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How beautiful upon the mountains  
are the feet of him that bringeth  
good tidings, that publisheth  
peace; that bringeth good tidings  
of good, that publisheth salvation;  
that saith unto Zion, Thy God  
Reigneth!  
Isaiah 52:7

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## FOUNDATION PRINCIPLES

### WE BELIEVE:

1. In the one true and living God, - Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. I John 5:7.
2. The Bible is the inspired word of God and the New Testament the only rule of faith and practice to the gospel church. We hold to the King James version as being the most accurate translation of the original tongue, believing God has divinely preserved the scriptures in their original meaning. II Peter 1:21, II Timothy 3:16-17, II Corinthians 3:5-6.
3. Man in nature is totally depraved by his relation to the first man Adam who brought himself and all his posterity unto condemnation by the willful transgression of God's law; and by no works of his own can man recover himself from this fallen state. Romans 3:10-18.
4. God sent His Son to die for a definite number of the Adam family who were chosen in Christ to eternal life before the foundation of the world, predestinating them to be conformed to the image of His Son. God's elect shall be called, regenerated, and sanctified by the Holy Spirit, and all who are thus regenerated and born again by the Spirit of God shall never fall finally away. Ephesians 1:4-5, 11, Hebrews 3:1, Romans 1:6-7 and 8:30.
5. There shall be a resurrection of the dead both of the just and unjust and a general judgement in which the wicked shall go away into everlasting punishment but the righteous, into life eternal. The bodies of the saints, changed and fashioned like unto the body of Christ, shall be caught up to meet Him in the air and so shall they ever be with the Lord. Acts 24:15, Rev. 20:14-15, Philippians 3:21, I Cor. 15:42-58, Matthew 25:32, 41, 46, I Thessalonians 4:13-17.
6. We are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. We believe it to be a duty incumbent on all God's people to walk religiously in good works: not in the Old Covenant way of seeking life and the favor of the Lord by it, but only as a duty from a principal of love. Ephesians 2:10. [Hassells History, (page 699, Art. 11.)]
7. Water baptism and the Lord's supper are gospel ordinances to be continued until His second coming. They were given to the church of Jesus Christ, and only true baptized (immersed) believers have a right to participate in these sacred ordinances. The example of feet washing as given by our Lord ought to be attended to by His believing followers and these things are confined to all such as are agreed in faith and practice. Acts 2:37-42 and 8:36-39, John 13:1-17, Romans 6:4.
8. Therefore, believing all scripture is given by inspiration of God, these pages shall, under the blessing of our heavenly Father, endeavor to print only material which upholds sound doctrine and is in harmony with the practice of the church of God as given to her in the New Testament, from Matthew to Revelation, with all prophecy in perfect harmony with the gospel day. Romans 16:25-26:22.

## GOD

God

Is gentle  
In the softly splashing  
Summer shower,  
Mighty  
In the mountain's majesty.  
He is terrible at times  
With the passing wrath  
Of sudden wintry storms;  
He is laughter  
In the bubbling brook  
And sorrow  
In the dismal day.

God

Is sturdy like the oak  
And  
As the dawn  
Dependable.  
His tender touch  
Is in the gently falling snowflakes;  
And  
In a flock  
Of birds in flight,  
He is swift and beautiful.  
The sleeping child  
Proclaims His purity,  
The radiance  
Of the sun  
His warmth and love.

God

Is life eternal  
And death's sudden flicker ...  
He is everything to all  
And everywhere  
The ultimate  
Of all perfection--  
He is God !

Ellen Covey Moore

Dear Brother Bowles:

I have a desire to write you about the 5th week-end meeting at No Creek Church. Elder Moore was there but still not supposed to talk, so Elder Bennett, who pastors the church with Elder Moore, made a few remarks, saying he hoped the meeting would be a blessing and would bring the Churches even closer together.

Brother Terrell introduced with Brother Bennie Leonard preaching first, then followed by Elder Johnnie Duggins. Both these young men were very brief and much blessed to preach. I had a peculiar thought on this matter. The thought of wringing a rag came to me. These young men did not try to wring everything out of their subject, and both sat down while the people were still enjoying them.

I have heard those that tried to wring out all there was in a subject, and they became tedious, even rewringing so to speak. I think also, that they will know when the light has gone out, and should set down especially when others are to follow.

In my lifetime I have tried to pray a few times that the preacher would sit down. I believe one of the best things for a young minister is to watch his time, and to quit before worrying the people.

Now back to the meeting, Elder B. O. Leonard preached very able, and sweet. A song was sung before lunch, and Elder H. L. Poplin's 13 year old daughter came in a broken spirit, and tears, wanting to join Mountain Creek Church, in the Bear Creek Association, which he serves, and enough members were there to receive her with much gladness, and rejoicing.

After lunch Elder H. L. Poplin preached ably, and instructive, followed by Elder W. F. Worrell. Elder Worrell was lifted to the mountain top, and I believe most all was lifted with him. Elder Bennett not desiring to erase anything from the people's minds, and having seen his desires expressed at the beginning of the service fulfilled, rose and called for a song and handshake, thus closing a wonderful service.

Kemp Walker

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### VISITATION

Dear Reader:

The Lord has a people; they are "near unto Him." They are the "excellent in whom is all My delight." We are expected to comfort them, by the "comfort wherewith we are comforted of God." Comfort ye, comfort ye My people, "saith the Lord, (Isa. 40:1).

We comfort God's people by visiting them, especially in affliction. "He that is afflicted, pity shall be shown from his friend."

When we visit one another, are we not fulfilling His command? "If you love Me, love one another." Are we not administering to Jesus (in the spirit of love)? "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, My brethren, ye have done it unto Me."

"Now our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God, even our Father which hath loved us and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and stablish you in every good word and work." (Thess. 2:16-17).

Meditatively,  
Horace E. Walker

July 13, 1969

"...And Behold the Land of Canaan..."

Deuteronomy 32:49

Continued by Sister John Weber

Jerusalem (foundation of peace) can only be talked about and described as the city now appears. We know that for many centuries it has been besieged, ravaged, demolished, and ruined by its enemies, but each time built up again. To the believer, it seems that the idolatrous nations have warred against The Almighty for thousands of years. The WORD also states, ... "and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled," Luke 21:24. The Psalmist rejoiced when in vision he perceived the "holy hill of Zion" and the "hill of Jerusalem" as the places from which the Eternal King shall reign throughout perpetual generations, Psalms 2; Psalms 68:29-35; Psalms 146:10; Zechariah 1:16-17; Isaiah 2:1-5. Those who love the Messianic prophecies in, and fulfillment by, our LORD JESUS CHRIST, continue to look "for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and Maker is GOD," Hebrews 11:10; Revelation 21:1-27. The first mention of Jerusalem in the Bible is in Genesis 14:18-24, where it is called Salem. Here we have the beautiful portrayal of our LORD JESUS CHRIST as Priest-King of righteousness and peace, Psalms 110; Hebrews, Chapters 5, 6, and 7. With the bringing forth of bread and wine, we learn that the early patriarchs understood God's merciful doctrine of atonement, and Abraham called upon Him as "the most High God, possessor of heaven and earth," (Hebrew El Elyon, Highest, First, Cause of all things for good). Salem was later taken by the Jebusites and named Jebus, until it was captured by David, under his captain, Joab, and became Jerusalem, I Chronicles 11:1-9. Psalms, 76 also describes the defeat of the Jebusites by GOD. It flourished greatly under David and Solomon, and then began to decline because of the sins of the kings, priests and the people.

In 600 B. C. came the Babylonian King Nebuchadnezzar, who destroyed Jerusalem and the Temple, deported the treasurer of the LORD, and carried the people into captivity to Babylon. Only a few of the very poor were left as vine dressers in the land, Daniel, Chapter 1; II Kings, Chapters 24 and 25; II Chronicles, Chapter 36. With the later aid of Cyrus of Persia, a remnant returned with Ezra and Nehemiah; Zerubbabel, prince and priest of the Davidic line; also many survivors of the priests and Levites. The city and temple were restored and temple worship was re-established. During the time of the prophets to the end of the Book of Malachi, the LORD spoke to Israel "through the mouth of the prophets," and we are thankful for the remnant which HE called out unto Himself in every generation. We love the Book of Isaiah for the wonderful Messianic prophecies he saw and foretold, which were fulfilled in our LORD JESUS CHRIST. Daniel's vision was materialized, and Israel was oppressed with four Gentile (beast) dominions: Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, and Rome. During the latter, when Herod was king of Judea, unto us a Saviour was born, which is CHRIST the LORD, Luke 2:11; Romans 1:16. In 70 A. D. Rome again, under Titus, besieged Jerusalem and leveled it to the ground, Luke 19:41-44; Luke 21:5-6. Since then it has known the rule of the Syrians, Turks, Arabs, and British until, in 1948, the boundary for the Jewish homeland was agreed upon, and the nation of Israel was formed. After the Israel-Arab six-day war in 1967, Jerusalem became a united city. Also, large territories gained by conquest from Syria, Jordan, and Egypt were annexed to Israel. The current events of our day instill us with a fervent hope that our LORD JESUS CHRIST is in preparation for HIS second coming, Acts 1:11; Hebrews 1:3; I Peter 3:22; Matthew 24:27-36; Zechariah 14:4-21. Nevertheless, we are admonished to wait with patience unto "the end of all things," according to His wisdom and foreknowledge, I John 2:28.

As we stand on the streets of present Jerusalem, we see little tangible evidence of the once glorious, Biblical city. Maps and drawings give accurate descriptions which archeologists have used to make notable findings. The homes in the city are built upon ancient remains that have been thrown down many times, and built up again. Here and there throughout the city can be found plaques upon the sides of homes, which locate Old and New Testament sites. The streets in the area of old Jerusalem are narrow, rugged, and winding with stone stairways leading up and down over the uneven surface, children and animals being numerous. On the house tops people assemble for prayer, communication with one another, and for relief from the summer heat, (Matthew 10:26-27, Acts 10-9). It is a frequent sight to see the family goats among the people on the housetops. Dogs and cats are rarely seen, as the Mid-Easterners have an abhorrence for dogs, and called the early Christians by that name. The population of the "old city" is motley, and can be identified as having come from all parts of the world, from their native garments still being worn. The atmosphere is of an old world Bizarre, especially at the market places. We ponder the reason that brought the various peoples to settle in Jerusalem. Then we remember that it is a focal point for Jew, Christian, and Moslem; to the Jew through Abraham by Isaac; to the Christian through spiritual Abraham, by faith in our LORD JESUS CHRIST; to the Moslem through Abraham by Ishmael. Jerusalem has always been, and will always be a city of Light. We erroneously hear Rome being called the eternal city, and the city of light, by this present world. In one section of the old city dwells a community of devout Jews, who would prefer not to be visited by the tourist. Here can be felt a surrounding atmosphere of reverence. Women are not seen on the streets. Men and boys wear flowing garments and the traditional skull cap. They give themselves wholly to prayer and the study of the Penta-

tauch. Their foreheads and arms are covered with phylacteries, containing memorized verses of Scripture, Proverbs 3:1-6; 6:20-23; 7:1-4; Psalms 119:11. They can also be seen praying at the Wailing Wall, and at the tomb of David on Mt. Zion, studying their scrolls. Like the Apostle Paul, Romans 10:1, the heart yearns for the "Spirit of grace and supplications poured upon this ancient people, in fulfillment of the prophecy in Zechariah 12:10. There are many synagogues in this vicinity, and as the tourist approaches, a rabbi on the street kindly entreats women to cover their heads, arms, and legs. Many respectfully turn back; but many mock, and scorn, and defy. It is to be noticed that the cause of Christianity is too often impaired by those who call themselves Christians. In the mind of the Jew, apart from CHRIST, those nations who are not Jew, Moslem, or Oriental, are Christian.

Jerusalem has spread beyond its original walled area, and the newer part includes attractive residences and a "down town" section, with modern department stores and luxurious hotels. Churches of all denominations and hospitals abound, and the spirit of the charitable work carried on there is deeply interesting. Bazaars are constantly held by the churches and hospitals to support the poor and the destitute, who depend upon charity. This program of good will is a joy to behold. The common diseases of the poorer Arabs and the Bedouins of the desert are blindness and tuberculosis. I have seen small children carried by their parents to these hospital doors, kindly admitted and lovingly cared for by consecrated staff workers and nurses, no matter how ravaging the disease, and I marveled at the love and devotion of these fine people, dedicated to the needs of their fellow men. In the Gospels we learn that the healing work of our LORD JESUS CHRIST was among the

unfortunate and afflicted, Luke 14:13-14, 21, "for they that are whole have no need of the physician," Mark 2:17. Our guide throughout the Holy Land was born in Armenia and converted to Christianity. His first name was Abraham, the last name unpronounceable to me. His wife was a lovely blond Christian girl from Sweden, a nurse in one of the hospitals. We considered ourselves well blessed with such a guide, who described minutely every detail of the tour, with the love of the LORD emanating from his face and voice. My own life was greatly enriched in having been privileged to know these two dear people.

The driver of the tour bus was a young Arab man, who lived with his wife and five children in Bethlehem. His first name was Salaam, which means Peace. At meeting and departing, the Easterners salute one another with this word, John 14:27; John 20:19, 21, 26; then follows an embrace, with a kiss on both cheeks --among men. It was Salaam who conducted me on an evening walk over the old Roman road, which JESUS trod, from the Mt. of Olives to Bethany, through Bethphage, Luke 19:28-44, returning to Jerusalem. He spoke English sparsely, but he understood my joy and gratitude in experiencing those sacred moments, and tears filled his own eyes with heartfelt tenderness. Though he was a devout Moslem, he freely mentioned the name of JESUS, and told me that the Moslems hold in great reverence Abraham, David as a prophet, and JESUS, the son of David, as a prophet. I explained our Christian belief that JESUS fulfilled all things written in the law, prophets, and the Psalms concerning HIM, Luke 24:44; that Himself as High Priest became our sacrificing Lamb for sins, Genesis 22:8; and that in His resurrection glory HE is ruling as King over the spiritual kingdom HE establishes in the hearts of His yielded believers; HE will come again visibly, Acts 1:11. I presented Salaam with a booklet entitled "East-West," containing Biblical verses, and

pray the Holy Spirit will reveal to his heart the fullness of our LORD JESUS CHRIST, Isaiah 55:11. This is the Moslem doctrine: "There is no god but Allah, and Mohammed is his prophet." Periodically throughout the day their priests climb the tall minarets of the mosques and chant the call to prayer. Those who cannot reach the mosque engage in prayer wherever they are, oft time on the street. Their prayer routine takes three forms: first, standing upright with face looking up; second, standing, but bent very low at the hips third, falling upon the knees with face and palms of the hands on the ground.

The principal trade in Jerusalem is in beads, crosses, incense, crucifixes, sea shells, staffs, pressed flowers, soap making, wearing of coarse cotton cloth, manufacture of articles from olive wood, etc. The hundreds of daily visitors, tourists, pilgrims, and other travelers, purchasing their keepsakes, cause the various Bazaars to be constantly well patronized. The wild olive tree is native to the mid East, and must be transplanted while young, budded and grafted to produce fruit, similiar to our citrus horticulture.

Jerusalem has a population of approximately 200,000; altitude is 2,600 feet above the Mediterranean Sea level. The various races within the city remain in their own settlements, namely, Jews, Turks, Armenians, Arabs, some Greeks, and there is a flourishing American Colony, begun in 1881 by the Spafford family from Chicago. After a series of heartrending tragedies, they left America and established a welfare and community center in Jerusalem, which is recognized and acclaimed to this day.

to be continued

## GOSPEL WORK

YAHSHUA, (The Christ) over 1900 years ago, left no misunderstanding about His divine plan of work. No Pilgrim God-called Preacher, should ever be ashamed of that "Primitive Gospel Truth." We commend all who have had a part in this work and urge everyone to continue. When we work in all defense of true righteousness, we have sweet fellowship. This is when we find, one soweth and another reapeth...however, Christians should never be like wheelbarrows, "not good unless pushed."

As kinda like Paul, I am not ashamed of writing this "Glorious Gospel" of God's Sovereign Grace, of Faith and Works. In brief, I would say the "Ministry of Writing" is a very hard job and since it is noteworthy...my congratulations go to the very few Ministers, that can and will do that job. "Buy the truth and sell it not, also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding." (Proverbs 23:23)

Now is the time for all God's people to show themselves true to principles and declare the "Whole Counsel of God." "Then saith He unto His disciples, the harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few. Pray ye therefore, the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth labourers' into His harvest." (Matt. 9: 37-38). Preaching and writing...all bear witness of the "Lord's work."

How thankful we all should be, coming from the hills of a country Kentucky home...I would be lost without my Christian fellowship of friends here. We in this gospel work of today 1969, are being placed in balance and weighed to determine our value as a friend to all friends of Jesus. There shall be shame to phony membership, that refuse full righthand of fellowship

to God's children. My understanding of bearing the truth "is a load of work" and so it is, for my projects... I do not want your (Thirty Pieces of Silver) as I only ask for your love and friendship.

All "Christian Work" should be under the supervision of the Churches for primitive leadership. Nevertheless, "Even so faith, if it hath not works is dead, being alone." (James 2: 17). As messengers, we should also understand this: "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." (Hebrew 11: 1). God's work is sometimes a lonesome task and for helpful considerations, Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine." (1-Tim. 5: 17).

We all must shoulder the load, it was Jesus that used the idea of bearing the load. "If any man, will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." (Matt. 16: 24). What a man sows, he also will reap... so none of us should have brotherly hate, as brotherly love is more like our "Lord Jesus."

I have come to the end of just that time. Praying that the brotherhood of believers will see the beauty of God's words whispering among my thoughts... that could have been the answered prayers for all of you. In all humility, grace is a charming sound and by Sovereign Grace.... We have both as Writer and Minister, treasured these thoughts... as well, as many others from God.

O' sometimes, so long seems the day... even at times (self) tires us and sleep smothers our prayers but, the "new morn" always appears with that many more beautiful words of life. This "Old Righthander"

praises His sweet and most precious name for the gift of words that are none of my own but, all comes from Thee. After reading this fine liberator and defender of the "Lord's Work"...don't let it die, as someone, somewhere needs this food. Pass the "PRIMITIVE BAPTIST MESSENGER" on to a friend or maybe relative, if you don't have any...then place a stamp on it and pass it on to another reader, which would be Sovereign Grace well delivered.

SIGNED "THE OLD RIGHTHANDER"

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### I FORGOT

I once knew a man, his name matters not, who used as a crutch the excuse, 'I forgot. 'He forgot obligations and promises too, of dates and appointments he forgot not a few. It seems that in other things not quite so rare, he had little trouble remembering to be here.

In the field of camping, fishing and such he always remembered with zeal very much. When it came to the service of his Master Divine it was hard to remember or to keep it in mind.

About time for church to begin he would say to his wife or to a friend, 'I forgot church today. ' About the only time he remembered the Lord, or took time to study His word, was when in need of Spiritual Grace to help him the problems of life to face. Only then would he go to his Lord in prayer, to plead his cause, knowing Christ would be there.

One day the thought came strongly to me, "what if Christ should fail to hear my plea." Or should say

when I called on Him in distress, "my son, have you thought of your unworthiness," or even worse yet when He answered me not, would then say to me, "Sorry, son, I forgot." I am mindful now as I think of my plight, that I need the Lord's help life's battles to fight. And I hope that my prayer always will be, "Lord, help me to remember, and not forget thee."

Elder Woodrow Wilson      Vidor, Texas

## CLOUDS WITHOUT RAIN

From Pathway of Truth

Whose boasteth himself of a false gift is like clouds and wind without rain. Proverbs 25:14

There is nothing more disappointing during a season than to see a dark cloud approach and there be no rain in it. Such clouds may bear all the resemblance of rain clouds but bring little or no rain. They are usually accompanied by gusty winds that raise a lot of dust and make a lot of noise. If you will observe closely, you will see that rainless clouds are shallow and have no connection with the high cirro-stratus clouds that help to bring rain.

We have seen preachers of the same nature. They rise suddenly, have the external grace and manners of an able gift, but never water the soul. So they make a lot of noise, and momentarily, stir up some excitement, but when they are through you are still hungry and thirsty.

Where the whole counsel of God is preached by God-called men, the congregation prospers. without good wholesome preaching, all other labors fail. The whole counsel of God is like the gentle rain that waters the whole field. It causes the planted seed to sprout and come forth. It gives growth to the young plants, and even gives weight to fruit that may seem to have reached maturity. Wind clouds stir up dust, beat the tender plants down, shake good fruit from the trees, but never give any growth.

"These are wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest!"

## EDITORS NOTES

Since last publication many wonderful things have taken place which I will be unable to relate fully due to space.

I enjoyed fellowship with Elder Duggins and Elder Joyce at Buffalo and Shilo Churches near Mayodan, N. C., and also the Salisbury and Flat Creek Primitive Baptist Churches. Truly the Lord was good. Saturday evening I enjoyed being with No Creek Church near Mocksville, N. C.

Sunday morning I went to Pleasant Hill Church near Statesville, N. C., where Elder J. A. Langham is pastor. He was unable to be present due to a funeral, but Brother Marshall Reid was with me. Though I had never been among this people before, they expressed their fellowship in such way that I rejoiced in the felt presence of the Lord.

Fifth Saturday and Sunday I was with Old Mill Church near Keeling, Va., where Elder R. F. Kidd is pastor. Saturday night and Sunday I was with Spoon-Creek Church where I first began my efforts to preach the unsearchable riches of our Lord. Elder L. J. Corns is pastor.

Second Saturday evening, Saturday night and Sunday I was with Elder Weldon Tuttle at Little Flock Church in Amelia, Va. One was baptized Sunday morning, and one joined after service on Sunday. Also on Wednesday night I enjoyed being with Elder Hunter at Stoney Creek Church; one came asking a home there, also.

The week after the first Sunday I spent Tuesday night through Sunday morning with Goshen Church near Hohenwald, Tennessee. Truly the Lord was present in these services, and a good congregation was present each time.

Services were concluded on Sunday night with Radnor Primitive Baptist Church in Nashville, where Elder Earl Bates is pastor. Elder Avery Land who pastors Goshen Church, was also present.

On Monday morning Elder Verne Jackson came to Elder Bates' home where we enjoyed a pleasant discussion, remembering the past and the blessings of God upon each church. I have not mentioned many names because of space, but I am glad to report to our readers that there is much for which to be thankful. And may I express to each home I visited my appreciation for kindnesses undeserved by this writer.

I have enjoyed being with Elk Creek and Little River Churches in Sparta, N. C. My travels there concluded Saturday evening as Elder Walter Evans' daughter was married in Little River Church.

## PREDESTINATE

The Lord willing, I follow with the term Predestinate.

Predestinate: In Greek the work is derived from the word Proorizo. This verb is to be distinguished from proginosko, to foreknow. The latter has special reference to the persons foreknown and elected by God; while Proorizo has special reference to that to which the subjects of His foreknowledge are predestinated. (Vine's dictionary of New Testament words.)

As I have stated previously, foreknowledge is an attribute of God, whereby His people were elected before the world began.

Predestinate is a verb showing the action of God in behalf of His elect, pertaining to their salvation.

In the previous issue I trust foreknowledge of God as an attribute was established. That the elect of God were according to the foreknowledge of God is without doubt. See 1st Peter 1:2.

Those predestinated to be conformed to the image of Jesus Christ have a firm foundation, for we read in Isaiah 14:24, "The Lord of hosts hath sworn, saying, surely as I have thought, so shall it come to pass; and as I have purposed, so shall it stand."

Let all take a look at the following example. Suppose the means system was all we had; that is men must believe and accept, and must hear the gospel to have a chance. But praise His Holy name, God foreknew millions and thousands of millions, whom He knew would never hear the gospel. Therefore, His love was predicated upon designated individuals, chosen in His Son and pre-determined, their final end pre-fixed to be housed in glory, in the very likeness of Jesus Christ, this body being fashioned like unto the glorious body of Christ.

I quote from the writings of Elder Walter Cash on the subject:

"Predestination does not cause anything. But if the adoption of children, and the conforming of them to the image of Christ result because it was predestinated, then this act of God is indeed the cause of all things which are necessary to bring about the end. Because He predestinated them unto an end, He sent

his Son into the world to free them from the condemnation of the law, and cleanse them from the stain of sin; then, because He predestinated, He called them; and having predestinated them, He justified them and will in the end glorify them, because He predestinated them to that end.

Predestination is a necessary antecedent of an effect. Predestination is a necessary antecedent of salvation. It was the decree that put in motion all that was done to bring about an end.

The Primitive Baptists differ from others asserting that there can be no failure in the plan, because God predestinated and then carries forward the work himself. If predestination be not causative, then why should we as Primitive Baptists contend so strongly for it as making certain the salvation of sinners who are embraced in it? If it does not cause to come to pass, then there is no use to use the word at all; just stop with foreknowledge, which as before asserted is not the cause of events. Some seem to have adopted the idea that predestination cannot be considered a cause, because they want to assert that God predestinated sinful acts; and yet they see the inconsistency of asserting that God actually causes men to do the very opposite of what He tells them to do." End of quote.

One of the most glorious teachings in God's word is the fact that predestination is part of that wonderful chain in Roman's 8 that is working together for good to them who are the called according to His purpose.

Dear reader, what could we want to say against these things, (Romans 8:28-32) when the love and plan of God in behalf of His people is so clearly set forth?

The Lord willing, I will have more to say on this most wonderful subject, as there is so much more to be considered to the praise of our Lord.

Editor

## NOTICE

Elder Weldon Tuttle suffered a heart attack after I was with him in service at Little Flock Church. I beseech our readers to pray for his quick recovery. I have no further details as of this date.

I extend to Brother and Sister Noel Wilson of Martinsville Primitive Baptist Church our sympathy and prayers at the loss of their son, Alvis Wilson, 22, in an automobile accident. I hope to have further details of this later.

Elder R. F. Kidd, Jr. suffered a light stroke recently, but I am thankful to report he is much better and is giving up his position with a large firm to serve Danville and Mill Primitive Baptist Churches full time. May God bless him in his labors and better health.

I truly feel the Lord gave him evidence in making his decision, that this world's goods are not worth all when health and church mean so much to him. Ten united with the Danville Church during his recovery before his decision and two more at the water. May God continue to bless his labors and family is my earnest prayer.

EDITOR

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and avoid the Messenger getting a return card or paper with change of address. Last issue I received 15 address corrections or changes, a cost of 10¢ each, and some stamped addresses unknown. Please help by sending any change.

### NEW MEMBERS

There were three baptized at Walnut Cove Primitive Baptist Church third Sunday in August and following the regular services on Sunday there were three others came asking for a home in the Church. I was privileged to be present and truly the Lord is blessing Elder Moore's labors in this Church.

Elder R. F. Kidd, Jr. pastor of the Clayborn Street Primitive baptist Church baptized ten the fourth Sunday morning in July and two more are awaiting baptism. We indeed rejoice in these wonderful blessings of God upon these churches. I know there are others which we have not mentioned due to lack of information. Those desiring to have such entries, please forward them to us and we will be more than glad to pass it on to our readers.

I have received the following information from the new clerk of Saints Delight Primitive Baptist Church in Kernersville, N. C. The Saints Delight Primitive Baptist Church has received three new members, Brother Billy Hooven came asking for a home April 13, his wife came July the 22nd and Elder F. R. Moore's Daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Reed was received by letter May 11th. This is of course, cause for great rejoicing. However, we have lost the following members which causes us much sadness. Mrs. Viola Robbins, 80 years of age, died June 15, 1969 leaving a large family.

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Sister Auah Hedgecock approximately 80 years of age died June the 20th, 1969

Brother Austin Montgomery age 59 died June the 24 th. 1969, also leaving a large family.

Brother John Thomas James 96 years of age died July 24, 1969 also leaving a large family.

These were all great losses to the church at Saints Delight but may we be submissive to the will of our Heavenly Father. May God continue to bless you.

Brother Richard Weavil

DEAR BROTHER:

Mother, Mrs. C. H. Cayce, passed away Sunday, July 27, 1969 at 1:36 p. m. Funeral will be at Benton Funeral Chapel, Fordyce, Arkansas, Wednesday, July 30th at 10:30 a.m. Please call anyone you think would want to know and please remember us children in your prayers.

In sorrow, yet in hope,  
Hartsel Cayce

#### NOTICE

We apologize for the paper being late, but the print shop closed 2 weeks for the 4th of July. I appreciate the patience of our readers.

Also, there was a mistake in the editor's article on Foreknowledge due to error in numbering pages. It should have read as follows: From page 15---' But God forbid we should interpret scriptures to say that because God had ability to see our sinful state, that HE predestinated all things; for whatsoever a man sows, that shall he also reap.

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Phone 372-5559

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## REGULAR SERVICES

Worrell Memorial Primitive Baptist Church Laurel Fork, Va. 4th Sunday morning at 10:30 and Saturday night before. Elder Wilbur Worrell & Elder Bill Gardner, Pastors

Pulaski Primitive Baptist Church Pulaski, Va. 4th Street, in the auditorium of the Woman's Club. 1st and 3rd Sunday mornings at 10:30 a. m. No night services. 2nd, 4th, and 5th Sunday nights at 7:00 p. m. Elder Roy W. Bowles, pastor.

Indian Creek Primitive Baptist Church Indian Valley, Va. Each Sunday morning at 10:30 a. m. Elder J. S. Harris and Elder E. G. Singleton, pastors

Pine Grove Primitive Baptist Church 6 miles north of Hillsville on Route #52. 1st and 3rd Sunday mornings at 10:30 a. m. 2nd, 4th, and 5th Sunday nights at 7:00 p. m. Elder Ray Rotenizer, pastor

Laurel Fork Primitive Baptist Church Laurel Fork, Va. 2nd Saturday night at 7:00 p. m. and 4th Sunday mornings at 10:30 a. m. and Saturday before at 10:30 a. m. Elder Monroe McGrady and Elder Melvin McGrady, pastors.

Harmony Grove Primitive Baptist Church Hillsville, 2nd Sunday afternoon at 2:00 p. m. & 4th Sunday night at 7:00. Elder W. L. Gardner, pastor

Cross Roads Primitive Baptist Church Baywood, Va. Sunday after the 3rd Saturday at 11:00 a. m. and 1st Sunday at 2:00 p. m. Elder C. C. Sawyer & Elder Reuben Hawks, pastors

Galax Primitive Baptist Church Galax, Va. 2nd Sunday mornings at 10:00 a. m. and Sat. night before at 7:30 p. m. Elder C. C. Sawyer and Elder F. R. Moore, pastors

Little Flock Primitive Baptist Church Located on Rt. 608 - 8 miles from Amelia Courthouse. Services 2nd Sunday and Saturday before. Elder W. C. Tuttle, pastor. R. L. Anderson, Clerk. Ph. 561-2676 Amelia, Va.

Mount Olive Primitive Baptist Church Roanoke, Va. off Rt. 221 on Red Rock Road S. W., 1st and 3rd Sunday mornings at 11:00 a. m. Elder W. T. Clifton, pastor. Rt. 7, Box 140, Roanoke, Va.

Good Home Primitive Baptist Church Axton, Va. 1st and 3rd Sunday mornings at 10:30 a. m. Elder Rupert Turner, pastor.

Mill Primitive Baptist Church Sutherlin, Virginia. 1st and 2nd Sunday mornings at 10:30 a. m. Elder R. F. Kidd, Jr. Route 3, Ridgeway, Va. pastor. 4th Sunday nights 7:00 p. m. Elder W. H. Lewis, Speaker. Vernon H. Barrow, Sutherlin, Va. clerk.

Claiborne Street Primitive Baptist Church Danville, Virginia 4th Sunday at 10:30 a. m. and Saturday before at 7:00 p. m. 2nd Sunday at 7:00 p. m. Elder R. F. Kidd, Pastor, Rt. 3 Ridgeway, Va.

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