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

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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

There are many and various things being taught concerning God and the Bible. Many of them, if not most of them, are erroneous so how are we to know what is correct?

We need to know that what is being taught is known as doctrine. "Doctrine" is instruction, teaching and learning, and we find it first mentioned in the Bible in Deut. 32:2 where Moses says concerning the Lord, "My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew..." So, we know that true doctrine comes down from above (from God) just like the rain and showers upon the grass.

We need to be diligent Bible readers and use a reliable Bible translation like the King James because all scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for "doctrine", reproof, correction, and instruction in righteousness. (II Tim. 3:16) The gospel trumpet has a certain sound just as a natural trumpet has a certain sound. Paul writes to the church at Corinth and says, "For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?" (I Cor. 14:8) Paul uses this in his teaching on the misuse of the gift of tongues that was causing misunderstanding among the church. If anyone doesn't understand, he will not know what to do.

Israel used the trumpet for different occasions. They used it to sound an alarm that the enemy was coming and for all to be ready to battle. The people knew how that trumpet sounded and responded in an appropriate way. The gospel trumpet has a certain sound and it is "thus saith the Lord" and not what men say. When the plural of doctrine is used in scripture, it is the doctrines of men or devils and these are false doctrines. Jesus speaks of those that honor the Lord with their mouth and lips but their heart was far from Him. "But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men." (Matt. 15:9)

If we know what the truth is that is correctly taught in the scripture, we will know when a minister is giving an uncertain sound as he preaches. The gifts to the early church of apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers were for the perfecting of the saints that God's people would "be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;" (Eph. 4:14) The truth was spoken in love and good things happened.

True doctrine taught in the Bible is "sound" doctrine. Sound doctrine means that which is healthy and uncorrupt. Unsound doctrine is false doctrine and therefore unhealthy for the children of God. The early church was firmly established in sound doctrine and Jude exhorts the saints that they "...should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." (Jude:3) It seems that we are under a more direct obligation today because they did not have the entire canon of scripture at that time.

The only way we can avoid being tossed to and fro and carried about by every wind of doctrine is to be firmly established in the faith. This requires men who have been called into the ministry and have been taught by other sound faithful ministers. This is one of the qualifications for a bishop as Paul writes to Titus, "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)

Sound doctrine in the gospel trumpet is so important that Paul warns the Galatian church against imbibing another gospel that is perverted. "But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed." (Gal. 1:8) This church had received and embraced sound doctrine of the freedom that was in Christ and not under the law. Now they are being deceived by false teachers, and he urges them to stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ had made them free. (Gal. 5:1)

Paul charged Timothy as a young minister to preach the word and be instant in season and out of season, reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. There would come a time when people would not endure such doctrine as he and Timothy taught. "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables." (II Tim. 4:3-4)

Paul was a true servant of Jesus Christ as ministers should be today and not compromise with doctrine that is unsound and not healthy for children of God. The Berans were noble in that they studied the word of God daily to see if what was being taught was true. We should do the same today. (Acts 17:11) We are to try the spirits whether they are of God. Read the good book so that when your pastor or anyone else brings unsound doctrine, you will know it. (Elder Larry Wise)

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THE RESURRECTION

By Elder S.N. Redford (Deceased)

"There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for one star differeth from another star in glory. So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption:" 1 Cor. iv. 41,42.

A brother asks that I give my views on the above Scripture and in doing so I do not set up my views as a standard. What I write and preach should be tried by the word of God.

The entire chapter is a defense of the resurrection of the body. Some in the church in Corinth had imbibed the non-resurrection doctrine and the apostle showed the sad plight we would be in if it were true. He anticipated that these objectors would ask if the dead were raised up. *"With what body do they come?"* He calls them fools for such conception of the resurrection of the dead by saying, *"Thou sowest not body that shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other grain."*

It will be this natural body that will die and it will be it that will be raised, but there will be as great a contrast in the resurrected and glorified body as there is between the glory of the stars. The body goes to the grave a corrupt body, *"It is sown in corruption."* What a contrast! *"It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power: it is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body."*

Paul puts it this way in another place: *"The vile body shall be changed and fashioned like the glorious body of Christ."* Could we understand the greatness of this change, language would not be sufficient to describe it. It is not as some Two Seeders say, that the body of the saints will not be raised up, but that God will give

our spirits a heavenly body; but it is this natural body that will be made heavenly by the power of God.

"Why should it seem a thing incredible that God would raise the dead?" There is nothing unreasonable about it. It is as great a miracle to give life to the dead faculties of the soul as it is the body. Destroy this fundamental principle and you remove the foundation of the Christian religion. It is the corner stone of our hope. Is it not a fact that this is our hope that God will raise the dead? Hope is expectation. We believe that our souls have already been made spiritual and we are expecting that our bodies will be in the resurrection. And while our feeble language falters on our lips while we undertake to talk all about it, yet one of old that expected it said, *"When I awake with thy likeness I shall be satisfied."*

Great and wonderful things will take place on that day. God's people will bid farewell forever to all sin and sorrow; no more tears, no more sickness and death. All the family of God will assemble together and see eye to eye. God's poor heavy burdened people will exchange cross for a crown. But look at another assembly—the wicked. They will cry for the rocks to fall upon them to hide them from the face of the Saviour of sinners. Now, while I rejoice in the sweet doctrine of the resurrection of the dead, yet right at this juncture, I am wondering will such a poor worthless worm as I, be in that glorified host?

August 7, 1930

(From the book *"As A Man Thinketh"*, via *"ITMS"*, July 2012)

SHEEP OF THE HAND

By Elder S.N. Redford (Deceased)

"For he is our God and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of his hand."—Psalm 95:7

"We are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand." I understand God has a field or pasture where He feeds His sheep and that is the gospel pasture. What a good pasture it is. There is food for them in the gospel that sustains and that strengthens them and is good alone for the sheep, the goats will not eat of it.

Sheep are very peculiar animals in several respects. It is natural for them to want to be with the flock, and when one strays away from the flock you may know that he is sick or is wounded, so it is with God's people. It is natural for them to feed quietly when they are not disturbed, but when disturbed they will begin to bleat; so it is with God's people.

And again, their only defense from the enemy or the wolf is to flee; only when they fight one another, then they back off and come together with a wham. So it is with God's people.

Again, sheep, when they get lost, can never find their way back and, thus David would say, "The Lord is my shepherd, he restoreth my soul." Sheep do better on

short rations, that is, where the grass is short and this God has promised a short range for His sheep. He keeps them hungry. He gives them half of a loaf when they desire a whole loaf, or long intervals between meals, either one will keep them hungry. "Blessed are the hungry." So are God's people.

Again, in a hot time of the day you will see them standing with their heads together, so are God's people, when they were persecuted to death, they got close and clung together, instead of fighting and devouring each another.

Sheep part the hoof, and chew the cud, which I think is typical of parting from sin, as their former way of living. God's people hate sin and would live perfect if they could. How unlike the dog who "returns to his vomit" or the sow to her "wallowing in the mire." Sheep chew the cud. They may pick up faulty acorns but later when they chew the cud they work them all out. So, God's people may imbibe false doctrine or practice, but there is hope for them. God's people can make a cud out of the first gospel sermon they ever heard, or if nothing else they can make a cud of their experience and get comfort and get satisfaction out of it.

Another thing, a little lamb will follow almost any sound it hears. So are the babes in Christ. They will follow the false teacher as soon a true one, if they hear the false one first.

They are the "sheep of His hand." Glory to God. All the sheep are committed to the Hand of Christ and not one of them can ever be lost. These are some of my thoughts; compare them with the Word of God.

(From "**Church History**", via "ITMS", July 2012)

DO NOT KNOCK YOUR CHURCH

It may have improved since the last time you were there.

It is easier to knock and criticize if we don't know what we're talking about. The inside knock which comes from a church member is a little like the knock that comes from the inside on an automobile engine. It is usually the defective part which does the knocking.

The person whose attitude is RIGHT is grieved in his heart upon occasions when things are not right in his church. He does not broadcast it to the world, but his words and deeds are carefully considered. He seeks to right wrong where possible. He is anxious to heal any hurt, to guard the fellowship within the church, and improve the public relations of the church.

A chronic knocker may easily cause some who are seeking a church home to go elsewhere. The knocker should not stop attending; he would do well to stop knocking.

If our attitudes are GOOD, and we just WORK at it, we may find that our works DO influence others.

Coped via the "Baptist Herald"

(From "*The Christian Baptist*", May 1979)

DO WE PRAY FOR THE RIGHT THINGS

By Elder Ralph Harris (Deceased)

When we pray we would do well to emulate the example of Paul and pray only for those things which honor and glorify God. In his epistle to the Romans he tells them that he did not cease to pray in their behalf. And what was the nature of his petitions?

(1) *That he might have a prosperous journey with them*, but only if it was "by the will of God," for otherwise it could not be prosperous in the sense he desired. He had no ambitions of self-promotion or worldly gain. His motives, as in all his gospel labors, desired to see them, not just for a *social* visit, neither to bestow upon them *temporal* gifts, for he had left *all* to follow Christ: but that he might impart unto them some *spiritual* gift.

The Greek word here translated *impart* carries with it the thought of *sharing*. Paul was not desiring to impart or give spiritual *life* to these people. In the first place he did not possess that ability, and in the second place they were already the brethren in Christ, but his desire was to *share* with them the benefits of his spiritual gifts and graces. He had been given a wonderfully deep and comprehensive understanding of the mysteries of the gospel of Christ. He had been given a Divine calling to the ministry and was sustained in that work by the Holy Spirit, and, at the time he was called into that work Paul already possessed an outstanding knowledge of the *letter* of the Old Testament Scriptures. And now equipped with a *spiritual* understanding of those Scriptures, he desired to *share* that knowledge with the saints of God and thus to *further establish* them in that doctrine and practice which they had *already* embraced. Every true servant of Christ will desire above all things else to *share* that what God has given him with those to whom the Lord sends him: the reason being that he desires to see the Church more strongly established in the truth as it is in Christ Jesus that they might be better perfected against apostasy from the faith and that they might be better prepared to carry the banner of King Jesus in an honorable fashion. Many of the children of God have fallen by the way side and lost out here in time on the blessings of the Church because they were never *really* established. Oh that the Lord would bless our ministry to have the effect of *establishing* His people in the truth!

(2) *Paul desired to be comforted with them by their mutual faith*. This is another grand purpose, use, or benefit of the gospel, and is a product, in large part of the process of becoming established. God's people, even those who are already well established in the faith, often need *comforting* as they travel through this unfriendly world. Even ministers need comforting at times, yea, even so great a man as was Paul. And how better can a poor preacher be comforted than in the process of comforting others, in being an instrument in God's hands to build up the humble followers of Christ

in their most holy faith! This, if we may speak from our own experience, is one of the sweetest and most uplifting things a man can partake of in this life.

(3) *Finally, the apostle desired to see the Roman brethren bearing the fruit of righteousness to the glory of God* just as he had witnessed other Gentiles doing as a result of his labors among them. Here, it seems to me, is briefly summarized by the beloved apostle the great ends and designs of the gospel ministry, the instruction, establishment and comfort of the saints, that they might go forth and be keeping the precepts and heeding its exhortations, might bear much fruit unto the glory of God.

It was for such things as this that Paul prayed so earnestly and incessantly. I believe we would receive more of the things for which we ask, and would be happier if such things were more the subjects of our own petitions instead of selfish requests which might be consumed upon our own lusts. James 4:3 May the Lord help us to pray for the right things in the right spirit and to do it often.

(From *“Advocate and Messenger”*, May 1981)

HOLY SPIRIT MAKES IT RIGHT

Prayer is a blessing and privilege for children of God but often they may not know what to pray for: however, the Triune God does and makes provision. “Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.” (Rom. 8:26) Paul has talked about hope and what it does. Now he addresses the dilemma of not knowing what to pray for. This is part of the infirmity that is helped (assisted) by the Holy Spirit. Although Hannah asked for a man child because she was barren, no words came out of her mouth. She spoke in her heart and the Holy Spirit made His intercession. Maybe she asked for more than the scriptures record. In any case the Holy Spirit did its work. The scriptures say, “And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.” (Isa. 65:24) Just as Elder Harris points out in foregoing article, there are right things to pray for and there are wrong things. But when the will of the Lord is done, it will always be right. When Jesus saw Mary weeping because of the loss of her brother Lazarus, he “groaned in the spirit.” (John 11:33) He knew her heart and the Holy Spirit does as well; they are two of the Triune God. The logical thing to do is thank the Lord when He gives that help and grants the peace that is so desired. This is part of the temporal saving children of God experience in this life and part of the hope that saves. (Rom. 8:24)—*Editor*

You will find that, as a rule, those who complain about the way the ball bounces are usually the ones who dropped it.

BE SURE YOUR SIN WILL FIND YOU OUT

By Elder A. D. Wood (Deceased)

In an advertisement for certain washing powders, called Tide, it is said that “dirt can’t hide from tide.” In Numbers 32:23 it is said: “But if you will not do so, behold, ye have sinned against the Lord; and be sure your sin will find you out.” Moses before this was teaching the Israelites what they should do. “And will go all of you armed over Jordan before the Lord, until He hath driven out His enemies from before Him.” In obedience they shall possess the land. Now, if they do not so, they sin against the Lord, and your sins will be made manifest. “Be sure your sins will find your out.” This is true in our day, though many of us act as though God does not know how disobedient we are unto His laws. Heb. 4:12 will establish the same principle of truth about our God. In part, “And is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.” He not only knows about the sins you have already committed, but is a discerner of the thought and intents of the heart. No we cannot hide, neither can our sins be hid from our Lord. This knowledge is too high for me, too wonderful, I cannot attain unto it, though is it true? David says, “Whither shall I go from thy spirit? Or whither shall I flee from thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there; if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there.” In this 139th chapter, you have questions asked and answered concerning the point under consideration. The Israelites were not in the dark or ignorant of what they should do, neither are the Lord’s people in our day. If they will take the word of God as the rule of our action. Not only we as individuals, but the Lord knoweth all about the actions of our churches, and even our nation. I feel that nations will reap what they sow, and individuals and churches will also reap what they sow. But neither of them will reap eternal life by sowing, but our Lord can and will give eternal life to His people here in time. But those given eternal life here in time, if they sow to the flesh they reap corruption here in time. On the other hand if they are obedient and sow to the spirit, they will reap life everlasting here in time. What we do has to do with time in this world, and not a condition in order to live with God in glory. Moses did not mean by this expression that their sins would find them out in the glory world or at the end of time—but here in time. It is not something we do that gives us a home in heaven or to be born again.

(From *“The Christian Pathway”*, May 1982)

His sins found him out: Not long after a wealthy contractor had finished building the Tombs prison in New York, he was found guilty of forgery and sentenced to several years in the prison he had built! As he was escorted into a cell of his own making, the contractor said, “I never dreamed when I built this prison that I would be an inmate one day.”

Today in the Word, July 12, 1993.

SOMETHING NEW

By Elder Larry Wise
Randolph, Mississippi

It seems that people today are always seeking something new to entertain their fancies. They want new clothes, new cars, new houses, and new ways to worship the Lord. It is evident that people have not learned what Paul had learned. "Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content." (Phil. 4:11). Contentment is a great virtue for the child of God as it brings peace of mind and stability in difficult times. The worship of the Lord in the assembly of saints should be a time of peace and contentment and we are given plenty of evidence concerning the New Testament pattern of worship. It is too bad that people aren't satisfied as David was with the house of God. David said, "... we shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house, even of thy holy temple." (Psalm 65:4). David was satisfied with the goodness of God's house. It is even more so after Jesus built His church on the solid Rock of Himself and His word. He has given everything necessary to satisfy the hungry soul.

People today aren't satisfied with the goodness of God's house as something new is continually being added. The apostle John tells us the seriousness of adding anything to the clear instructions in the word of God. "For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:" (Rev. 22:18). By the same token, those that would take away from the book of prophecy will have their part taken out of the book of life (not Lamb's book of life) and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book. The modern worship service doesn't even begin to resemble the worship service that is recorded in scripture. Some of these services make a lot of noise but has very little substance of truth and practice.

They are desiring things new today and they were wanting things new even in the Old Testament but what does the Bible say? Jeremiah admonishes the people of God: "Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein." (Jer. 6:16). The old paths are those instituted by God and are found in God's word. Not only do people want

new ways but they want leaders (ministers) to encourage them in their scriptural deviance. Paul writes Timothy, "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;" (II Tim. 4:3). Israel of old did not want the prophets to really tell them the reality as it existed. Israel's attitude was: "Which say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, Prophecy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophecy deceits:" (Isa. 30:10). They did not want anything to ruffle their feathers, even though it was the truth.

I see new places of worship sprout up in new areas fairly regular; they must be disgruntled believers who have become disenchanted and desirous of something new so they start their own church. The truth is it is not "our church" but the Lord's church and He has given us a pattern to follow that is complete. As the song says, "If it was good enough for Paul and Silas, it is good enough for me." David was satisfied with the goodness of God's house and so should we. "There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." (Prov. 14:12). The old adage "the bigger the better" is not always true as Jesus describes the true kingdom of God and to whom it is given: "Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." (Luke 12:32). Notice it is a little flock; it is not a Mega church. Money is the name of the game in the Mega church and this is only reasonable since they have so many "new" things they have to support.

The church is the ship of Zion and it sails on troubled seas. It will be fine if the water stays outside the ship, but when it begins to seep into the ship, it is in danger. The church is in the world; that is true; however, when the world gets into the church, there is danger. Remember it doesn't take a lot as "a little leaven leaveth the whole lump." The Bible tells us to prove all things and God's way has always been proven to be the right and best way. Stick to the old paths and maintain the course and not be led astray with those that are continually seeking something new in the Lord's house. I once heard Elder Sonny Pyles preach that a noted minister of a large church admitted to him that what brother Pyles preached was the truth, but it would not motivate the masses.

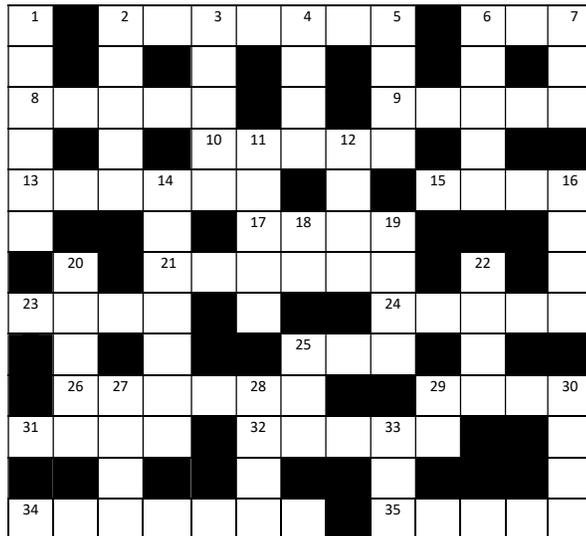
An article that appeared in last month's Glad Tidings entitled "Truth Resides With The Minority" is proven true. It is a "little flock", but it doesn't need to be as little as it is if people of God would follow the Spirit and take up their cross and follow the Lord in baptism and humble obedience to their Lord and Master. This is a revision of an article I wrote in April 2018, but I feel it is still pertinent today.

A dog barks when his master is attacked. I would be a coward if I saw that God's truth is attacked and yet would remain silent.—John Calvin

BIBLE CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS:

2. But refuse ___ and old wives' fables.
6. God delivered David from ___ of a lion and bear.
8. Noah was 600 years old when the ___ of waters came upon the earth.
9. Jesus ___ 12 men whom also he named apostles.
10. He was translated that he should not see death.
13. Weeping may ___ for a night but joy cometh later.
15. Jesus met 10 lepers but they stood ___ off.
17. Our speech is to be with grace seasoned with ___
21. God owns the ___ on a thousand hills. Bovines.
23. Jacob held Esau's ___ as they came from womb.
24. Wherefore lay ___ all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness and received with meekness.
25. Sin removed as ___ as the east is from the west.
26. Young women are to be discreet ___ home keepers.
29. Wicked whet their tongue like a sword and ___ their bows to shoot their arrows. Not break.
31. But ___ profane and vain babblings. Avoid.



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32. Disciples ___ Jesus asleep on ship in bad storm.
34. Moab at ease from youth; he hath ___ on his lees.
35. Goliath was a man of war from his ___. Boy, Babe.

DOWN:

1. ___ little children and forbid them not to come.
2. God resists the ___ but gives grace to the humble.
3. Let all things be done decently and in ___.
4. If ye forgive men their sins, The father will ___ forgive you.
5. Let ___ esteem other better than themselves.
6. Timothy was told to do the work of an evangelist and make full ___ of thy ministry.
7. ___ unto them that call evil good and good evil.
11. Foxes have holes and the birds of the air have ___.
12. Whosoever shall ___ on the name of the Lord shall be saved.
14. Who can bring a clean thing out of an ___? Not one.
16. Axe is laid to the ___ of the trees. Under ground.

BIBLE CROSSWORD PUZZLE

DOWN:

18. The time of my departure is ___ hand said Paul.
19. The Lord will wipe away all ___ from eyes. Singular.
20. Older women are to ___ the younger to love spouse.
22. We spend our years as a ___ that is told. Fairy ___.
25. Many are called but ___ are chosen.
27. Esau went out to ___ venison for Jacob to eat.
28. But the tongue can no man ___.
29. ___ ye not conformed to this world; be transformed.
30. He that dippeth his hand with me in the ___ shall betray me said Jesus.
33. The 5th angel was given the ___ to the bottomless pit. Unlocks.

OUT OF THE MOUTH OF BABES

We had our grandson Eli with us awhile back and he and his Nana were outside. The rural mail carrier drove into the driveway rather than put the mail in the mailbox. His Nana said, "I guess we better go see what she wants." Eli took off to the door of the vehicle she was in and yelled, "Whata Ya want?" That wasn't exactly what she had in mind.

My daughter-in-law did a little interview with our grandson Eli. Among those questions she asked were, "Who do you love? Answer: "You." Question: Where do you live? Answer: "Home." Question: Where does money come from? Answer: "Walmart."—Editor

CHURCH NEWS

Remember putting your face above a headless frame painted to represent a muscle man, a clown, or even a bathing beauty? Many of us have had our pictures taken this way, and the photos are humorous because the head doesn't fit the body. If we could picture Christ as the head of our local body of believers, would the world laugh at the misfit? Or would they stand in awe of a human body so closely related to a divine head?—Dan Bernard

Sulphur Springs Primitive Baptist Church in Caledonia, MS has voted to set aside Brother Ron Nivens and Brother Jim Waddle to be ordained as deacons. More details later as to date and time.

We know of at least three ordinations of men to the full work of the gospel ministry that has happened or scheduled. Brother Timothy Lawrence, son of Elder Ronald Lawrence, was ordained March 23 at Bethel PBC, Goodlettsville, TN where Elder Ronald Lawrence is Pastor. Dallas PBC, Dallas, GA was to ordain Brother Victor Halbgewachs on April 20, 2024. Elder Marty Hoskins is Pastor of the Dallas church. Brother Jimmy Albertini is to be ordained at St. Andrew PBC, Panama City, FL on May 25, 2024. Elder J. C. Stanaland is Pastor of St. Andrews church. God is still calling ministers to feed His lambs and sheep.—Editor

CHURCH NEWS

Everyone is invited to the annual May Communion Meeting at Bethany Primitive Baptist Church, 5 miles west of Ecu, MS on Hwy 346 on the 3rd weekend in May 2024 (May 17-19). Services Friday night, May 17, at 7:00 pm. Saturday a fish supper at 5:00 pm and worship at 6:30 pm. Sunday, May 19, at 10:00 am with communion followed by lunch. Elder Jonathan Wise, New Albany, MS and Elder David Wise, Starkville, MS are invited ministers. Elder Larry Wise is Pastor of Bethany.

Harmony Primitive Baptist Church, Tupelo, MS invites all to their annual meeting the 1st weekend in May 2024 (May 3-5) Services Friday night, May 3, at 7:00 pm preceded by supper at 6:00 pm. Saturday, May 4, at 10:30 am with lunch and afternoon services at 1:30 pm. Sunday, May 5, at 10:30 am with lunch. The meeting will be held this year at Beulah Primitive Baptist Church in Saltillo, MS and not in Tupelo. Elder Tony Lester serves both churches, Harmony, and Beulah. Elder Adam Green from Arkansas is invited minister. Elder Tony Lester is Pastor of Harmony.

Everyone is invited to the meeting at New Prospect Primitive Baptist Church, Fairground Rd, New Albany, MS the 1st weekend in June 2024 (May 31-June 1). Services Friday night, May 31, at 7:00 pm. Sat., June 1, at 10:00 am with lunch and afternoon services. Regular services on Sunday at 10:30 am. Elder Sammy Odom, Hattiesburg MS, is invited minister. This is their 178th annual meeting. Elder Rusty Wise is Pastor of New Prospect.

Yalobusha Primitive Baptist Church, Water Valley, MS invites everyone to their annual meeting the 4th weekend in June 2024 (June 21-23). Services Friday night, June 21, at 7:00 pm. Saturday, June 22, at 10:30 am followed by lunch. Elder Jonathan Wise, New Albany, MS is invited minister. Elder James Hall is Pastor of Yalobusha.

Everyone is invited to the annual meeting at Raleigh Primitive Baptist Church at our new location, **7247 Andrews Road, Bartlett, TN 38135**, June 14 & 15, 2024. Services are planned as follows: Friday night, June 14, sandwich supper at 5:30 p.m. with worship service at 6:30 p.m., and Saturday, June 15, at 10:30 a.m., with lunch following, then afternoon services. Invited minister is Elder Tim Montgomery, pastor at New Hope Primitive Baptist Church in Jacksonville, AR. Please note our new address. We covet your prayers for an edifying and blessed meeting that will be glorifying to our Lord and Savior. Elder Chase Harrison is pastor at Raleigh.

The church is a body of believers. Just as the natural body hurts when a part of the body hurts, so does the church.

CHURCH NEWS

Elder Sidney Louis Culver from Deatsville, AL passed away March 1, 2024 at the age of 85. Elder Culver served Coosa River Primitive Baptist Church for many years. He wrote many articles and Daily Devotions and published many of them "In The Master's Service" which he edited and published for many years. Another faithful soldier has gone to be with the Lord He preached. His picture is below:

**RESPECTED PRIMITIVE BAPTIST MINISTERS FROM THE PAST**

Elder T. L. Webb Sr. was a long time Primitive Baptist minister and defender of the faith. He was an editor of the Baptist Trumpet for many years and wrote a book entitled "Little Things" consisting of some of his editorials and articles that appeared in church papers. He died in 1954 at the age of 80.



(1874- 1954)

"If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine, whereunto thou hast attained." (I Timothy 4:6)

"Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful." (I Corinthians 4:1-2)

LET NO MAN DESPISE THY YOUTH

By Elder E. D. Bryant

When we are born spiritually, we are lambs (baby sheep) and are taught that it is good that a man bear his yoke in his youth. We are to remember our Creator in the days of our youth. A person can be fifty years old and still be a lamb. It is a shame to still be a baby lamb after being in the Church as long as some people have. Some people want a pastor to bottle feed them and burp the babies when things don't go their way.

Paul said, "When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things." (I Corinthians 13:11) I would not think that God would wait until when we are old to quicken us into divine life when there is so much in the Bible for us to do in our youth. "As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby." (I Peter 2:2) Peter was told, by Christ, to feed the lambs first and then told twice to feed the sheep. Lambs grow into mature sheep on a diet of the milk of the Word of God, and as they mature in their growth, don't take away the milk but begin to add some of the meat (or duty) of the Word of God.

Paul told Timothy, who was a young preacher, to "Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity." (I Timothy 4:12) We are told to "Take heed therefore unto ourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost had made you overseer, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood." (Acts 20:28) I wonder how many of us have noticed the pattern of the Bible in reference to older preachers and younger preachers. Paul called Timothy his own son in the faith and how thankful I am for my fathers in the ministry.

After I began to exercise, I became very discouraged and felt it would be better to just not try to go on. I wrote my pastor, Elder C. E. Darity, and told him my feelings. He wrote me back, and being a father to me in the faith, called me his son and said that, in order for a tree to grow upward, it must first grow downward and get well rooted to withstand the winds of doubt, persecution, troubles, etc. He stated that he felt I was having growing pains and not to give up, but press onward. This was a great help to me. The young preachers need the counsel of our fathers who have applied themselves in the study of the Word of God. We learn from each other and should remember, as oxen, we are to pull together.

The best medicine for a jealous preacher is to study and make full proof of his ministry. If he is doing that which God had called us to do, he will see there is no need to be jealous, but to be thankful for every gift among us. A young preacher must not be over anxious about being ordained for Paul said lay hands suddenly on no man, "Not a novice (or one newly come to the faith), lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil." (I Timothy 3:6)

It might be well for our people to be a little slower in ordaining men who come to us from other denominations. If a man is busting to be ordained, let him bust and save the cause. Ordaining preachers out of sympathy and hurt feelings is no Bible reason for ordination. Who had we rather hurt, the feelings of the man or the cause in general? It is time for the cause to be put first and how we need the wisdom of God in these matters!

Some people seem to think that young preachers cause all the troubles, but we all know better, don't we? I thank God for the older preachers who have spent their lives laboring in the kingdom and mourn to see them forsaken by the people they have served faithfully. Likewise, I am thankful for the young gifts who, hopefully, will be faithful and the older preachers in the years to come. God help us as younger preachers to be examples to others in word, conversation, charity, spirit, faith, and purity. If we do these things, then others will have no reason to despise our youth.

(From "The Christian Baptist", August 1979)

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"For thou art my hope, O Lord GOD: thou art my trust from my youth." (Psalm 71:5)

"O God, thou hast taught me from my youth: and hitherto have I declared thy wondrous works." (Psalm 71:17)

LO, I COME

By Elder Rickey Taylor
Booneville, Mississippi

Psa 40:7 — Psa 40:8: “Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book it is written of me, I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart.”

Here we have the psalmist David speaking as the Son of God, to God the Father. Keep in mind that David is under the inspiration of God; therefore, he can speak as the Son, even though he is not. Lo I come. The Son of God will come in time as flesh and blood and will live a sinless life and offer up that life for the redemption of his children.

In the volume of the book it is written of me. This refers to the many scriptures prophesying that the Son of God would come to earth as man Isaiah 9:6, Psalms 53, Micah 5:2 and our above verse, just to name a few. I delight to do thy will. The word delight is an interesting word and a key to understanding our verse. Delight means “to have pleasure, to have favor.” Such as the King took delight and favor when Esther appeared in his court so he held out the golden scepter for her Esther 2:14. Solomon took great pleasure in building the Temple, a favor his father David looked for but did not receive of the Lord. It wasn't a burden for Solomon to do, but something that he took great pleasure in doing 1 Kings 9:1.

The bible tells us that God looks upon his children with delight, Isaiah 62:4. He took such great delight in his children that he entered into covenant with his Son to assure their eternal salvation. This covenant between the Father and the Son was before the foundation of the world. Thus, the Father asked of the Son to come and suffer a cruel death as flesh and blood. What was his reply? I delight to do thy will, O my God. What a precious Lord we have! It was his delight to do so. Noah Webster defines delight as “a high degree of pleasure, or satisfaction of mind.” Joy is used as one of the definitions, but delight goes much farther than joy. Delight is a more permanent pleasure than joy and is not dependent on sudden excitement. The delight that the Lord has in all of his children, whether obedient or disobedient, is a permanent delight. He will not love us one day and hate us the next. Jesus tells us that he came to do the Father's will and this is his will that he should lose nothing, but raise them up again on the last day John 6:38-40. The Son of God was delighted to take upon him flesh and blood, to be made in the likeness of sinful men.

He knew that his sinless perfect life would assure everyone of God's children will be with him in glory. It was a delightful thing to the Father and the Son, and the Holy Spirit to insure that not one child of God would be left out of eternal glory. Not by the children's righteousness, but by the atoning life of the blessed Saviour. God takes a delight in you. You are a source of joy. He will bless you if you are obedient, he will chastise you if you are disobedient, but his delight in you is permanent. It will never go away; you are his delight.

R.L. Taylor

THE PASTOR'S LAMENT

I'm feeding the flock next Sunday
Tho I'm tired and burdened with care,
No bread have I, not even a crumb,
If I had with people to share.

But I must have bread next Sunday
Bread that will satisfy
For the people are ready to faint by the way,
No weaker are they than I.

They'll be at God's house next Sunday
All will expect to be fed,
It would delight my soul to feed them,
But my satchel is empty of bread.

I remember I've fed them for half a decade,
As the Master made me do,
And never lacked I with my meager supply,
Though the people were many or few.

And the spiritual tide runs low,
And the things of the world make a bid for my time;
Why, even my watch runs slow,
But I'm feeding the flock next Sunday.

Tho not even a loaf have I,
But I'm put to the test,
And I must do my best;
I reckon he'll help me if I try.

(D.A. Bean in the “Gospel Appeal”, Feb. 1999)

CHURCH BULLETIN BLUNDERS

(Country Extra Magazine)

Thursday night potluck supper. Prayer and medication to follow.

Don't let worry kill you—let the church help.

Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church.

(From “Glad Tidings”, July 2000)

THE SOLILOQUY OF A FETUS

By Elder T. L. Webb Jr. (Deceased)
(From *"The Christian Pathway"*, February 1978)

Today I will be slaughtered! My parents have arranged for me to be murdered. They are paying a man to do this. He is called a doctor.

In the underworld men are hired to kill others. When they are convicted, they are punished by imprisonment or death. But the doctor who has been hired to kill me will never be tried. It is legal. It is called abortion.

But I am a human being, and have a right to live. God intended that I should be born. They call me a fetus because I still live in my mother's womb. The word fetus means "little one." I am a little human being, and all my systems are working perfectly. My heart has been beating ever since conception. In this little room where I live—right under my mother's heart—I have been well taken care of, receiving all needed nutrients from Mommy's body.

I have wanted to be born, it might be that someone would adopt me, but my death sentence has already been pronounced, and I must die today. If I could be born, I could bring much happiness to my parents and to all the family. I have the inherited traits and characteristics of my parents, and we could have a lot of fun together. God has given me a beautiful little body, and I don't like the idea of being chopped to pieces and thrown into the sewer, but I am helpless. If I could only be born and grow up, perhaps I could defend myself, but they are going to slaughter me today.

I know I will be missing a lot by not being born. I have two beautiful eyes that will never see the light of day, and can never look into the faces of my loved ones. Never can I see this big wonderful world that God has created. I have two ears, but will never hear the sounds of music, laughter, and conversation. My little nose will never smell the scent of flowers. I have the sense of taste but can never enjoy the delicious foods that human beings eat. I have a perfectly formed voice box, but will never be able to speak or sing or laugh.

I am "fearfully and wonderfully made," but today my body will be whittled to pieces. They don't want me. I wonder why? But the God that formed me loves me, and He will receive my soul into heaven, and someday give me a new body.

I will be murdered today. May God have mercy on those who are responsible for killing me. I am a fetus, a "little one," a little human being. I have a divine right to live. Wish I could talk to my Mommy and Daddy about this.

But now the doctor is bringing in the butcher knives. Good-by forever.

This is a reprint from "The Banner of Truth", published at Highland, Ind. And they copied it from "The Sword of the Lord". I thought it was a touching article on the evil of "abortion", and it would make any God-fearing child of God cry to read it. I think it needs to be published in every paper.

FRIENDSHIP

By Elder Louis Culver
(His decease elsewhere in this issue)

True friendship is woefully lacking in the world today. Someone will claim to be a friend, but when the time comes to prove that friendship, so often that person is nowhere to be found.

"A friend is someone who knows the song in your heart and can sing it back to you when you have forgotten the words." A friend is familiar with you and your thoughts and actions. He knows what you are thinking before you speak. Often this friend will finish a sentence that you have started.

"A good exercise for the heart is to bend down and help another up." True friendship dictates that a friend is willing and eager to help his friend in times of trouble, sorrow, unhappiness. While the friend does not want anyone to be in any of these situations, he is ready to help with his understanding, friendship and faith.

"Friends are like four leaf clovers, hard to find, lucky to have." There are many "three leaf clovers" to be found; there are very few four leaf clovers. It is an arduous task to search for, seek and find those rare four leaf clovers, It may prove to be an exercise in futility for awhile, but in the end, when we have located one or more four leaf clovers, our diligence in persevering in our search will have paid off.

"If all my friends jumped off a cliff, I wouldn't jump with them. I would be at the bottom to catch them." The source of this statement is unknown; however, it demonstrates the mindset of a true friend: he is always thinking about the benefit of his friends.

Proverbs 18:24 "A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly; and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother." The Bible tells us that we ought to be friendly if we are to have friends.

James 4:4 "...know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God." When we look for our friends, seeking and searching among our acquaintances, we are to seek for Godly people. Worldly people do not make Godly friends. Our searching should never be among the worldly places but among the wholesome, upright places when proper friendships may be cultivated, developed and maintained.

A true friend knows our innermost secrets, thoughts, desires and loves us anyway. He looks over us for good and overlooks things not so good. He strengthens us where we are weak and comforts us when we are sorrowing.

There is nothing better than a friend—unless it is chocolate.

- Doing something without thinking is like shooting without aiming.
- Many receive advice—only the wise profit from it.
(From *"ITMS"*, April 2012)

CONFESSION

By Elder S. A. Paine (Deceased)

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The subject of confession needs but little comment to prove all that we claim for it and to disprove the claims of our friends.

To confess a thing, in its primary meaning, is to acknowledge that thing as your own. To confess Christ, then, is to acknowledge Christ as yours.

Before one can truly confess Christ they must possess Christ. If they have Christ they have life. "He that hath the Son of God hath life." Therefore it can not be an alien sinner that confesses Christ, unless the alien sinner has life. We all agree that the alien sinner is without Christ, but our friends say they must confess Him (acknowledge him as their own) in order to be saved. Therefore the sinner must confess a falsehood in to their salvation!! Confessing an untruth will never make it a truth. We read, "Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I also confess before my Father which is in heaven." Matt. 10:32

Our friends say that it is the alien sinner that confesses Christ. If so, it follows that Christ confesses alien sinners before the Father in heaven. That proves too much. We must accept Christ and to do that, sounds a death knell to Campbellism. It is the Lord's people that confesses Christ, and it is also such that Christ confesses before His Father in heaven.

Syllogisms

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1. One can not confess Christ without first believing that he is Christ.
2. Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God. I John 5:1.
3. Therefore, it is those who are born of God and not alien sinners that confess Christ.

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1. In order for one to confess Christ he must first know Christ.
2. Alien sinners do not know Christ.
3. Therefore, alien sinners do not confess Christ.

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1. Only those who dwell in God confess Christ, I John 4:15.
2. Alien sinners do not dwell in Christ, 2 Cor. 5:17.
3. Therefore alien sinners do not confess Christ.

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1. Only those that have the Father acknowledge the Son, I John 2:23.
2. Alien sinners do not have the Father.
3. Therefore alien sinners do not acknowledge (confess) the Son.

1. Only those who are of God confess that Jesus Christ came in the flesh, I John 4:2.
2. Alien sinners do not confess that Jesus came in the flesh.
3. Therefore alien sinners do not confess that Jesus came in the flesh.

John declares that "Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him and he in God", I John 4:15.

If the above is true, and it also be true that alien sinners confess, would it not follow that alien sinners dwell in God and God in them? This is the ridiculous conclusion into which the wave of Campbellism lands you.

The fact that those who confess Christ are children of God is too plain to admit of any tedious or lengthy argument. The duty or obligation to confess Christ is beyond question confined to those who are the happy recipients of his salvation. So until they find just one text or example where a sinner was ever authorized or commanded to confess Christ in order to salvation, their claims for confession crumble and are driven to utter defeat.

We now close this chapter which brings us to a consideration of baptism. This is their all-important theme, the darling of their theology, the culminating point in salvation. Yea, it is the acme of all virtue in the salvation of sinners.

(From "The Writings of Elder S. A. Paine")

MAGNET AND MOTHER

A teacher gave her class of second graders a lesson on the magnet and what it does. The next day in a written test, she included this question: "My full name has six letters. The first one is M. I pick up things. What am I?" When the test papers were turned in, the teacher was astonished to find that almost 50 percent of the students answered the question with the word Mother.

Source Unknown.

SELFLESS MOTHER

A teacher asked a boy this question: "Suppose your mother baked a pie and there were seven of you--your parents and five children. What part of the pie would you get?" "A sixth," replied the boy. "I'm afraid you don't know your fractions," said the teacher. "Remember, there are seven of you." "Yes, teacher," said the boy, "but you don't know my mother. Mother would say she didn't want any pie."

Bits and Pieces, June, 1990, p. 10.

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