



New Hope Newsletter

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Now & When

by Elder Dolph Painter

But he shall receive 100-fold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life. –Mark10:30

Mark tells the reader of blessings now, in this time, on this planet – albeit, these blessings will be accompanied with persecutions. Israel, during the days of Samuel, experienced such blessings and persecutions:

- * 1 Samuel 7:8-13 – God held the Philistines at bay from **that day** until Samuel’s death. Philistine persecution resumed after Samuel died.
- * 1 Samuel 11:13 – **“Today**, the Lord wrought salvation.” Tomorrow is another day, with another persecution.
- * 1 Samuel 14:23 – “the Lord saved Israel **that day**.” Yesterday was a different deliverance.

Mark also tells the reader of blessings to come. Eternal life is ours; but, in a future time, in a new world, and without persecutions. “Wherein we greatly rejoice, through now for a season...” 1 Peter 1:4-6

Consider four extremes in the following: While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal. For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. – 2 Corinthians 4:18-5:1

1. Some things are seen, other things are not.
2. Some things are temporal, other things are eternal.
3. Some things are earthly, other things are heavenly.
4. Some things dissolve, other things will not.

Earthly blessings give us glimpses into heaven, but the real deal is greater than anything we can imagine. Lord, thank you for the now. Keep ‘em coming. But Lord, help us not lose sight of that which is to come.



It is always nice to be able to worship with family. Members Barbara Oliveria, and her daughter Gyvonna with Barbara’s mother, Celia.

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Pastor's Letter - Elder Glenn Blanchard



In looking at the account of Joseph and his sojourn in Egypt, and Esther and how she was used to save the Jews in Babylon, it is clear that the Bible has much to say about the providence of God. As much as I am convinced by the many accounts of providence in the Bible, my own life story proves to me that God is involved in our lives on a daily basis. While He may not pick the clothes we wear or our breakfast cereal, I do believe that His providential protection and direction plays a major role in how our lives play out. It's comforting to know that He loves us and cares for us on a daily basis. While we must obey His commandments, and the extent of our obedience to Him has an influence in our daily lives and have results that will depend on which decisions we make, His providence is still at work throughout our lives.



Blessed to have Veterans at Winter Garden Primitive Baptist Church Deacon Brother McDonnel (right), coming home from Japan Christmas 1945.

We are thankful to have Elder Donnie and Beverly Riddell move to central Florida from Kentucky! Pictured with Elder Glenn Blanchard.



“The Unsearchable Riches of Christ” – From “The Daily Record” – The First Year in Retrospect by Elder Neil M. Phelan, Jr.

“Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ” –Ephesians 3:8

Paul counted it a great honor and privilege to preach “The unsearchable riches of Christ.” This was the focus and theme of His whole ministry, “Jesus Christ and Him crucified.” He did not preach up man; man’s wisdom; man’s philosophy; he preached Christ. He did not preach unattached doctrines. They all had their sum and substance in Christ. Today, we have before us a subject much larger than a preacher. It is an unsearchable one: the “riches of Christ.” We will approach our great subject in four headings: (1) What unsearchable means to us; (2) What true riches are; (3) The honor of searching; and, (4) a view of His riches.

Unsearchable

The word “unsearchable” is an encouraging word. It does not mean that the riches of Christ can not be discovered, or that they are unknowable. It is a word that should be viewed as an invitation, an invitation to search out an inexhaustible store of wealth found in the person of Jesus. We may liken His riches to a diamond mine loaded with an inestimable volume of wealth within its chambers; jewels of every size and fashion; a vast wealth that will never be exhausted in time or eternity. Believers are all encouraged to search Him out.

True Riches

True riches are those that are found in the person of Christ. They are lasting; they are incorruptible. As one person described them, they are “Those things which belong to our peace.” The world will never allow us those things. It is full of change and decay: fools gold. The Bible describes them as “deceitful,” “perishable,” “uncertain,” “unsatisfying,” “corruptible,” and “fleeting.” When we set our heart upon them they lead to pride, cause us to forget God, deny God, rebel against God, reject the counsel of God and lead to much anxiety. Let us search HIM out!

Searching

To be a searcher for Christ’s riches is a mark of nobility. Luke describes the Berean brethren as “more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so” – Acts 17:11. These were daily miners of gold! Solomon describes the searcher as an honorable man as he wrote, “It is the glory of God to conceal a thing; but the honour of kings is to search out a matter” – Proverbs 25:2. Much treasure is concealed purposely by God. The true riches are only to be had by sincere searchers. God will not force these jewels of wisdom upon us any more than diamonds and gold will jump into the pocket. What He chooses to reveal are beams of light from above that lift the drooping head and revive the parched spirits. We are to seek the riches of Christ as “silver and searchest for her as for hid treasures.” – Proverbs 2:4 What would we give for this treasure, the knowledge of Christ? One nugget in the heart will allow more peace than a thousand in the bank!

A View

But let us speak of them for a moment. There are surely more than I have found. But all a miner may describe are those treasures he has found himself and our space is too small for even these. Surely, he will first mention those most brilliant to his own eye.

In Christ is found a Saviour of sinners. There is no sin so great that He cannot deliver us from it. Paul gives us a list of prisoners set free in I Corinthians 6:9-10. If you are found there, He has the power to deliver you from your bondage. Call upon Him now. He has power that the world does not have: power over sin. In Him is found the forgiveness of the foulest sin. What grace we find in Him who knows all about us and will yet say, “Father, forgive them for they know not what they do.” He is our substitute. He died for us that we might live. He is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother. When all others forsake us, He abideth faithful. He is our hope. He is not the “I was” or the “I will be.” He is the “I AM;” our hope of yesterday, today and tomorrow.

His treasures are revealed in almost every letter of the alphabet as Advocate, Beloved, Counsellor, Daysman, Emmanuel, Fountain, Good Shepherd, Head, Intercessor, Jehovah, Jesus, King, Lamb, Mediator, Nazarene, Only Begotten, Physician, Redemption, Saviour, Truth, Unspeakable Gift, Vine, and the Way. To the poor, a world of treasure is found in every word. Is He not unsearchable? Lord, give us light that we might discover more about HIM!



Winter Garden Primitive Baptist Church was blessed to have preaching for us as he was visiting family, Elder Josh King, Pastor of Bethlehem PBC, Bay Springs, MS. Pictured with his family Chloe, Benjamin, Gayle and Ivy.



Friends from Wisconsin, Providence PBC, Alexis Malloy, Sarah, and Marsha Malloy.

Thankful to be able to worship with WGBPC member, Rachel Blanchard's grandparents, Dave & Lois Metternich, from Cedar Rapids, Iowa.



Enjoyed fellowship with Doug Jones and Phil Irwin.

The Dash - Author Unknown

I read of a man who stood to speak
At the burial of a friend.
He referred to the dates on the tombstone
From the beginning...to the end.

He noted that first came the date of his birth
And he spoke of the second with tears,
But he said what matters most of all
Was the dash between the years.

For that dash represents all the time
That he spent alive on earth,
And now only those who loved him
Know what that little line was worth.

For it matters not how much we own;
The cars, the homes, the cash.
What matters is how we live and love
And how we spend our **dash**.

Submitted by Sister Marlene Melvin



We always enjoy worshipping with like-minded believers. Proskocil family Randy, Julie, and children Elijah, Preston, Haden and Kinsley. (left) York family George, Liz and kids Charlotte, Jocelyn, Elise and Matthias. (right) Both from Missouri.



Meeting Notices

Gulf Coast Fellowship Meeting Bethel Primitive Baptist Church

1661 Bethel Road, (CR 173)
Bonifay, Florida 32425

Services: Thursday, March 23rd - 6 PM, refreshments afterwards
Friday, March 24th - 10 AM, lunch at noon, 1:30 PM, supper at 5:30 PM, 6:30 PM
Saturday, March 25th - 10 AM, lunch at noon, 1:30 PM
Sunday, March 26th - 10:30 AM

For more information - Carlton Wells 850-547-4164
Accommodations - Holiday Inn Express 877-859-5095

Antioch Primitive Baptist Church Annual Meeting

Services: Friday, May 5th - 7:30 PM
Saturday, May 6th - 10:30 AM, noon, 2 PM
Sunday, May 7th - regular weekly services 10:30 AM

Elder Chris McCool of Gordo, Alabama; Elder Kerry Lathrop of Ashville, North Carolina; and Elder James Allen of Danville, Virginia will be with us during our meeting.

If you need additional information or need further assistance, please contact Elder Chris Taylor at 772-201-1244.

We sincerely invite each of you to visit and worship with us whenever you are in our area. May the Lord bless us all to grow in faith and sing praises to His Holy Name.

Winter Garden Primitive Baptist Church's Annual Meeting

Services: Friday, May 26th - 7:30 PM
Saturday, May 27th - 10:30 AM, lunch at noon, 2 PM, 6 PM, Communion Services at 7:30 PM
Sunday, May 28th - 10:30 AM, lunch following



It is a special treat when Elder Gus Harter comes to worship with Winter Garden Primitive Baptist Church; he is a blessing both preaching and in the fellowship hall.



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The Bible in 50 Words

God made, Adam bit, Noah arked, Abraham
split, Joseph ruled, Jacob fooled, bush talked,
Moses balked, Pharoah plagued, people
walked, sea divided, tablets guided, promise
landed, Saul freaked, David peeked, prophets
warned, Jesus born, God walked, love talked,
anger crucified, hope died, love rose, Spirit
flamed, Word spread, God remained.

– Submitted by Brother David Grant –