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We had a joyous day in the Lord with the baptism of Connor King (Below) Pictured on Right are parents, Robin and Brandon King.



Defining Predestinate

By Elder Dolph Painter

Words can change meaning over time, but subtle changes in meaning can significantly alter doctrine. To illustrate, consider the word remission. If a person thanked God for the remission of cancer, what comes to mind? Dormancy. If a person thanked God for the remission of sin, what comes to mind? Removal. Do you see how definition affects the interpretation of a verse such

as Acts 2:38? The definition of the word predestinate has undergone a similar change.

The word predestinate, in its various tenses, appears four times in the KJV. Each time the word is used, it describes a person whose destination is fixed in glory. Let us survey its usages:

- ◆ Rom 8:29 – For whom He did foreknow, He also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.
- ◆ Rom 8:30 – whom He did predestinate, them He also called: and whom He called, them He also justified: and whom He justified, them He also glorified.
- ◆ Eph 1:5 – Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will.
- ◆ Eph 1:11 – In whom we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of Him who worketh all things after the counsel of His own will.

Notice the object of predestination is always a person: whom, whom, us, and we. Also notice each person's destination is glory: being conformed to Jesus' image leads to glory, our final adoption occurs in glory, and our inheritance will be received in glory – 1 Co 15:20-23, Rom 8:23, 1 Pe 1:3-9.

We serve a sovereign God, who has a will, a purpose, a plan, and a counsel, but using predestination to describe anything other than fixing a saint's destination in glory is foreign to the KJV.

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Pastor's Letter

Elder Glenn Blanchard

The Lord has laid a desire upon my heart to preach on the Sermon on the Mount. You'll find it in Matthew 5-7. Chapter 5, verse 2 says, "And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying..." The word taught captured my attention. If Jesus thought it was necessary to teach His disciples as they were being called into His service, how much more is it necessary today.

Verses 2-11 contain the Beatitudes. In studying these I found that some Christians believe that the Sermon on the Mount is all that you need of the Bible to be well instructed. However, the Sermon on the Mount contains nothing of the Holy Spirit or the Resurrection.

Others say that the Sermon on the Mount is outdated and not valid today. I believe that the truth is in the middle – it's not all you need but you do need it.

You can follow these series of messages on the internet at our website or request the CDs as we go along.

In any case, please read the sermon as Matthew recorded it and as it has been preserved for us today.



Winter Garden's Bountiful Blessings



Pictured below is Sister Lauren Ulmer with her husband, Brother Michael Ulmer, at her recent graduation from nursing school. Lauren is already employed as an RN at a local hospital. This young couple is quite active in the Lord's service as well and we are thankful for them. Congratulations Lauren!



We are overflowing with blessings this month! Pictured left is the wedding of Sister Kasey Warren and Nick Sharp. The wedding was a beautiful and joyful event and we wish them both a lifetime of happiness. The Carerra family (Above) united with our church recently. They are from the Crestview, FL. area and we love and enjoy their young family.



Meeting Notices

2012 Little River Association Meeting

Boiling Springs will be hosting this year's Little River Association meeting and celebrating it's 175th anniversary. Hotel rooms have been reserved nearby for those needing lodging at Best Western 907 Holcombe Bridge Road, Roswell, GA 30075 770-552-5599 to get the negotiated rate of \$55 mention the "LittleRiverAssociation". **Elder Danny Cagle** is Pastor, (404) 444-6490 Church Address is 1200 Birmingham Rd. Milton Ga.

August 16, Thursday 7:00 p.m. services
August 17, Friday 9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast, 10:00 a.m. Morning Services, Lunch, Afternoon Services, 6:00 p.m. Supper, 7:00 p.m. Evening Services
August 18, Saturday 9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast, 10:00 a.m. Morning Services, Lunch, Afternoon Services

Annual Meeting, Little Zion PBC, Davenport, FL

Little Zion PBC invites everyone to join them for their upcoming Annual Meeting on Sept. 7-9, 2012. The invited guest minister is Elder Sam Bryant from Birmingham, AL. The schedule is as follows:

Friday Sept. 7- 7:30pm service

Saturday Sept. 8- 10:30am service, lunch, and communion service to follow lunch

Sunday Sept. 9- 10:30am service

The church is located at 333 CR 547 North in Davenport, FL and **Elder Mark Nunley** is their pastor. Please call Wendell Ulmer at (407) 889-4763 or Elder Nunley at (904) 491-3441 for any questions.

Church News

Macedonia PBC, Bartow County, GA

It is with great joy and appreciation to our Lord that I send this email. Macedonia Primitive Baptist Church rejoices to announce that we are now meeting in our new church building located at 180 Mansfield Road, White, GA 30184. The Lord has been good to our little flock in blessing us to move quickly with our building project and begin to hold services at our new location. We invite you to join us for worship each Lord's day at 10:30 A.M. We will have our Annual Meeting in a few weeks. **Elder Will Martin** is the pastor there.



Bible vs. Cell Phone

Ever wonder what would happen if we treated our Bible like we treat our cell phone?

- ◆ What if we carried it around in our purses or pockets?
- ◆ What if we flipped through it several times a day?
- ◆ What if we turned back to go get it if we forgot it?
- ◆ What if we used it to receive messages from the text?
- ◆ What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it?
- ◆ What if we gave it to kids as gifts?
- ◆ What if we used it when we traveled?
- ◆ What if we used it in case of emergency?

This is something to make you go... hmm...where is my Bible?

Oh, and one more thing.

Unlike our cell phone, we don't have to worry about our Bible being disconnected because Jesus already paid the bill! Makes you stop and think 'where are by priorities?' and no dropped calls! When Jesus died on the cross, he was thinking of you.

-Submitted by Sister Sue Batten, WGPBC-

Answers to This Month's Quiz

1. Reuben, Gn. 29:32
2. Ruth, Ruth 1:14-15
3. Rehoboam, I Kngs 11:43
4. Ahab, I Kngs. 19: 1-2
5. Moses, Num. 12:1
6. Job, Job 42:15
7. Miriam, Numb. 12:10
8. Kish, I Sam. 9:1
9. Peninnah, I Sam. 1:2

Regina and Michael Constantino brought guests from Ottawa, Canada, Ana, Sarah, Kendra, Melinda and Nathan Pennington.

The Testimony of A Grandfather

Article #22 from Elder Neil M. Phelan, Jr.'s Book "The Daily Record" – The First Year in Retrospect-Published 01/08/99

By faith Jacob, when he was a dying, blessed both the sons of Joseph; and worshipped, leaning upon the top of his staff" – Hebrews 11:21



Norm Poole from Ga. was a special guest of Brother Alan Miles.

The last words of a dying man are not easily forgotten, especially when they come from a loving parent or grandparent. Among the Hebrews, the blessing, in the form of a prayer, was frequently the last earthly experience between children and parents. The purpose: "That it might be more attended to and regarded, and more strongly impressed upon the mind." (John Gill Commentary). We have known of some who used this moment to make unreasonable requests, but Jacob was wise: he "worshipped". Their mode of worship at this moment was prayer, a prayer to Jehovah beseeching Him to bless the sons of Joseph, Ephraim and Manasseh. These boys were his grandsons. Here we discover "The testimony of a grandfather."

The importance of grandparents and the role they play in the life of their children's children is invaluable. While we considered the role of grandmother last week, we must not overlook a testimony that is equally important and powerful: the testimony of grandfathers.

Among the Hebrews, the oldest male member of a family or tribe was considered the family head. He was respectfully referred to as 'father': father Abraham is a good example. Many times, this was the "grandfather". Therefore, the Bible places grandfathers in a place of great respect and solemn responsibility in the family. Their words were fraught with wisdom and their actions were weighed by their offspring. Jacob was found in such a position in his later days as our scripture would suggest.

In the passage before us we have a "dying" old man who had been through manifold temptations and experiences in his life. Too weak to stand, leaning upon the top of his staff, he calls Ephraim and Manasseh to his bedside and peers upon them through clouded eyes. This one scene alone probably stuck in the mind of Ephraim and Manasseh for the rest of their days. That was Jacob's intention. This last earthly experience between Jacob and these two grandsons is found in Genesis, chapter 48, which suggests many examples for every grandfather. Consider: (1) Jacob shares his testimony with his grandsons. V. 3. (2) He tells about his first experience with the Lord V.3. (3) He acknowledges the blessings he received from Jehovah's bountiful hand. V.3. (4) Jacob shares with them the future promises of God that they should look for and teach their children. V.4. (5) Jacob is honest with them about life as he shares some of his personal heartaches and struggles. V.7. (6) Jacob openly shows his affection for his grandsons: "and he kissed them, and embraced them." v.10 (7). They "worshipped" V. 15-16. (8) He encourages them, "Behold, I die: but God shall be with you, and bring you again unto the land of your fathers." v. 21.

In this brief episode, Jacob shares with his grandsons the reality of life. He shares his heartaches, his failures, his victories and his blessings. But most of all, he shared with them his God who went with him every step of the way. Much was hidden between the lines of this conversation, but I observe this sentiment most of all: "The Lord was with me during my struggles. Let me introduce Him to you as my God. Acknowledge Him in your life for he will be with you as well."

It is strength to children to have fond memories of godly grandparents. When they can remember a life of faith, the testimony of a grandparent, there is an example before them that will add fuel to the fire of their own faith. I wonder how many grandchildren have had temptations set before their eyes, when something within would say: "Would your grandfather do that? How will that make your family look?" The example of the grandfather sets the precedent for the whole tribe. In the eyes of the Lord, I am certain this example of faith is of much greater value than that of stocks and bonds. And this example is one that every grandfather can afford. There is no doubt about it: There has been many a grandchild safely brought into the fold as a result of grandparents' prayer and example.

I was blessed to know and love both of my grandfathers. Between the two I had a barn to play in, a creek to swim in, a horse to ride, a watermelon patch to enjoy, a little league baseball coach, a hunting and a fishing buddy, a fan, a private booster club and most of all a best friend. In the midst of their declining years they had time for me; I knew that they loved me. That is the most important thing to a child. But in addition to all of that, I knew they were men of faith. They were not perfect men, but I knew that God was important to them which made me respect them even more.

The scripture we have before us today is an age old reminder to every grandfather. It is to remind him of the solemn responsibility that goes with the hoary head. Since God has answered your many requests, brought you safely through the waste howling wilderness of a ripe old age, given you a seed to remain upon the earth, it is for you, the grandparent, the oldest member of the tribe, to set the example of faith. Live it, talk

it, walk it and by so doing, these little ones around your cot may also live the see the number of your years in safety and approach the end of their sojourn here in peace. May I take this opportunity to say publicly, "Thank you Lord for my grandfathers."

Report from South Africa and the Philippines

By Elder Darrell Chambers -Intro part 2

From Davao, Elder Painter and I traveled to Pagadian, Zamboanga del Sur, and conducted ministers meetings and attended church services. Elder Whipp returned early to America to comfort the family of a deceased church member. Elder Winfrey felt the impression to stay in Davao and changed his plans and enjoyed another 2 days in Davao, visiting other local Primitive Baptist Church ministers and congregations in this area. I left Elder Painter in Pagadian while I traveled around the Molave area and conducted 4 additional services, including my first visit to the Union Primitive Baptist Church in Nenang. This area is called, "Seven Kilometers from Heaven" by the locals, and is a beautiful place high on a mountain. The local ministers had wanted me to visit here for several years, but due to various road and political conditions, previous visits had been unachievable. This church is named after my home church, which had assisted with some funds after their previous building was destroyed by a monsoon.

Here was a lovely congregation of "little people", even smaller than most Filipinos. However, their hands, feet, and hearts were larger than normal. They used their hands and feet to till the ground on which they lived, and their hearts to serve the God they so loved. There was an overflow crowd with several standing around the periphery of the building. I was reunited with Eld Painter for the evening service in Pagadian, where we enjoyed the fellowship of ministers and church members we had known for several years.

From Pagadian and Davao, all three of us returned to Manila for a final meeting to discuss Eschatology and other pertinent issues. We all preached after supper at the church and enjoyed great singing, hospitality, fellowship, and the presence of the Holy Spirit. Many Manila area ministers attended and it was good to see them rejoice and worship God together. We always enjoy being with Elder Conrado Quinto and his family and congregation here. This congregation is always very active, zealous, disciplined, and hospitable. I pray that the Lord will continue

to bless them and all His children in this part of the world. This was a long 4 weeks in some regards, in that it seemed 4 months' worth of work seemed to get accomplished. The hours were long, except for the hours of sleep. The rewards were great, but the bills were high. It seemed like I was just getting started when it was time to return home; so, from that standpoint, the time seemed very short. My wife celebrated her 50th Birthday and Valentine's Day without me, as I missed both events. I am thankful to my family and Church family for being understanding and supportive of me taking these trips. I am thankful for God's providence that spared us from the dangers of earthquakes, flooding, accidents, threats of persecutions, and illness while we were there. I am most especially thankful to God for the blessed privilege to speak and minister in the Kingdom of our Great Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



We delighted to meet first time visitors from Puerto Rico, Angel, Esteban, Tatiana and Vanessa Rivera.

Elders Allen Alimpuangan, Armondo Pineda, Ariel Azuranzuna, Paedro Lumageang, and Darrel Chambers (seated)



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Kid's Corner

Relatives

1. Who was Leah's firstborn?
2. Who was Orpah's sister-in-law?
3. Who was the only one of Solomon's children mentioned by name in the Bible?
4. In the Old Testament, what evil person had a wife who was as actively evil as he?
5. What famous leader of Israel married an Ethiopian woman?
6. Whose daughters were said to be the most beautiful in the land?
7. Who was stricken with leprosy because she spoke against her brother's wife?
8. Who was King Saul's father?
9. What woman, besides Hannah, was Elkanah's wife?