the history of man was when Cain killed his brother Abel. The Lord came to Cain and asked him where was his brother? Cain, replied, "I know not: Am I my brother's keeper?" (Gen. 4:9) Cain lied to the Lord because he said he didn't know where Abel was as the Bible says he was of that wicked one. (I John 3:12) However, he told the truth about being his brother's keeper. He was not his brother's keeper, but the Lord of glory was because Abel was righteous and Cain was not. Abel's faith sacrifice bore witness to his righteous state before the Lord. (Heb. 11:4)

No child of God is righteous except through the righteousness of Jesus Christ which is imputed to his children in the new birth as the merits of Christ's shed blood is applied to them. Paul writes, "Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works, Saying, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered." (Rom. 4:6-7) The word "impute" means to take an inventory or lay to. Imagine what would happen if the Lord took an inventory of our sin; that account would condemn us to hell and the lake of fire. However, that inventory of sin was laid to the account of Jesus Christ and He paid the account in full as He said, "It is finished."

The Lord will "keep" His sheep because they are the apple of His eye. Satan will not steal a single person for whom Christ died. We can say along with David concerning Israel, "Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand." (Psalm 121:4-5) Israel depicts the Lord's chosen sheep which Jesus affirms that those sheep shall never perish as they have heard the voice of the Son of God." (John 10:27) The apostle Peter writes to the elect strangers and says they have an inheritance that is incorruptible, that fadeth not away, and is reserved in heaven for them. Regarding these same people, Peter declares, "Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time." (I Peter 1:5) David says that the Lord neither slumbers nor sleeps so He is always on guard to keep His sheep. Just imagine what would happen if the Lord took a day off or even a second to sleep? It won't happen!

We cannot depend upon self to keep us from falling out of the everlasting love of the Lord. We do fall from the manifest love and favor of God in this world but not from His everlasting love and favor or else it would not be everlasting. We cannot be kept today and lost on the morrow because we have transgressed. There isn't any security in that. I remember Elder J. Q. Depoyster preaching many years ago that if he believed that he could be a child of God today but not tomorrow, depending on what he had done that day, he would be praying for the Lord to allow him to die on one of his good days. The Lord is our keeper and Jude says He is able: "Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy," (Jude: 24)

The fact that The Lord is our eternal keeper doesn't free us from any responsibility to keep ourselves as much as is humanly possible in the strait and narrow path that leads to life. How do we do this? Paul said, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." (Phil. 4:13) Paul realized that he was a sinner and he needed to keep sin in subjection lest he lose his fellowship with the Lord and with the brethren in Christ Jesus. "But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway." (I Cor. 9:27) Paul could possibly be a castaway (unapproved, rejected) from the manifest love and fellowship of the Lord and the church.

Jesus charges those that love Him to keep His commandments which is part and parcel to keeping our body in subjection. Sin in the body is like a fire; just when we think we have it extinguished, it flares up and begins to burn again. In order that we be kept in the fellowship of the Lord, we must walk in the light as Jesus is in the light. John says, "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." (I John 1:7) This is a daily walk with God in doing those things that are pleasing unto the Lord. This is by faith as we have the testimony of Enoch that before he was translated, he walked with God by faith. (Heb. 11:5) He could not have pleased God but by faith, and he would not have faith except the righteousness of Christ had been imputed to him in the new birth.

It is one thing to be kept by the power of God and be presented faultless in heaven and immortal glory. It is quite another to keep ourselves (by His enabling grace) from the evils of this world. This is our blessing and responsibility. Jude writes, "Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life." (Jude:21) Solomon said there wasn't a just man on earth that did good and sinned not. John affirms the same. (Eccl. 7:20; I John 1:8) One sin would be enough to keep us out of heaven, but Jesus paid for all our sins and keep us in His eternal love. In contrast, one unconfessed sin can destroy our fellowship with the Lord in this life.

HOLDING FAST

“Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.” (Titus 1:9)

How admirably and scripturally qualified to wield influence for good is the preacher who has ever, without wavering, held fast “the faithful word.” No greater eulogy could be given him than the simple words “He kept the faith.” Men who have set their faces against error like a flint and with humble boldness uncompromisingly contended for the truth have been the churches’ greatest blessings and God’s noblest servants.

Knowing the effects of an unstable ministry, the Apostle Paul, for the good of the church, gave special instructions concerning the kind of men he would have as teachers. “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.” (2 Timothy 2:2) Great stress is laid upon FAITHFULNESS of teachers that they may be able, by precept and example, to teach others. A man’s word can have but little weight if his actions do not conform to them. An old man used to say, “Do not as I do, but do like I tell you to do.” His words were of little use. The preacher who by example proves unfaithful, cannot, successfully teach others.

The old adage, “Actions speak louder than words”, will prove true and his words will fall as empty sounds. “Take heed therefore unto yourselves” that ye may “be able by sound doctrine” and worthy example “to convince the gainsayers.” It would be hard to find a church well established in the truth where there has been an unstable ministry. Observations teach that churches blessed with a ministry of one heart and mind speaking the truth in love, have been free from hurtful controversy and division. It is a noticeable fact that most all church troubles are traceable to an unsound ministry. Seldom has there been trouble leading to a division but had its origin in some departing from distinguishing principles characteristic of the Church of Christ.

Men well established in the doctrine of grace will not make a brother “an offender for a word.” But where there are real sentimental differences existing, and truth triumphs over error, it is not an infrequent occurrence for men whose designs have been thus frustrated to seek opportunity to oppose those who have “held fast the faithful word” and when some perplexing question arises, take advantage of the situation, confuse the minds of good brethren, apparently the result of a different opinion regarding “the perplexing question”, when, in fact, the trouble is the result of the actions of unfaithful men in departing from the truth. It is well to know the REAL origin of the trouble before passing judgment on it; in fact, no just decision can be rendered without it.

Men who are satisfied with the goodness of God’s house, who love the sacred principles and simple services therein, do not originate trouble. How necessary to heed the apostolic injunction, “Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine, continue in them.” “Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.” “Continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them.” “...but speak thou the things which become sound doctrine.” “In doctrine showing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity, sound speech that cannot be condemned.” Where these things are heeded by the watchman, the city rests in peace. But disregard for them will bring confusion and sorrow, and where “peace, like a river, attendeth thy way”, cruel war rages to the unspeakable grief of many, and, often, in the death of churches once alive to the sweet gospel service, walking humbly together to the honor and glory of God.

The companionship of men whose fidelity and love for truth have ever been unquestioned and whose lives are being spent in efforts to propagate and defend it, is most sweet.

Elder W. C. Arnold
 “Primitive Monitor”, 1919
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Jesus died more than 2,000 years ago. No body has ever referred to Him as the late Jesus, not even the heathens; nowhere in history. Nowhere has He EVER been referred to as in the past tense! He is the Living God. (“*ITMS*”, September 2012)

DO WITH CHARITY

By Elder Rickey Taylor
Booneville, Mississippi

Corinthians 16:14: "Let all your things be done with charity."

In our verse above the Apostle uses the word "charity". Charity comes from the Greek word "agape" which means love in action. Love is more clearly defined once it is put into action. Numerous times in the scriptures God speaks of his love for his children. He put his love into action when he sent his Son to redeem them. 1 John 4:10: "Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins." When Christ made himself lower than the angels, and took upon him flesh and blood, it was love in action. When he went to the cross and offered up his life for the children of God, it was love in action. He didn't just talk about his love for us, but he also put his love in action for us. He manifested his love for us through those actions.

With that in mind it shows us how to use charity in all that we do. Do it in love. Love that is put into actions through godly living. The word sacrifice also fits into the definition of love in action. In order for us to do that we will have to make sacrifices in our lives in order to show forth this sacrificial love. Jesus made sacrifices for us, then we too should be willing to make them for him. Please understand that whether we do this or not, we have a home in heaven waiting for us. But why not make our lives happy and enriched by following God here on earth.

Here are just a few examples of how we might show our love, to our Lord. First we should follow our Lord in baptism to show our love to him. Making a public confession of saying that Jesus is the Christ by going through water baptism. This confession comes more through action than words. Another we should consider is to be consistent in attending church to worship our Lord. It does the minister and congregation good to see your presence. There will be times of temptations from the flesh that says it is ok for you to miss a Sunday here and there, but don't listen to that. Make a sacrifice by going to church that day and giving praise to your Lord. That's love in action. We should also be willing to make the sacrifice of love by taming the tongue. Words are powerful in both a good way and bad. James speaks of that very thing. Jam 3:4 — Jam 3:5: "Behold also the ships, which though they be so great, and are driven of fierce winds,

yet are they turned about with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth. Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth!"

The flesh will often provoke us to back bite and gossip with our tongue against those that have done us wrong. It would be easy in our anger to say hurtful things because we feel they have done us wrong. Remember what our Lord did on the cross, he was like a lamb that opened not his mouth, but as a faithful servant he left his enemies in the hand of God, and said not a word against, even prayed for God to forgive them Acts 8:32, Luke 23:34. If we follow his example and sacrifice our hurtful words, and leave it in his hands, we are putting our love to him in action. Another example for us is to put aside time to pray to our God daily. It will take sacrifices in order to do it. Ask God to help you to do this. Prayer is a wonderful thing that God allows us to have here on earth. The time is well spent in prayer to him. In doing so you will have put love into action. Love in action is such a important thing for us to show to God. He is worthy of it, and the love that he has shown to us has accomplished the right for us to live with him in glory. Love in action!
R.L Taylor

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A good man leaveth an inheritance to his children's children: and the wealth of the sinner is laid up for the just.—Prov. xiii. 22.

Brother R. L. Barrett, of Fontana, Calif. has asked us for our views on this text. "A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches," said an inspired writer. The man who walks uprightly, in the service of the Master, who diligently fights the good fight of faith, who lets his light so shine that others may see his good works, who lives in such a way that those who are personally acquainted with can but say that there is a reality in the profession he has made, leaves an inheritance of much more value and greater worth than the wealth of this old world. He leaves a good name for his children and for their children. And such a one will be fed. But ill-gotten gain never profits much, or for long. Wealth that is obtained by other means than honest toil and labor will not stay. It slips away. Much more could be written, but we have to be brief. C.H.C.

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by Elder C. H. Cayce)

Church Billboard: God moves mountains, but sometimes a shovel full at a time. ("ITMS", Sept. 2012)

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