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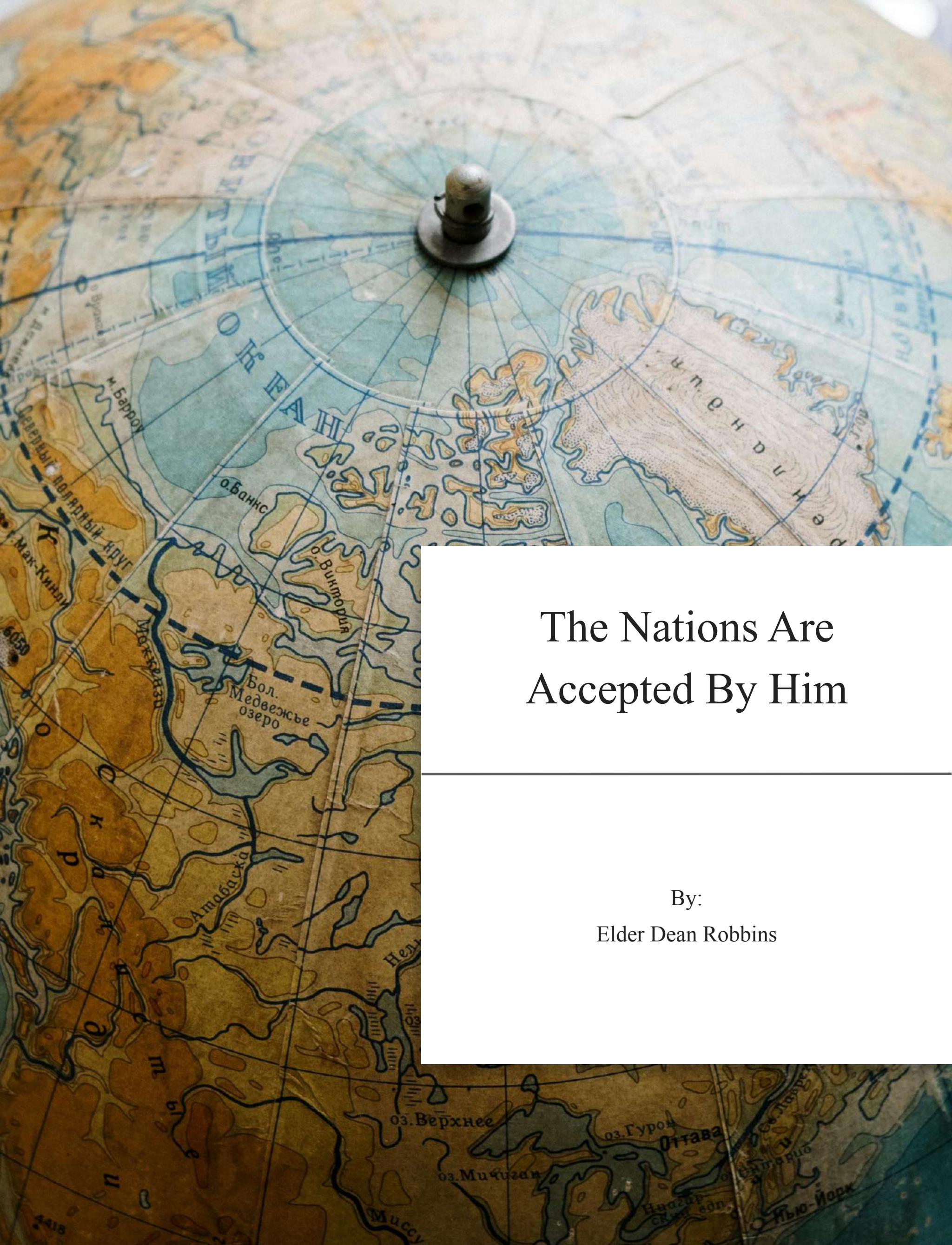
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# The Nations Are Accepted By Him

By:  
Elder Dean Robbins



*"In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality. But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him" (Acts 10:34, 35).* These words were written by Luke as he witnessed the encounter of Peter with Cornelius. You might recall that in this event in Acts chapter 10, is the *fulfilling* of the commandment given by Jesus before his ascension into heaven. He said, "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth" (Acts 1:8,).

Notice, the emphasis is on "fulfilling." It is not "fulfilled." That is, the work of evangelism is a work that shall never end while time continues on. More about this later. But here in the Judean city of Caesarea is a Gentile man who "fears God; a man of prayer and also of great charitable works (10:2). He was also a man lacking in the one thing that would make him truly and finally accepted by God. He did not know the Son of God. He did not know Jesus Christ as his Savior and Lord. This absence of knowledge, had it continued, would have brought the judgment and wrath of God upon him. You and I can be a fearer of God and do many wonderful works deemed to be righteous and yet that is insufficient to be accepted by God. Acceptance by God means to be declared just or innocent when it comes to the transgression of God's laws. One's justification is not found in doing works of righteousness, or even in the fearing of God and praying to him. Justification, as the apostle Paul declared, is by "faith apart from the deeds of the law" (Romans 3:8). This "faith" has as its object Jesus Christ.

Luke records a vision being given to Cornelius by the Lord in which this voice from heaven said, "Your prayers and your alms

have come up for a memorial before God" (Acts 10:4). What a wonderful and encouraging thought this is that shows, not only the compassion of God, but also his purpose to bring salvation to one of his own. With these words from this voice from heaven, events are set on their course for Peter to come and to preach the gospel to Cornelius and to all his household. And through Peter's preaching and the ministry of the Holy Spirit (See 10:44), salvation came to Cornelius and to all in his household who believed in Jesus and his work of redemption accomplished on the cross of Calvary and his resurrection from the grave.

The rest of the book of Acts is the written history of how the gospel goes forth to the nations, fulfilling the commandment given by Jesus before his ascension into heaven. Now taking up the previous thought of fulfilling verses fulfilled, the work of making disciples is never completed on this side of glory. This great work continues in our homes and in our churches today. It continues in our communities and also in places beyond the borders of our cities, states, and even country.

The folks at Lanes Church were reminded of this in a very wonderful and experiential way when two pastors from the Ukraine visited with them last month. Pastors Oleksandr Yvalov and Sergei Datsko were in the States visiting with ministries who have supported their work over the past years. Pastor Sergei is supported by Discipling Ministries International (DMI). Those, among our churches, who have traveled to the Ukraine and seen firsthand the work of these two brothers have rejoiced in God using them to bring the gospel to those whom he has prepared to hear its glorious message of salvation. Both of these brothers, since the Russian invasion in February of 2022, have put their lives in danger to meet both the physical and

spiritual needs of people who have been impacted by this war. Both Sergei and Oleksandr live in the Kharkiv region. This region in the Ukraine is under constant attack by the Russians. Pastor Sergei had a missile to come through the ceiling of his home in Kharkiv. The missile failed to explode. Under these daily threats, they are doing a tremendous work and we at DMI are blessed to know these men and to try to support them in their work.

Brothers and Sisters, we serve a great God, a Sovereign God who is pleased to “work in us both to will and to do for his good pleasure” (Philippians 2:13). And it pleases God to work in us to continue the work of Peter, the other apostles, and untold numbers throughout history in our “being witnesses of Jesus” both near and far away. We, at DMI, are so grateful to those who have supported this ministry to the Ukraine that began in 1993. While most have not participated personally by traveling and ministering there, yet you have been a participant working hand in hand with those who have traveled there. Together we have been laborers working together to continue fulfilling the work God has given us to accomplish. This door of ministry to the Ukraine has remained opened to us by the grace and mercy of God. In spite of this war going on, God still has a work for us to do there, and it is my prayer that you would continue to support this ministry in the days to come.





# Fight The Good Fight

1 Timothy 6:11-16

By:

Elder Pat McCoy



*(11) But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness. (12) Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. (13) I urge you in the sight of God who gives life to all things, and before Christ Jesus who witnessed the good confession before Pontius Pilate, (14) that you keep this commandment without spot, blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ's appearing, (15) which He will manifest in His own time, He who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords, (16) who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see, to whom be honor and everlasting power. Amen.*

I have been so moved by the faithfulness of believers in the churches in Ukraine. With the literal conflict they have gone through, and many are still going through, their faith and trust in God is very heart wrenching. God has stirred up a message in my heart from this scripture that I believe will help you live well, fight well and finish well. It is an important message for us to hear, just as it was for Timothy.

Jesus promised LIFE to anyone who believes in him. John 6:40, "And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day." He promised eternal life. He promised a life that deeply satisfies your inner thirsts. He said in John 7:38 that something will happen inside you that is like a river of living water flowing out from your heart. But he also said it would be costly and hard to follow him. In the gospels it tells us in Luke 9:57-58 that "someone said to Him, 'Lord, I will

follow you wherever you go.' And Jesus said to him, [Are you sure?] 'Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head.'" Are you sure you want to follow me. It is not glamorous or comfortable. And he said in Mathew 10:22, "And you will be hated by all for My name's sake. But he who endures to the end will be saved." And in Matthew 24:9 Christ says, "Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake."

Jesus did promise abundant life, but he never promised smooth sailing, easy living, or a life without conflict.

Look at the words Paul used here to exhort Timothy: "flee, pursue, fight, lay hold on, keep." These words imply opposition, danger and warfare. Paul indicated that we struggle or we wrestle with forces of wickedness. He said he fought with wild beasts at Ephesus. Most commentators take that as a figure of speech to mean the intense spiritual conflict with violent and dangerous enemies, which he experienced at Ephesus. Some moments in our Christian experience are so intense they could be described as a fight with wild beasts. Ever been there?

Here in our passage, Paul told Timothy, "FIGHT the good fight of faith." Life in Jesus is a war. Christianity is a street fight. If you belong to Christ, if you have sought to serve him, if you have determined to live in love and joy and peace and to be filled with his Spirit, you know what a battle it is.

It always has been. It always will be. We are not fighting for the forgiveness of our sins, or for acceptance with God. We have that. Our fight is primarily with the spiritual powers of darkness. Peter said, "your adversary the devil walks about like a

roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour” (1 Peter 5:8). We fight sin and temptation, we fight unbelief, we may fight thoughts of stepping back, or giving up, or deep dark periods of discouragement.

We shouldn't be surprised that it's not easy to get up some days and keep going. We shouldn't be surprised that it might be hard to get out and make it to church, or pray, or rejoice, to praise the Lord or to cling to God's promises. Peter said don't be surprised by the fiery ordeals that come into your life. The old hymn says, “Standing on the promises that cannot fail, when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail, by the living Word of God I shall prevail.” Yes, we prevail, we win, but we still face those howling storms of doubt and fear at times. And we have to fight, standing on the promises of God, or get swept away.

**It is dangerous to be passive**, or to assume that life should be effortless. We have to take spiritual actions to succeed because we are in a fight. Peter emphasized that we should prepare our minds for action, to be sober in spirit, be vigilant. Yes, we are at rest because Christ finished everything to fully save us and bring us to God. And we have peace with God that overflows our hearts. But we have that in the midst of trouble and spiritual opposition. So, we are called to “be strong in the Lord” and “put on the whole armor of God” and “stand firm in the day of evil” and “fight the good fight.”

If we are going to do well, we must fight “a GOOD fight.” We must fight well. We must fight vigorously, and earnestly. Jude said, “contend earnestly for the faith.” A good fight means to fight with persistence. We fight today and then tomorrow and then the next day. And when we get knocked down, we get back up and keep fighting. We have the attitude of Christian in Pilgrim's Progress:

“Rejoice not against me O mine enemy, for though I fall, I shall rise again.”

**It is a fight OF FAITH.** It is a battle to believe God when everything looks terrible! It is fighting to trust God when life doesn't make any sense. It is a battle for faith in God's word, when all around us people are abandoning truth. We fight on our knees, by prayer, by calling upon the Lord. The Lord said in Psalms 50:15 “Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.” We utilize the weapons of praise and thanks and worship. Jude said build “yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit” (Jude 1:20).

Part of our fight is against false ideas about God, about salvation, about what it even means to be a Christian. Paul said, “KEEP THE COMMANDMENT without spot,” unstained. Keep God's message uncontaminated by error. The command of God is nothing we can trifle with or distort to make it sound better. And today we are in a fight for truth; not fighting just for the beliefs of a church or a denomination, not even fighting for a certain theological system or creed. We are in a fight for what the Bible actually teaches. And it is a constant fight! Because there is a new and subversive error every day.

There are distortions of the truth that sound so good but have the seeds of spiritual destruction in them. A well known pastor teaches, “Following Jesus doesn't change you into something else, it reveals who you've been all along.” I read about an East German communist spy, who lived as an atheist and a spy but was in other ways a good person. He defected to the US where he got to know some Christians and even went to a church. But here is the gospel he was given: You are already a Christian, you just don't know it.



There is a kind of message out there that you are really awesome, wonderful, special, good and Jesus just helps you discover who you really are. What's wrong with that? Nothing is said about a sin problem or the need for a new heart or the need for a Savior. Just come to Jesus and he will help you reach your full potential.

The gospel of Jesus is MUCH BETTER than that! Jesus takes people who are really sick with sin, and he heals them! Peter said, "who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed. For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls" (1 Peter 2:24-25).

The gospel is that: We WERE sick in sin; Christ healed us by his wounds (by his stripes, his suffering at the cross). We were going astray, but Christ became our Shepherd and the Overseer of our souls. We were headed for the worst possible kind of destruction (objects of wrath), and Christ brought us into a status of safety and favor and peace with God. Beware of those who do not teach our need for Christ to make us new people, to give us new life, to make us a new creation. He takes sinners and makes us saints! He takes spiritually dead people and makes us alive.

Paul believed that it took a vigilant, aggressive self-disciplined life to live a godly life and to finish well. He said in 1 Corinthians 9:26,27, "Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as one who beats the air. 27 But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified." He said, I am NOT shadow boxing, I am not merely throwing punches into the air. I am in a real fight! And part of that fight is against myself (or my own body) and all desires I feel within me

that would hinder me from godliness and faithful service to Christ. Do we take living a godly life that seriously? We should.

We started with "fight the good fight." I think that is the summary command of this exhortation. But the first command in this passage is to flee! RUN! Turn your back on things that would hinder your walk with God and get away from it as fast as you can. We are not to dabble with attitudes, desires, ways of living that do not please God. We are to RUN from those things.

In 1 Timothy 6:9,10 Paul warned that those who "desire to be rich" fall into temptation and are trapped by many foolish and harmful desires, that plunge them into ruin and destruction: "For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. And some people, craving money, have wandered away from the true faith and pierced themselves with many sorrows." Often you will do better, in your home and in your marriage and in your work or business or financially, as a Christian. But to turn Christ or godly living into a steppingstone to worldly success, and personal gain is a dangerous error. This version of Christianity is all around us. It is a version of Christianity, which talks about Jesus, and God, and principles from the Bible, but mainly uses the Christian message as a means of getting ahead in this world.

So, as Paul said to Timothy, "DON'T let that happen to you!" Flee! Run from that! Paul also said, "Flee from sexual immorality" and "Flee from the sinful desires of youth." We are to flee from all the sins and snares of the world. What is it that you need to flee from?

But notice how he addressed Timothy in verse 11. He called him a man of God: "But you, O man of God, flee these things." If you belong to Jesus, God



has reached down and saved you out of the world and made you a man of God! Or a woman of God! You are a person of great spiritual privilege and responsibility because you NOW belong to God. Flee from the fleeting pleasures of sin, because you are a man of God, a woman of God! Let that name be emblazoned across our hearts: man of God, woman of God.

Then Paul commanded Timothy to “PURSUE righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness.” We are not to wait for these things to happen while we are out doing our own thing. We are to GO AFTER these things. I hear people say, I am just waiting for God to make me patient, because I know I can’t change myself. Certainly, God does the changes. But He already put the fruit of the Holy Spirit in you. And you must walk in that. God is at work in us to lead us to put sin to death, to repudiate sin. Being passive won’t work!

### **We are to pursue:**

Righteousness, doing what is good and right in the eyes of God. We are to pursue godliness. We are to pursue faith. We are to pursue love, loving God and one another. We are to pursue patience. We are to strive to be faithful, to endure, to press on. We are to pursue gentleness.

Paul also said, “lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.” Paul reminded Timothy, “You were called to eternal life, you have made a confession of that in front of many people.”

Like Timothy, have you experienced the call to eternal life, and have you confessed to other people that you know God, that you are saved! Most of you have confessed your faith in Christ by baptism, in the presence of many people. Now TAKE HOLD of

that life! With obstinate determination hold on to this new life you have. Do not neglect it, do not become preoccupied with something else. Do not pull away, do not shrink back. Life may be rough and tough but HOLD ON. Jesus said, “Hold fast to what you have, so that no one may take your crown” (Revelation. 3:11.)

Paul finished by saying in verse 13, “I urge you in the sight of God who gives life to all things, and before Christ Jesus.” We are to take these exhortations with the awareness that they come to us in the very presence of God and of Jesus Christ. God was looking on as Paul gave this charge to Timothy. God is looking on, as you hear these things even today. He is watching your heart and your response. Be aware of that! And receive it with that weightiness.

We fight the good fight all the way to the end, until we die or Christ is revealed from heaven.

Then Paul ends with an outburst of worship to God, “He who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords, 16 who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see, to whom be honor and everlasting power. Amen” (1 Timothy 6:15-16).

So many are looking for some secret or key to spiritual victory. The only secret is Christ and the power of his Spirit inside us. The pathway to victory is to flee from sin, pursue godliness, fight the good fight of faith, hold on to eternal life. Keep the command of God without stain and without reproach, and we do that by faith; hold on to eternal life, and we do that with reverence and awe and worship of God and our Savior. To Him be all glory and honor.





God Is Love: His Love Is  
Eternal And Infinite

*Psalm 90, Ephesians 2, 1 John 4*

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By:

Elder Craig Campbell



“God is Love!” The glorious fact that God is love is the reason that we have the joy of loving Him. “We love Him because He first loved us.” Every aspect of love in our lives flows from the foundational fact that God first loved us. We have established the truth that God’s love is unmerited. Today, we build on that wonder as we see that God’s love is both eternal and infinite.

### **God’s Love is Eternal**

Is God eternal? Yes. Psalm 90:1-2, “Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, Or ever You had formed the earth and the world, Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God.” Is God Love? Yes. 1 John 4:8b, “God is love.” God’s eternity and God’s love go hand in hand. God had no beginning; God’s love had no beginning. God has no ending; God’s love has no ending. God loved and chose the elect before the world was, in eternity. Unmerited love was the foundation of that choice. Ephesians 1:4, “Just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love.” Whereas, the love of God had no beginning and came to the elect before creation, in like manner His love has no end. God spoke to His children in Jeremiah 31:3b, “Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love.”

### **God’s Love is Infinite**

Infinite is a great way to describe God. Infinite means beyond measure or limitless. His power is without limits, He is Omnipotent. God is everywhere, He is Omnipresent. His knowledge and wisdom know no bounds, He is Omniscient. God’s Holiness is without flaw. And praise His glorious, loving name, His love is infinite and knows no lack of supply or inability to perform.

There are times when we feel we have worn out someone’s love for us. Some people will often ask, “Of all people, why would God love me?” Others ask a slightly different question, “How could God still love me?” God’s love never gives out, the supply is endless. Ephesians 2:4-7 states it so very well, “But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.” Ponder the great fact that God loved us while we were dead in sins. “Dead in sins” means we were alienated from God, or we were enemies of God. Therefore, it is proper to say that God loved us, we who were His enemies. What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What depth and meaning comes into our lives when we realize the assurance, glory, power, and wonder of the fact that God’s love is both eternal and infinite.





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## **DMI Ministry Budget for 2024**

DMI has approved a budget of \$204,000 for 2024. Due to generosity of many, we have already sent a total of \$66,000 in support to the following:

Pastor Maxim Mamakin

Pastor Sergei Datsko

Happy Home Ministry (A ministry to special needs children)

We need to raise another \$138,000 for the remainder of the year. Please consider helping us with this ministry. Share with others about the work going on in the Ukraine. You can find more information on our Web Page:

[www.disciplingministries.org](http://www.disciplingministries.org). On behalf of the Board members of DMI, thank you for your prayers and financial support over these past 30 years. Soli Deo Gloria (To God be the glory!)

Elder Dean Robbins

Pastor, Lanes Primitive Baptist Church

President, DMI





## **Music Workshop Sing Into Spring!**

(March 9, 2024)

What is Sing into Spring? For some time, our desire has been to offer sessions at various times that will complement our annual summer conference. On Saturday, March 9 we will introduce Singing School! Dr. Jim Tipps will lead us through some basic elements of music, including ‘finding your voice’ and learning how vocal harmony parts work! The best part is that you’ll enjoy a fun filled day with Christian friends, old and new! Know anyone who has never been to Workshop, but likes music? Invite them to join us! It’ll be a great day of fun and fellowship! The school will be held at Statesboro Primitive Baptist Church. We’ll start at 10:00am, break for lunch and wrap up the afternoon at 4:00pm. Look for further details on this event and this summer’s Music Workshop coming soon!

## **Music Workshop 2024, July 16 – 19, 2024**

Plans are well underway for this year’s Music Workshop. We are excited about the new year because of several new initiatives designed to expand our Outreach efforts. Stay tuned for more on that in the coming weeks! Our theme this year is Singing the Gospel. Within the church, it is universally agreed that music is an integral and important part of our worship. The study of this topic is a call to churches to be strictly gospel-centered and directed. The music of the church, as with any component of worship, is not to supplant the preaching of the gospel, but to compliment it. We are very happy to announce that Brother Wade McElveen of the Lanes Primitive Baptist Church will deliver the messages of this theme during our worship services.





## Lanes Church

*Brooklet, GA*

Greetings from Lanes! November was a huge blessing for us in more ways than one. Lanes not only celebrated its 192nd Homecoming on the November 12th, but following our Homecoming Service and covered dish lunch, we were overjoyed to host a celebration for Elder Emerson Proctor's 90th birthday! The fellowship hall was filled with Brother Emerson's family and friends that came to help him celebrate. It was a great day in the Lord fellowshiping with one another.

Brother Emerson was interviewed by his grandson, Brandon, on the day of his birthday. Brandon was able to capture some amazing stories from Brother Emerson's youth all the way up to his current age. He created a YouTube video of this precious time together. For those of you who are interested in viewing this video, go to YouTube and do a search for Emerson Proctor. The video is titled: "Emerson Proctor – Reflecting on 90 Years of God's Faithfulness." Lanes had another member who turned 90 on January 30, 2024. Carolyn Cannon, the mother of Debbie McElveen and Lisa Waters celebrated her birthday at the Lodge at Bethany. Carolyn was honored by the residents of the Lodge and her family and friends. We were blessed to have visitors from Ukraine as Pastors Oleksandr Vyalov and Sergei Datsko came in February 2nd. Pastor Datsko spoke on the continuing war from the Russian invasion and Pastor Vyalov preached on "Bearing Our Cross as Christ's Disciples" at Lanes on Sunday, February 4th. We are so thankful to God for His many blessings! If you are ever in our area, please come by and worship with us. *(Joy Tucker, Reporter)*







## **Providence Church**

*Tallassee, AL*

After seven years as our pastor, Elder Mike McGrady tendered his resignation and accepted a call from Cedar Creek Church in Collins GA. Brother Mike and his sweet wife, Sister Leah, will be missed for certain, but we understand that he must follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit. God's grace is all sufficient and we are pleased to announce that Elder Richard Pinnell has accepted our call to serve as our pastor. He and Sister Julie are members at Providence and well known and loved by all. We thank God for Brother Mike and Sister Leah and their time spent with us and are so very thankful God has blessed us with Brother Richard and Sister Julie Pinnell.

In Christian Love,

Rene' McCulloch, Reporter



Elder Richard Pinnell, Pastor





## **Antioch Church**

*Twin City, GA*

Greetings from Antioch Primitive Baptist Church. We had a wonderful holiday season. Members of the church enjoyed special music from Brother Jim during the worship service a few Sundays in December. Through member donations, we were able to help out a family with several young children during Christmas. With great sadness, we report the loss of Sister Joyce Scott Greenway. Sister Joyce went to be with the Lord on Saturday, December 16, 2023 following a lengthy illness. She actively attended Antioch for many years and will be greatly missed. On Sunday, January 14, 2024, Antioch met in conference and voted to recommend Brother Kirk Cavanah as a Licentiate within the Progressive Primitive Baptist Denomination. He is now available for supply and his information can be found on the Progressive Primitive Baptists website. Brother Kirk has been a member of Antioch for quite a number of years and has served as a Deacon as well. We consider ourselves blessed to have him, his wife Sister Jill and their two boys as part of our church family. We ask for your continued prayers for Brother Kirk and the congregations he will minister to in the future. As always, we invite you to join us for Bible Study each Sunday morning at 10:00 am with Worship Service following at 11:00.

*(Sonya M. Rountree, Church Reporter)*



Licentiate Kirk Cavanah





## **Bay Branch Church**

*Bellville, GA*

It is with great sadness that we report the death of our beloved brother, William (Billy) Lonnie Harn, on February 8, 2024. Billy was truly a servant who was always at church performing whatever tasks that needed to be done.

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**HARN**, William Lonnie (Billy) –  
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**MULLIS**, William Martin (Bill), Elder –  
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Waycross Primitive Baptist Church, Waycross, Georgia.

**SYE**, Parker Henry, Elder –  
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# STATEMENT OF FAITH

*In accord with the historical position of the Primitive Baptists, the editors of the Banner Herald subscribe to the scriptural principles stated in the 1689 London Baptist Confession of Faith. The following is an abbreviated statement upon that confession.*

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- We Believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, inspired and inerrant, and the only rule of faith and practice.
- We Believe in the only true and living God. That there are three persons in the Godhead, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, and that these three agree in one, are coequal, coeternal, and coexistent.
- We Believe in the total depravity of the entire human family; that is, sin pollutes man's faculties; his heart, mind, and will - and he is unable to recover himself from his lost and ruined estate.
- We Believe in particular, eternal, and unconditional election, the effectual calling of the elect, and the final perseverance of the saints.
- We Believe Jesus Christ to be the Son of God, the only Savior and Redeemer, and that Salvation is by His grace alone.
- We Believe that believer's Baptism and the Lord's Supper are the ordinances of the church of Jesus Christ. We Believe the only baptism taught and recognized in the Bible is immersion.
- We Believe the Lord's Supper is a memorial of our Lord's death and should be regularly observed in the church. We Believe that the washing of the saint's feet is an example of humility and service to be observed by the church.
- We Believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper but such as are called by God and come under the imposition of hands by a presbytery.
- We Believe in the resurrection of the just and the unjust; that the just shall be raised, changed, and fashioned like unto the glorious body of the Son of God, to dwell in heaven forever, soul and body reunited; and, that the unjust shall be raised, soul, and body reunited, and consigned to punishment in hell forever.