

Glad Tidings

September

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

2024

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

When we were little and growing up, many of us had piggy banks in which we put coins given to us or for which we worked much like our parents who would deposit money in a bank. We were supposedly saving for a later time. The more we put in the more we saved.

The same principle applies to what we save today in the spiritual realm. We can save our blessings by putting them into the Bank of Service to God. We can later draw upon our deposit as situations arise but not if we have not deposited anything. Our lives can be saved (not eternally) by losing them in our devotion to God and His people because He has been so good to us. (Matt. 16:25) We are to lay up for ourselves treasures in heaven where moth and rust do not corrupt nor thieves break through and steal. (Matt.6:20)

We go around our home and we see things that have been saved that we probably will never use and barely worth anything. They clutter up the house. This is not so when we save the right things in our spiritual house. They will not clutter our lives but will enhance them and make them more enjoyable. “Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation.” (Isa. 12:3) We would not want to save a sinful thought or the things of the world as we would forfeit our blessings in obedience. This kind of saving would indeed clutter our lives and choke the word of God and prevent it from bringing forth fruit to perfection as the seed sown among the thorns. (Matt. 13:22)

Effort was required in putting coins into that piggy bank. Much more effort and labor is required in depositing into the Bank of Service to God. Jesus said, “Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed.” (John 6:27) Just as the piggy bank, the more we labor and serve, the more we have available to draw upon. If we do not put anything in the bank, it would be foolish to think we could draw something out. It would not exist. We will not reap what wasn't sown.

The question is this: Are we, as children of God, saving the right things? Are we saving ourselves from an untoward generation by coming out from among them or have we bound ourselves to the same generation by the things we say or do? This is a sobering question. I trust we would be as Paul exhorts to not be conformed to worldly things but transformed.

Paul goes on to say that rather than conformity we need to be transformed by the renewing of our minds that we might prove what is that good, acceptable and perfect will of God. (Rom. 12:2) This can only happen when we are making daily deposits into the Bank of Service to God. Jesus said, “If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour.” (John 12:26) What greater blessing could we enjoy greater than being honored by God the Father?

There have been many who have lost their life savings investing in earthly ventures that have proven to be worthless. We do not need to worry about being spiritually bankrupt in an eternal sense. We are safe in the Bank of Divine Grace. However, we can become spiritually bankrupt in our lives if we are not investing in service to God. It pays dividends. An inheritance awaits us in glory that is incorruptible and undefiled and as joint heirs with Christ, it cannot be denied us on the resurrection day because it would also have to be denied to Jesus Christ. (I Pet. 1:4)

Though an inheritance awaits us as children of God, there is an earnest (advance payment) of the inheritance available. Paul tells us this in Eph. 1:13-14, “In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.”

Neglect in making regular deposits in the Bank of Service to God can lead to spiritual bankruptcy as stated earlier. Solomon says to look at the field of the slothful covered up with briars and thorns through neglect. Then he says, “Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep: So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth; and thy want as an armed man.” (Prov. 24:33-34)

Depositing into the Bank of Service to God is also like sowing seed. When we sow the right seed, we can reap a bumper crop of blessings. Paul also wrote, “For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.” (Gal. 6:8) Remember, we can't sow what we fail to possess. We are to work out our own salvation with fear and trembling. (Phil. 2:12) Do right, save right and enjoy God's smiling face rather than disobey and God hide His face. (Elder Larry Wise)

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WISDOM, FOOLISHNESS, SAVED

By Elder Rickey Taylor
Booneville, Mississippi

1 Corinthians 1:21: "For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe."

I would like you to consider the three words out of our verse; those words are wisdom, foolishness, and saved.

We begin with the word wisdom. There are two kinds of wisdom that is mentioned in the part of our scripture, the wisdom of God, and the wisdom of the world. They are not the same thing, and we would do well to remember that God has perfect wisdom, the best wisdom and we should seek out his wisdom for our well being. The wisdom of the world is quite different from God's wisdom. It is the wisdom that evil men use to accomplish their goals in the natural world. An example of this kind of wisdom was what Pharaoh used in not letting the children of Israel go when God demanded he do so. His kind of wisdom was what brought the plaques on Egypt, ending with him and his soldiers drowned in the Red Sea. God's wisdom defeating the wisdom of the world. They had nothing

in their hearts to believe the gospel. Upon hearing this the natural man thinks that it is foolishness to believe such a thing.

Thus, our second word foolishness. Foolishness means silly or absurd. That is what the gospel seems like to them. Believing always follows after being born of the Spirit. It was the wisdom of God to take what natural man saw as absurd or silly and use it to save those that believe the gospel of Jesus Christ. It is only man (*natural man—Ed*) that sees the gospel as foolishness.

Which brings us to our third word save. Save comes from the Greek word "sozo" meaning deliver, protect from danger or destruction. Paul says that those that believe are saved. Many confuse this to mean that we have to believe the gospel in order to be saved eternally. That's not what the apostle means. Matthew 1:21 tells us that Jesus saved his people eternally when he died for them on the cross, by offering up his perfect life for us. It is done, that work was finished at the cross. So what is it that believers are saved from? From danger and destruction here in this time world. There is danger in a child of God that walks off the straight and narrow path. They can face all kinds of terrible things. To stay on the good path saves them from those terrible things. It is timely. An example of this is forewarned by Peter when he says to those that were pricked in the heart "to save themselves from this untoward generation" Acts 2:40. This is the same generation that Peter is talking about. Jesus says that the generation that he walked among was a wicked generation of Jews that had perverted the law of Moses. The word "untoward" means crooked or perverse. This is the same generation that Peter is talking to.

Judgement was coming on this generation in 70 A.D. with the fall of Jerusalem. The law was over when John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness. The temple would be gone, no place to give sacrifice, because there would be no altar. They will suffer ruin and destruction on that day Mat 23:35 — Mat 23:36 "That upon you may come all the righteous blood shed upon the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel unto the blood of Zacharias son of Barachias, whom ye slew between the temple and the altar. Verily I say unto you, All these things shall come upon this generation." What these people needed to be saved from, was not eternal hell. So yes, there is a saving in believing the gospel, but please understand that it is a timely saving. Timely is the time between our birth and our death, here on earth. While here on earth we need to be saved from making a bad choice of sin and its consequences. Believing the gospel can save us from the consequences. For Paul and the other apostles to preach any other doctrine would be denying the finished work of Jesus Christ.

May God bless and keep you.

R. L. Taylor

UNWORTHY

By Elder Larry Wise
Randolph, Mississippi

“I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies, and of all the truth, which thou hast shewed unto thy servant; for with my staff I passed over this Jordan; and now I am become two bands.”

Jacob beseeches the Lord for deliverance from his brother, Esau, and acknowledged he is unworthy of even the least of all the mercies of the Lord. The mercies of the Lord prevent us from being consumed as His compassions fail not. They are new every morning because great is the faithfulness of our God. (Lam. 3:22-23) The mercies of the Lord abound because He is rich in mercy for His great love wherewith He loved us even when we were dead in trespasses and sins. (Eph. 2:4-5) The mercies of the Lord are such that God’s children are told to come boldly before the throne of grace to obtain mercy in time of need. (Heb. 4:16) How great these mercies are, but Jacob acknowledges that he is unworthy of even the least of these.

Gideon must have had the same feeling as did Jacob when he was summoned by God to deliver Israel from the hand of the Midianites. “And he said unto him, Oh my Lord, wherewith shall I save Israel? behold, my family is poor in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father’s house.” (Judg. 6:15) The Lord had a ready answer for Gideon as He promised him that He would be with him, and that Gideon would smite the Midianites as one man. The Lord told Jacob that He could surely do him good just as he did Gideon. He just said it in different words. Surely when we pause to consider that promise of goodness from the hand of the Lord, it should make us a little more appreciative of the goodness of the Lord.

The Lord has always commanded this attitude on the part of the child of God. The publican could only beat upon his breast and ask the Lord to be merciful to him a sinner, yet he went down to his house justified rather than the self-righteous Pharisee. (Luke 18: 13) We are told to humble ourselves under the mighty hand of the Lord, and that He will exalt us in due time; that He resisteth the proud and giveth grace unto the humble. (1 Pet. 5:5-6) We are told that if any man would be so foolish to think he was standing solely by himself in this life, he was standing on shaky ground and ready for a fall. (1 Cor. 10:12) It is an unworthy attitude that God commands when we realize that all our help must come from Him and how good He is.

If the Lord gave us what we deserve, we would never receive a single blessing. Many, many times we do that which we wish we had not done, being untrue and unfaithful to Jesus, yet He continues to love us as a merciful God. Even when we take our eyes off the Lord Jesus and absorb ourselves with the world, causing us to sink down into the quicksand of the world, Jesus is still there to reach out a tender hand and a caring rebuke. “And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?” (Matt. 14:31)

I have especially felt that the mercies of the Lord have been extended to me over the last few weeks as He has delivered me from many situations over which I had no control. This had to be the providential watchcare of the Lord as the angels of the Lord encampeth around about them that fear Him and delivereth them. (Psalm 34:7) I indeed feel to be truly unworthy of any of these blessings, considering my weak service to God. The Lord is blessing this poor sinner to do things now that I would never have considered possible several years ago; one of which is preaching the gospel of the Son of God. The Bible teaches us; however, that all things are possible with God.

Yes, surely we should come with Him, and He will do us good, even though unworthy of the least of His mercies.—
Elder Larry Wise

(From “*Glad Tidings*”, July 1982)

And while the Baptists are not Protestant in the current meaning of the term, yet they are Protestant in the sense that they protest against every innovation that may be introduced in the church, either in doctrine or practice, contrary to the inspired Word of God; and they tenaciously hold that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are our only rule of faith and practice, and contend that whatever is not written therein is strictly forbidden. And if this rule were strictly carried out in all of our churches, it would result in the destruction of many little idols, or household gods, that some Baptists have set up in their Temples. The blessed Lord said, “When you come in to tread my courts, who hath required this at your hands?” Who shall be able to answer this enquiry? What will become of all the many Societies and Schools and nurseries in the church “when that wicked shall be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the spirit of His mouth, and destroy with the brightness of His coming?” Alas! Many things now highly esteemed among men will be made manifest as an abomination in the sight of God. The Baptists will doubtless lose less than many others, and in reality will lose nothing of intrinsic value by this fire which will only destroy the “wood, hay and stubble,” the chaff, but not the wheat. May God help us all to think along these lines, strive to know the truth and walk therein, is the prayer of a poor old servant.

(Elder T.S. Dalton, “*Prottestantism a Moral Failure*,” *Advocate and Messenger*, March 1929”) via (“*The Primitive Baptist/The Christian Pathway*, Feb. 2012)

THE MANNER OF LOVE

Elder S.N. Redford (Deceased)
From “**Church History**”

When I awoke this morning, these words came to me: “Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us that we should be called the sons of God.” This is the first text I ever tried to preach from. It was sweet to me then and is to this day a favorite text. How little I told of this blessed love of God the first attempt I made to talk in public, and how little I can tell about it yet! It is a boundless ocean without a shore. You can no more get to the beginning of God’s love than you can get to the beginning of God. It reaches from eternity to eternity: Neither can we poor finite creatures fathom its depths. The deep and unbounded love of God cannot be searched out; neither can its heights be scaled. As the heavens are high above the earth, so is God’s love high above our love.

“Behold”—a note of attention, something special to follow—“Behold what manner of love.” The manner of this love is such that God gave His only Son to be nailed to the rugged cross to expire between two thieves. He suffered His tormentors to inflict all the cruel persecutions upon Him they could devise. Even when thirsting for water, there was no loving hand to give Him a drink; but the enemy gave Him vinegar which only increased His thirst. In fact, God’s love is such that though we are great sinners He lays the rod of chastisement upon us with tender love.

Dear children of God, all the sweet promises of God have been given us because God loved us; and this great love of God should inspire us to live in love and to render loving service to Him while we live. We will never be able to manifest our love to Him as we should while we live here below.

“And it doth not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that we shall be like Him.” A glorious hope, glorious love, that would embrace such a sinful one as I am, and lift me up, conform me to the image of Jesus! I shall be satisfied when that glorious time comes, and not until then. Let me preach of this love, let me sing and talk of it what few days I have upon the earth. Praise the God of love!

(From “*ITMS*”, November 2012)

BE CLEAR

One of my favorite quotes from Will Rogers goes like this: Will Rogers said, “I had rather hear someone say ‘I seen’ something that actually ‘saw’ something than hear one say ‘I saw’ something that hasn’t ‘seen’ anything.” From Elder Sonny Pyles sermon on speaking in an unknown tongue and using words in sermons that cannot be easily understood.

“So they read in the book in the law of God distinctly, and gave the sense, and caused them to understand the reading.” (Neh. 8:8)

WHAT ABOUT TIME

By Elder Larry wise

We are all on the clock of time, and we do not know when the midnight hour will strike, and we enter a new day in heaven and immortal glory by the grace of God. Time is made up of years, weeks, days, hours, and seconds; but no matter the measure, it swiftly passes by, and we wonder what happened to the time. James says, “Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.” (James 4:14). Three fourths of the year will have expired at the end of this month of September, and we may wonder what happened to the time?

It has always been the same time, but our perspective of time may have changed. Guess what? It changed over time. How ironic that is! We would be wise to serve God each day with the utmost zeal because there may not be any tomorrow in this life. Solomon said, “Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest.” (Eccl. 9:10). God started time as far as man is concerned in Gen. 1:1 when the scripture declares, “In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.” The same God shall also declare that time is no longer as far as the earth is concerned. (Rev. 10:6). I hope we haven’t drifted off to sleep as concerning serving the Lord. If we have, may we heed the apostle Paul as he writes to the Roman church, “And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.” (Rom. 13:11). It doesn’t even take a lot of sleep to produce disastrous results as Solomon writes, “Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep: So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth; and thy want as an armed man” (Prov. 24:33-34) This has both a natural and spiritual application and no one really desires to wind up in poverty either way.

The clock is ticking so let us take advantage of the precious time we have to love the Lord with all our heart, soul, strength, and mind. Jesus isn’t here to love in person, but His people are so let us love them and minister to them, and it will manifest how much we love the Lord. It will be time well spent. Once the day is gone it cannot be relived. We can’t put it in a bank and save it because once it is gone, it can’t be recaptured.

Whereas we are creatures of time, The Lord that made us is not affected by time. A thousand years with Him are as one day, and one day as a thousand years. (II Pet. 3:8) Jesus was born on time, died on time, and will come back for His bride on time. We do not know when that time will come; no man on earth does. Each day of time should be spent “looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour, Jesus Christ.” (Titus 2:13) Time is past, present, or future with us. We look for a glorious future.

GOD'S ACCURACY

God's accuracy may be observed in the hatching of eggs. For example:

- The eggs of the potato bug hatch in 7 days.
- Those of the canary in 14 days.
- Of the barnyard hen in 21 days.
- The eggs of ducks and geese hatch in 28 days.
- Those of the mallard in 37 days.
- The eggs of the parrot and the ostrich hatch in 42 days.

Notice, they are all divisible by 7. (mallard excepted—Ed)

The lives of each of you may be ordered by the Lord in a beautiful way for His glory, if you will only entrust Him with your life. If you try to regulate your own life, it will only be a mess and a failure. Only the One Who made the brain and the heart can successfully guide them to a profitable end.

God's wisdom is seen in the making of an elephant. The four legs of this great beast all bend forward in the same direction. No other quadruped is so made. God planned that this animal would have a huge body, too large to live on two legs. For this reason He gave it four fulcrums so that it can rise from the ground easily. The horse rises from the ground on its two front legs first. A cow rises from the ground with its two hind legs first. How wise the Lord is in all His works of creation!

God's wisdom is revealed in His arrangement of sections and segments, as well as in the number of grains. Each watermelon has an even number of strips on the rind. Each orange has an even number of segments. Each ear of corn has an even number of rows. Each stalk of wheat has an even number of grains. Every bunch of bananas has on its lowest row an even number of bananas, and each row decreases by one, so that one row has an even number and the next row an odd number. The waves of the sea roll in on shore twenty-six to the minute in all kinds of weather. All grains are found in even numbers on the stalks, and the Lord specified thirtyfold, sixtyfold, and a hundredfold—all even numbers.

God has caused the flowers to blossom at certain specified times during the day, so that Linneus, the great botanist, once said that if he had a conservatory containing the right kind of soil, moisture and temperature, he could tell the time of day or night by the flowers that were open and those that were closed!

Thus the Lord in His wonderful grace can arrange the life that is entrusted in His care in such a way that it will carry out His purposes and plans, and will be fragrant with His presence.

Only God-planned life is successful. ---Copied.

(From "ITMS", November 2012)

Revenge, lust, ambition, pride, and self-will are too often exalted as the gods of man's idolatry; while holiness, peace, contentment, and humility are viewed as unworthy of a serious thought.—Charles Spurgeon

THE LAW OF SIN AND DEATH

"Voices from the Past"

"The wages of sin is death..." (Rom. 6:23). This law has been in effect from the beginning. No one may escape; the result of sin is always death. To be free from this law involves three things which we will now consider:

1. Death in Sin. God told Adam and Eve they could eat fruit from any tree in the garden except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. He also told them if they ate of the forbidden fruit, they would surely die. They both sinned and were driven from the garden. The consequence of this first act of sin meant death not only for Adam but for all who came after him. "By one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin, and so death passed upon all men for that all have sinned." (Rom. 5:12). Death means separation, and all children of men are as Adam was when driven from the garden and separated from God. They are born dead in sin (Eph. 2:1).

2. Death for Sin. "By one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one (Christ) shall many be made righteous" (Rom. 5:19). Christ became obedient unto death that He may take the place of all those the Father had given Him and fulfill for them this law of sin and death. All of Romans 6:23 reads: "The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through (in) Jesus Christ our Lord". There was no sin in the Lord Jesus Christ, but there was sin on Him...yours and mine, borrowed sins. God demanded punishment for sin, so, even when we were yet sinners Christ died for us...He died for sin.

3. Death to Sin. Because of Christ's death for sin, the child of God is freed from the penalty of sin, but continues to have sin reign in the flesh. It is written, "For in that He died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Rom. 6:10, 11).

God's child begins dead in sin, but because of Christ's death for sin, He has now become dead to sin. "What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid." (Rom. 6:1-2).

--Elder W. Fred Bethea

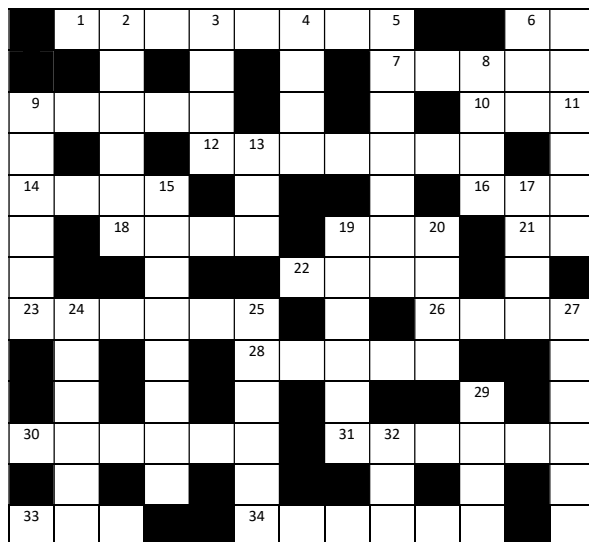
(From "The Gospel Appeal", December 1998)

When Corrie Ten Boom of The Hiding Place fame was a little girl in Holland, her first realization of death came after a visit to the home of a neighbor who had died. It impressed her that some day her parents would also die. Corrie's father comforted her with words of wisdom. "Corrie, when you and I go to Amsterdam, when do I give you your ticket?" "Why, just before we get on the train," she replied. "Exactly," her father said, "and our wise Father in heaven knows when we're going to need things too. Don't run out ahead of Him, Corrie. When the time comes that some of us will have to die, you will look into your heart and find the strength you need--just in time." Today in the Word, MRI, Oct. 1991

BIBLE CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS:

1. If thou doest well shalt thou not be _____. God to Cain.
6. God said let the dry land appear and it was _____.
7. David cut off the skirt of Saul's _____privily. Bath _____.
9. If Paul had not charity he would be as sounding _____.
10. Of every tree in the garden thou mayest freely _____.
12. There appeared unto them cloven _____ like as fire.
14. All our righteousness are as filthy _____before God.
16. Five of the _____ virgins were wise and five foolish.
18. He stabbed the fat king of Eglon with a dagger.
19. Wisdom hath builded her house, _____ hath hewn out her seven pillars.
21. That you may eat & drink _____my table in my kingdom.
22. Abraham looked for a _____ which hath foundations whose builder and maker was God.
23. But _____ profane and old wives' fables. Reject.
26. Woe unto them that are at _____ in Zion. Relaxed.
28. Jesus was led away to _____ first, then to Caiaphas.



(Answers on Page 9)

30. Jesus was made a _____ of a better testament.
31. As many as I love I _____ and chasten.
33. _____ God be true, but every man a liar.
34. When they shall say peace and safety, then _____ destruction cometh upon them. Immediate.

DOWN:

2. Lord, lay not this sin to their _____ said Stephen.
3. Cain dwelt in land of Nod that was _____ of Eden.
4. _____ ye to the strong hold ye prisoners of hope.
5. A tree planted by the waters shall not be careful in the year of _____ and not cease from yielding fruit.
6. Jesus walked on water in the _____ of Galilee.
8. Every man at his _____ state is altogether vanity.
9. A woman with an issue of blood touched the _____ of Jesus' garment and her issue was stanchd.
11. Paul made this to minister to his necessities.
13. There is a New Testament and an _____ Testament.
15. Unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given and the government shall be upon his _____.

BIBLE CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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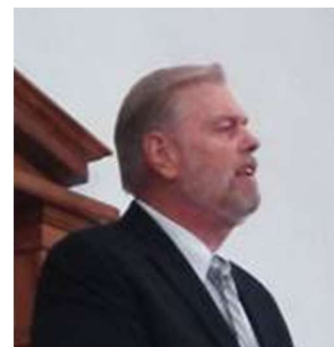
17. Aaron made a molten calf from rings that were in the _____ of the Israelite women.
19. God be merciful to me a _____ Transgressor.
20. The _____ of your understanding being enlightened.
24. Weeping may _____ for a night but joy cometh after.
25. For my yoke is _____ and my burden _____ light. 2 words.
27. Let the _____ that rule well be counted worthy of double honour.
29. God will _____ up the chaff with unquenchable fire.
32. Then cometh the _____ when He shall deliver up the Kingdom to God. Final.

OUT OF THE MOUTH OF BABES

My son's version on how baby's are made (age 6): "God makes a skeleton, then he puts the skeleton in the mom's tummy. The baby grows and some pieces get on, when he grows again he will get all his pieces on. He dreams and he dreams, then when he gets ready to come out you go to the doctor quick. The mom pushes the baby out. Sometimes the mom has to scream. Then he will come out."—Copied

Our local Walmart had been remodeling and they changed the place of pickup order temporarily to the back side of the store, My wife had our two grandsons with her as she drive around back fairly early in the morning. They finally came to the place and the oldest said, "This looks like a place where someone could do a drug deal." Wonder where he got that?—*Editor*

IN MEMORIAM



Elder David Guttery, Centre, AL passed into glory on July 19, 2024 at he age of 63. He was serving as pastor of Macedonia PBC in White, GA. He came to the Primitive Baptists from the Church of God. Pray for his surviving wife, family and the church he pastored.

"Farewell vain world, I'm going home, My Savior bids me come, Sweet angels beckon from on high, Then O, how sweet to die." Elder S. A. Paine's last words, "Oh, how sweet to die." (Old School Hymnal—12th Edition)

CHURCH NEWS

Everyone is invited to the annual meeting at Bethany Primitive Baptist Church, 5 miles W. of Ecru, MS on Hwy 346, the 2nd weekend in September 2024 (Sept. 6-8). Services Friday night, Sept. 6, at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 7, at 10:30 a.m. followed by fish lunch and much more. Sunday, Sept. 8, at 10:30 a.m. followed by lunch. Elder Tim McCool, Pastor of Bethlehem PBC in Echola, AI, is invited minister. Elder Larry Wise is Pastor of Bethany.

The Tombigbee Fellowship Meeting (formerly Tombigbee Association) will be held with Sulphur Springs Primitive Baptist Church, Wolfe Rd in Caledonia, MS the 3rd weekend in September (2024) (Sept. 13-14). Services Friday night, Sept. 13, at 7:00 p.m. and supper at 6 pm. Saturday, Sept. 14, at 10:00 a.m. with lunch and ordination of Bro. Ron Nivens and Bro. Jim Waddle to the office of deacon in the afternoon. All ordained help especially invited to come and assist in the presbytery. Elder Joe Nettles is Pastor of Sulphur Springs.

Friendship Primitive Baptist Church in Winona, MS will have its annual meeting the 4th weekend in September 2024 (Sept. 21-22) Services Saturday, Sept. 21 at 10:00 am followed by lunch and afternoon services. Sunday at 10:30 am with lunch. This is an open meeting. Elder B. T. Strum is Pastor of Friendship Church.

REVERENCE FOR GOD'S HOUSE

Mrs. R. S. Caskey

Let's enter God's house with great reverence,
Remember that we are His guests,
Let's enter with joy and thanksgiving;
On our spirits His blessings shall rest.

If we walk with friends or with strangers,
Let's speak in a soft, gentle tone,
Our father's built this house for worship,
Our reverence for God should be shown.

Though the house in itself is not sacred,
Our coming together should be,
If parents are inspired by God's presence,
A change in our children we'll see.

(Seventh Year Harvest

An Anthology of Poems from "Writers Notes & Quotes)

There was an occasion when Jesus went into the temple and cast out all those that bought and sold there. He overthrew the tables of the moneychangers and the seats of them that sold doves. He said, "...It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves." (Matt. 21:13) Holy and reverend is His name. (Psalm 111:9)

CHURCH NEWS

Sulphur Springs Primitive Baptist Church, Caledonia, MS was blessed to receive four new members by a profession of faith and baptism on June 30, 2024. Bro. Kevin Ward, Sis. Angie Ward, Bro. Spencer Ward, and Sis. Brooklyn Ward. They are pictured below left to right with their Pastor, Elder Joe Nettles. May God continue to bless Zion, the perfection of beauty.



Everyone is invited to the annual meeting at James Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Stateline Rd, Tremont, MS the 3rd weekend in October 2024 (Oct. 18-20). Services Fri. night, Oct. 18, at 7:00 pm with Elders Steve Weaver and Jerry Wise preaching. Saturday, Oct. 19 at 10:00 am with Elders Larry Wise and Charles Kitchens preaching. Lunch served at noon followed by afternoon services with Morgan Sims and Elder Joe Nettles preaching. Sunday, Oct. 20, at 10:30 am followed by lunch.

Elder Steve Weaver will be with Bethany Primitive Baptist Church, Ecru, MS the 5th Sunday in Sept. 2024 (Sept. 29) with services at 10:30 a.m. Elder Larry Wise is Pastor of Bethany.

Elder Larry Wise will be with Laodicea Primitive Baptist Church, Lafayette Springs, MS the 5th Sunday in Sept. 2024 (Sept. 29) with services at 10:30 am. Elder Steve Weaver is Pastor of Laodicea.

The 5th Sunday night in Sept. Fellowship Meeting will be hosted by Bethany Primitive Baptist Church, Ecru, MS on Sept. 29, 2024 with supper at 5:30 pm and worship to follow at 6:30 pm. Elder Larry Wise is Pastor of Bethany. This meeting rotates between New Prospect, Laodicea, Bethany and Hopewell PBC but everyone is invited.

When Job said, "I would not live alway," he was speaking of his temporal life on earth. He had a sweet hope of living with God in glory after this life, but he did not want to live forever in this present evil world with all its attendant heartaches and afflictions.—*Editor (Elder Ralph Harris)—"Advocate and Messenger", August 2009*

CHILDREN IN THE CHURCH

By Elder Don R. Richards

How do you deal with your children and the church? Of course, too many times we think it is easier on us parents not to deal with our children when it comes to church. We could let them stay home on Sundays—we could let them sleep in, watch television, etc., etc.

How important are children in the church? How do you treat the children when they are in church? Are children an integral part of your church service; or are they something we just have to “put up with” until they are adults?

I recently heard it stated that “our children are the future of the church”.

I disagree. Our children ARE the church today—just as we are! (See Matt. 19:13-15)

A large number of Christian denominations segregate the children from the main worship service. It is assumed that the children cannot learn or understand the minister’s primary message on Sunday mornings, and therefore the church provides various “Sunday school” classes geared to the different age levels of the children. It is also believed by many churches that children are too disruptive or too disinterested in the primary worship service, and thus they create separate “youth ministries” or nurseries.

Old Baptists do not believe that such auxiliary functions or activities as segregated teachings, classes, or sermons are scriptural. But what is scriptural?

Jesus teaches us numerous lessons in the Bible regarding the importance of children. But no greater lesson is taught by Him than the one He taught to Peter and the rest of the apostles in the 21st chapter of John.

Talking to Peter in front of the other Apostles, Jesus said to: “feed my sheep”, and “feed my lambs”. John 21:15-17.

Jesus instructed the same man to teach both His sheep AND His lambs. He did not tell one apostle to feed the adults, and another to feed the children. He gave instructions to the same man to feed both the sheep and the lambs.

Some of the best lessons for the adults—are those that are directed to the children sitting at their parents’ sides. And the children need to hear and understand the minister’s directives of a parent’s duties.

The children are just as important to a church service as the adults. We need to insure our children know they have just as special a place in the Lord’s heart, as the adults do. Children are a gift to the church.

The following are basic guidelines (not included here-Editor) to taking your child to church to help them benefit from the Kingdom God as the Lord intended.

(From “*The Banner of Love*”, July 2024)

SAVE TO THE UTMOST

By Elder J. Harvey Daily (Deceased)

“Wherefore He is able to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them.”—Heb. 7:25.

Paul was describing Jesus Christ as a Priest who was able to save all who came to God by Him. All who were given Him shall come because He is able to bring them, and He will lose none of them, because He is able to save them! He shall “save His people from their sins.”—Matt. 1:21; from the curse, Gal. 3:13; from the wrath to come.—1 Thess. 1:10.

They who come to God by regeneration and are born again have their temptations and trials—that which remains in the flesh that sins, troubles the soul and wars against the desires of the mind. He may often feel to give up all for lost, but his High Priest still lives and will save him from the reigning powers of sin!

Duties may seem too hard and he may groan under his weakness, but grace is sufficient and enables him to fight on. He may often be at a loss to know what he should do, where he should go, but this High Priest still lives to guide him with His eye.

The last enemy he is to meet is death, and he approaches it in prayer. But, the Lord lives and will go with him and be there ready to receive his spirit into His royal presence in glory! His perseverance through grace does not depend on his ability, but on the faithfulness and ability of his High Priest, Jesus Christ the Lord!

This is son different from the modern idea that Jesus is waiting and anxious to save all who will come to Him and hold out faithful. Men have ever sought some other way to God, but the truth still stands out that Jesus is the way, the truth and the life, and He will do all His pleasure! How wonderful to believe in Jesus the Christ who is our High Priest, seeing He ever lives to make intercessions for us, and His Father always hears Him in our behalf!

J. Harvey Daily

(From “*The Primitive Baptist*”, February 6, 1958)

Some many years ago, a preacher preached a sermon titled “From the guttermost to the uttermost”. He had the wrong slant on it but that is exactly what Jesus Christ has done. He has saved us from the gutter of sin to a final rest in heaven.—*Editor*

FAITHFULNESS

Shall we follow the apostolic example given in the epistles to the churches? Is it our duty to follow strictly the teachings of our Saviour? Shall we expose error? This was the manner of Christ's teaching and that of His faithful and devoted apostles. Who will find fault with our faithful brethren who point out the errors of unwise men, wherever found? Jesus said, *"Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees."* He did not think this was too plain and broad to say. He said it for good, not evil. He saw the danger lurking there and the evil results it would yield. Love for His devoted disciples, love for His Father, whom He honored, love for truth and right, would let Him say no more.

The apostles pointed out and rebuked error wherever it was found. In faithfulness, they lifted up their voices, warning their brethren of the wrong that they might avoid it, and that others they might *"save with fear, pulling them out of the fire, hating even the garment spotted by the flesh."* (Jude 23) They were faithful men of God, and we look upon their courage with admiration and say they were right. *"But there were false prophets among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you."* (Peter) *"Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God, because many false prophets are gone out into the world."* (John)

"For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them" are things that turn the children of God aside from the right. *"For there are certain men crept in unaware who were before of old ordained to this condemnation..."* (Jude) For this reason Jude exhorted the brethren that they *"should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints."* Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample. (Paul)

"This know also that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud..." (Paul) I want call the reader's attention to these words in this graphic description of the last days. Love of self leads to pride, pride to boasting and covetousness. A proud man doesn't look well in the pulpit, and he will not take kindly to the advice of good brethren. *"A man's pride shall bring him low, but honor shall uphold the humble in spirit."* (Proverbs 24:23). It often requires courage to be faithful. A faithful man will show his humility, meekness, and gentleness, that he is not wanting to play the master, dominate in matters, or set himself up a self-appointed dictator, seeking his own glory. No one is to be censured who is doing his duty.

He does right who has the courage to do it, and deserved to be esteemed and loved all the more. *"Faithful are the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful."* (Proverbs 27:6) It is a delicate

matter and often a heavy burden for an humble man of God to point out the errors of his brethren where they really exist. We can be faithful and at the same time not be unkind or harsh and dictatorial. But how can one be faithful and true and not point out error, I cannot see. When Paul referred to what had been his course he said, *"Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men."* (Acts 20:26) He evidently says this in view of what we find recorded in Ezekiel 3:18, 21. He had been faithful but doubtless his motives were impugned by some, for we hear him saying to the Galatian brethren, *"Am I now therefore become your enemy because I tell you the truth?"*

The apostle reminds them that at one time they received him as an angel of God, even as Jesus Christ. But they had greatly changed since they had fallen under a different influence and other teachers. We have seen something of this too. The apostle proceeds to remind that at that time, if it had been possible, they would have plucked out their own eyes and have given them to him. He was as truly their friend and devoted brother when he told them of their wrong as he was when they were bestowing so much love and devotion upon him. His sincerity and faithfulness in pointing out their error showed this to be true. We should be as ready to have our faults pointed out in a kind brotherly way, for our good, as to hear words of commendation in our behalf. Error, wherever found will fall before the weight of truth. *"The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord."* Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down. It is better to be reproached for Christ's sake, if it must be so, then to be found unfaithful to Him.--Elder R. W. Thompson--*"Primitive Monitor"* 1907--(From *"The Christian Baptist"*, April 1979)

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TO OBEY

We know that there never was one before, and neither will there be any after, who obey God as did Jesus. He set the pattern for us, and may we strive to live up to it. On one occasion he declared, "I do always those things that please him (the Father)" (John 8:29). "And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all of them that obey him" (Heb. 5:19). When we think of the many things our Lord suffered, our own sufferings amount to very little. We do know to obey the Lord is something that we are to do, and if we obey Him then we will not be popular with the world (James 4:4). We might ask ourselves, would we rather be in favor with the world and reap of the flesh, or seek to do what Jesus taught us and know the joys of His service? There may be some who say they believe in salvation by grace and yet live after the pleasures of the world and perish daily with the pleasure seekers of the world. James put it far better than I can: "...shew me thy faith without they works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works..." (James 2:18).

Jesus said, "And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say" (Lk 6:46). In this lesson we find those who did as they were told were like the man who built his house on the foundation of the commands of the Lord; his house stood. The one who built not on doing the teachings of the Lord, his house fell and great was the fall thereof. By not obeying the Lord we are only deceiving ourselves (Gal. 6: 7,8). To the sorrow of so many, we cannot disobey the Lord and still reap the benefit of the favors of our Lord.

I am sure King Saul found out about this when he was told to destroy the Amalekites (I Sam. 15:2); he disobeyed and saved the best of the sheep and cattle and even King Agag. He tried to blame the people for this, but he was in command, so he was made to suffer for his failure (I Sam. 15:18-26). "Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams" (verse 22). "Rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry" (verse 23). Because of this, Saul lost the kingdom (verse 28).

This lesson is repeated many times throughout the Bible. "Why will ye die, O house of Israel?" (Ezek. 18:31). The Lord no longer has pleasure in sacrifices and burnt offerings (Heb. 10:6, 8). There are many today who seem to think that they are doing things that the Lord will be glad of, and yet ignoring the right way the Lord has taught; they will be disappointed in the time of God's judgment (Mt. 7:21-23). The lesson is that if we regard not the important things the Lord taught, we will be found in error; we cannot disregard the sound doctrine Jesus and the Apostles taught and still be in good favor with the Lord.

There is one thing for sure: "Where sin abounded, grace did much more abound" (Rom. 5:20). Then the Apostle asks the question: "What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God

forbid." (Rom. 6:1, 2). He then goes on to say, "Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof" (Rom. 6:12). The Apostle Paul has made it so very clear: "And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts" (Gal. 5:24). We do know for sure, if we live as the children of God ought, we will love the Lord and His people and try to keep His commands (Jn. 14:23). His words will be precious to us and we will try to avoid the evil things of this perishing world.

--Elder Russel Key

(From "Gospel Appeal", December 1998)

**STATISTICAL TABLE FROM
NEW HOPE ASSOCIATION HELD WITH
HOPEWELL PBC Sept.11,12,13, 1964**

(5 home ministers—15 visiting ministers)

CHURCH MEMBERS DONATION PASTOR

Sardis	87	\$50.	C.P. Rinehart
Antioch	6	\$20.	E.B. Gober
Friendship	19	\$21.	E.B. Gober
New Providence	80	\$40.	C.P. Rinehart
Mackey's Creek	13	\$25.	J.M. Bullard
New Hope	87	\$61.	J.M. Bullard
Bethany	79	\$50.	J.D. Holder
Hopewell	44	\$50.	J.E. Weaver

Total Donation \$317 from churches + \$123 from Congregation. Paid ministers \$365 & \$75 for printing of minutes. Balance was 0.

When you were born, your mother brought you to church...When you were married, your wife brought you to church...When you die, your friends will bring you to church...Why not try coming to church on your own sometime?--Source Unknown

True repentance consists of something much deeper and more noble than a person's merely acknowledging that they are suffering the consequences of wrongdoing. Even a graceless soul may do that: but it involves true godly sorrow for the sin committed and a determination, with God's help, not to repeat the transgression.—*Editor (Elder Ralph Harris)—"Advocate and Messenger", August 2009*

The gracious desire to be obedient to the faith is a prerequisite to every viable candidate for acceptance in the Lord's church.—*Elder Marty Hoogasian. ("Advocate and Messenger", August 2009)*

"For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death. (II Cor. 7:10)

There are many people who are sorry for wicked things done such as are in prison. The truth is they are just sorry because they got caught.—*Editor*

THE BRIGHT SIDE OF HUMANITY

By Elder J. Harvey Daily (Deceased)

There are good men everywhere. There are men who are good for goodness' sake. In obscurity, in retirement, beneath the shadow of ten thousand dwellings, scarcely known to the world, and never asked to be known, there are good men. In adversity, in poverty, and in temptations, amid all the severity of earthly trials, there are good men whose lives shed brightness on the dark clouds that surround them. Be it true, if we must admit the sad truth, that many are wrong and persist in being wrong, that many are false to every holy trust and faithless toward every holy affection, that many are coldly selfish, yes, cold and dead in everything that is not wrapped up in their own little earthly interest or more darkly wrapped up in the veil of fleshly appetites.

Be it so; this is not all that we are obliged to believe. No, there are true hearts amid the throng of the false and faithless. There are warm and generous hearts which the cold atmosphere of surrounding selfishness never chills, and eyes unused to weeping for personal sorrow, which often overflow with sympathy for the sorrows of others. Yes, there are good men and true men. God from on high doth bless them and giveth His angels charge over them and where in the Holy record are these words more precious or strong than those in which it is written that God loveth the righteous ones.

Such men are there. Let not their precious virtues be distrusted. As surely and as evidently as some men have obeyed the call of ambition and pleasure, so surely have other men chosen "rather to suffer with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasure of sin for a season". Why very meek men suffer in conflict keener far than the contest for honor and applause. And there are such men who, amid injury and insult, and misconstruction, and the pointed finger and the scornful tip of pride, stand firm in their integrity and said, "Ask and ye shall receive." When worldly possessions are at their best they will not compare to these and when they fall, these grow brighter and increase in value to us.

Jesus said, "If ye love me keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father and he shall give you another comforter that he may abide with you forever." Should we gain the whole world and have not this comforter, we are poor indeed, but if He be ours, we may lose all in this world and yet be rich in faith and happy in a good hope through grace. It is our wisdom to lay up our treasure in these treasures, to give all diligence to make our calling and election sure, adding to our faith so as not to be barren or unfruitful in the Lord. Not that we should be wasteful of what we have been blessed with, but that we should remember that every good and perfect gift comes from God and that they are only for the comfort of the body, while He has greater things for the soul.

A good reason why we should thus choose is because, "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." (Matt. 6:21) We see then how that our choice has to do with the temper of our minds and consequently the tenor of our lives. Where our treasure is there will our cares and fears be lest we become short of it and lest it fail us. There we are the most concerned, there our hope and trust is and there our joys and delights will be and there our thoughts will be. Even should religion be our first thoughts, we may not yet have our treasure laid up in heaven. Should we pray, preach, or sing to be seen of men if it be only to gain the applause of men, it is earthly.

Many are the things that might spoil it and shake their confidence in our sincerity. This is folly, for the praise of men soon corrupts and fades as the flower and is forgotten. The evil tongue will likely be turned loose and soon it has all turned to disappointment, so that, if we profess to be Christians, have hope in this world only, are indeed, of all men most miserable. If we have prayed, have given to the poor, and supported the cause of Christ, in filling our places in His house, we will not be disappointed. If we have spent moments of anxious thoughts, a book of remembrance has been kept (Matthew 3:16) and our treasure is in safe keeping. Remember that where your treasure is, there will your heart and affections be, and think not that you can spend your time seeking pleasure in earthly things and not lessen your spiritual enjoyments and not become disinterested in the cause of Christ.--

Elder J. Harvey Daily

"Primitive Monitor", June 1922

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TRUE RICHES

The Bible teaches that a man's life doesn't consist of the abundance of the things he might possess. (Luke 12:15) We are instructed not to set our affection on things of the earth but on things above. (Col. 3:1) Many times when riches of the world increase, troubles come tagging along with them. Solomon said, "Better is little with the fear of the LORD than great treasure and trouble therewith." (Prov. 15:16) If we aren't careful and we are blessed to have a rich livelihood, we might be high-minded and forget from whence these blessings flow. Solomon also said, "Better is a dry morsel, and quietness therewith, than an house full of sacrifices with strife." (Prov. 17:1) If anyone should know this truth, it would be Solomon who had worldly riches but concluded it was all vanity and vexation of spirit. The true riches were to fear God and keep His commandments. "In the house of the righteous is much treasure: but in the revenues of the wicked is trouble." (Prov. 15:6) —*Editor*

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