

# The Word of Life Messenger

*“Holding forth the word of life” Phil. 2:16*

Vol. 59

Tupelo, MS – February 2009

No. 2

---

---

## ***THE INSPIRED WORD OF GOD***

---

---

“For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart,” (Heb. 4:12). Among other things this verse tells us that the Word of God is powerful. The Word of God is powerful because it is inspired. “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,” (II Tim. 3:16). Proverbs 30:5 teaches us that “every word of God is pure.” The Bible did not come from man but from God. Since it “is given by inspiration of God,” we know it is true and we can rely upon it as the ultimate source of knowledge. The Bible reveals the knowledge, wisdom, and mind of God. Its doctrines are holy and its precepts are binding. The Bible gives light to guide us and food to nourish us. It reveals the condition of man: “For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God,” (Rom. 3:23). But it also tells us that God sent His Son to be our Saviour, who died, was buried, and raised again. Do not neglect its teachings for it is given to us in this life and will be opened at the judgment seat of Christ for believers and at the great white throne of judgment for unbelievers. It reveals the happiness of believers and tells of our home in Heaven. Jesus Christ is the key that unlocks the great truths of the Bible. Someone has said that the Bible “is the trav-

eler’s map, the pilgrim’s staff, the pilot’s compass, and the soldier’s sword. It is a mine of wealth to the soul and a river of pleasure.” We must rightly divide it (II Tim. 2:15). We should be taught in it (Gal. 6:6). We should allow the Word to indwell in us (Col. 3:16). Our spiritual growth is dependent on the Word of God (I Pet. 2:2).

Next, let us notice the power of the gospel through the Word. “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek,” (Rom. 1:16). James 1:18 states: “of his own will begat he us with the word of truth.” Yes, the Word of God is powerful enough to bring the poor lost sinner from darkness to light through the “power of the gospel.” If we are saved through the gospel, we must be very sure we know what the gospel is. The Bible tells us in I Cor. 15:3-4: “For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that He was buried and that He rose again the third day according to the scriptures.” How did Christ die? I Peter 3:18 says: “For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the spirit.” “But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed,” (Isa. 53:5). These verses and many

more in the Bible remind us how He died. In order to preach the gospel, we must not only tell how He died, but also that He was buried and raised again. Is Jesus the one you are trusting to carry you to Heaven? “Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever,” (I Pet. 1:23).

The Bible reminds us that the preaching of the Word of God is necessary if we are going to please God. We are not to preach about the Word but “preach the word,” (II Tim. 4:2). As we preach the Word, preach the gospel, as was emphasized in the last paragraph. “For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God,” (I Cor. 1:18). One of the reasons for the selection of the first deacons in the sixth chapter of Acts was in order for the preacher to give himself “to the ministry of the word.” Yes, the preaching of the word and of the gospel is a powerful message because of the power of the word. Titus 1:3 reminds us that He “hath in due times manifested his word through preaching.”

“Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away,” (Matt. 24:35). If you are a lost sinner, my desire is that you come to believe that Jesus died for your sins, was buried and raised again. To those of you who are God’s children, may you rejoice in the Word of God and study it for your joy and growth.

~ Gladwin Carpenter

---

---

# SEEING OURSELVES IN THE LIGHT OF GOD'S HOLINESS

---

---

“Behold I am vile” (Job 40:4a)

---

---

The more one grows in grace the more one realizes he is only a sinner saved by the grace of God. Such was the case of the patriarch Job. He was described in Job 1:1 as one who “was perfect and upright, one that feared God and shunned evil.” Job, then, was a man who, though not sinless, wanted to wholeheartedly please God. He was a spiritually mature man who was described as the “greatest of the men of the east,” (Job 1:3b). However, after an encounter with a holy God, Job had a very different opinion of himself. He now abhors himself and repents in dust and ashes (Job 42:6).

If anybody has ever seemed to have a right to complain it would have been Job, after all that happened to him. When he was at a distance he could argue and contend with God; but when brought into the presence of God's holiness, he sank down in astonishment and shame and was filled with self-loathing. The manifestation of

God's glory to the sinner always produces the same effect. Isaiah felt as Job did and cried “woe is me! For I am a man of unclean lips, and dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for mine eyes have seen the King the Lord of Hosts,” (Isaiah 6:5). Pride and self-righteousness can never live in God's presence. The nearer we come to God, the more we discover our depravity, the more we come to loathe ourselves and the sin which does so easily beset us. The more we see ourselves as we are, the more precious does the Person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ become to us. Like the apostle Paul we must affirm: “This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief,” (I Tim. 1:15). There is no room for selfish pride and boasting at the foot of the cross (Gal. 6:14). The gospel of “how that Christ died for our sins according to the Scrip-

tures, was buried, and rose again the third day according to the Scriptures,” (I Cor. 15:3-4) is really good news to us. It is only when we see our vileness that we value our Saviour's righteousness which has by faith been credited to our account. It is only as we feel our own weakness that we shall prize Him, and pray for His power and His wisdom. It is only as His power works in us will God be glorified in us and through us (Phil. 2:12-13). May we learn to see ourselves in the light of God's holiness, and have no other desire than to be found in Him and clothed with His righteousness. An old hymn declares: *There is a fountain filled with blood drawn from Immanuel's veins; And sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains. The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in His day; And there may I, though vile as he, wash all my sins away.*

~ Larry Windham

---

---

## SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

---

---

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet,  
and a light unto my path.

*Psalms 119:105*

And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.

*Acts. 20:32*

Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.

*John 5:39*

So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

*Romans 10:17*

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth: to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

*Romans 1:16*

For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

*Hebrews 4:12*

We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light

that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:

**Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.**

**For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.**

*II Peter 1:19-21*

Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.

*Revelations 1:3*

---

---

# BANKING HINTS FOR BELIEVERS

---

---

Believers are much richer than most of them are aware, and it would be well for them to adopt a few practical hints about the use of their riches.

Open a savings account according to Matthew 6:20-21 "But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

Make use of the check book mentioned in II Peter 1:4 "Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises; that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust." II Corinthians 1:20 "For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him amen, unto the glory of God by us."

Remember the essential conditions of the acceptance of all checks on the bank. Philippians 4:6 "Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God."

Never forget that there are always heavy balances to your credit. Philippians 4:19 "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Ephesians 3:20 "Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us." Romans 8:32 "He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?" Psalms 84:11 "For the Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will be withhold from

them that walk uprightly."

How others may become rich also. Matthew 6:33 "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all things shall be added unto you." II Corinthians 8:9 "For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich."

Jesus left the glories of heaven, came down to this sin cursed earth, went to the cross of calvary: to die for our sins. He was buried and the third day he arose victorious over death, hell, and the grave. He paid the penalty for sin and now he is able to save the sinner. When we believe in his name we are saved by grace. Do you trust him as your Saviour? Then enjoy the riches that are yours.

~ Charles Ellis

---

---

## A MOMENT WITH THE WORD

---

---

"These things have I written unto you who believe in the name of the Son of God, and that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God."

**I John 5:13**

"And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall anyone snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who gave them to me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of my Father's hand."

**John 10: 28-29**

"All that the Father giveth me shall come to me: and him that cometh to me, I will in nowise cast out."

**John 6:37**

Please notice that the Believer in Christ has security because God in

his Word tells us so. These verses are only a few.

Notice the words **know**, **never**, and **lose nothing**.

The Believer can **know** that he has eternal life in this world. Security is not something that a church or preacher has dreamed. God's word is very plain on this subject. We can have complete confidence and assurance of our salvation because it is dependent on Christ's death, burial and resurrection. God is satisfied with Christ's sin payment after we have trusted in Christ.

There is no other meaning of the word for **never**. Once a person has trusted Christ he is completely secure in Christ. Once a person is a child of God, nothing can ever change that. It is God's grace by

which we are saved and it is God's grace that keeps us. John 6:47 teaches us that we have everlasting life. If we can lose our salvation, it is not everlasting. **Thank God the believer can never be lost again.**

Then we notice the word **lose**. John 6:37 teaches us that Christ will in nowise cast us out. The word nowise means under no circumstances cast us out. Bad works do not send us to hell and good works do not save us. Works—good or bad—have nothing to do with obtaining or retaining our salvation.

Thank God, I did not save or partially save myself. When my Saviour died on the cross of Christ, He said, "It is finished." If he finished it, then what can you add to a finished product?

~Bro. Jack Maroon

## RADIO PROGRAMS

### WCPC – HOUSTON, MS, 940 KC

SATURDAY, 8:30-9:00 A.M.

BRO. FRED HARTLEY

SUNDAY, 7:30-8:00 A.M.

BRO. GLADWIN CARPENTER

MON.-FRI. 4:55-5:00 P.M.

BRO. GLADWIN CARPENTER

SATURDAY, 9:15-9:45 A.M.

REEDY'S CHAPEL- GLADWIN CARPENTER

### WBTG 106.3 FM – SHEFFIELD, AL

SUNDAY, 8:15 A.M.

BRO. JOE HOLMES

### WOHT 92.3 FM – GRENADA, MS

MON.-FRI., 7:25 A.M.

DEVOTIONAL: LARRY WINDHAM

SUNDAY, 8:00-8:30 A.M.

ELLIOTT BAPTIST CHURCH

### WBIP 99.3 FM – BOONEVILLE, MS

SUNDAY, 8:00 TO 8:30 A.M.

BRO. GLADWIN CARPENTER

*WEBSITE for "The Word  
of Life Messenger"*

[www.atCalvaryBaptist.net](http://www.atCalvaryBaptist.net)

If you are receiving multiple copies of this paper and are not using them, please send your address to:

Angela Wilson  
c/o SprintPrint  
114 North Spring Street  
Tupelo, MS 38804

# Notice

The Northeast MS Baptist Bible Conference does not have a meeting place for March, 2009.

The North Central MS Baptist Bible Conference will meet with Liberty Hill Baptist Church, 2615 US Highway 43, Phil Campbell, AL on Tuesday, March 17, 2009. The conference will begin at 9:50 a.m. with song, prayer and welcome. There will be six speakers on program for the day. The conference is scheduled to end at 2:10 p.m.

Lunch will be served at 12:00 noon.

Bro. Bobby Joe Poss, Pastor, and the church invite you to this time of worship and Bible study.

## WORD OF LIFE MESSENGER

Published Monthly by the

Northeast Mississippi Baptist

Pastor's Conference, Inc.

Editors: Gladwin Carpenter, Larry Windham,

and Bobby Joe Poss

**POSTMASTER: Send address changes to**

**Angela Wilson**

**c/o SprintPrint**

**114 North Spring Street**

**Tupelo, MS 38804**

## T.V. PROGRAMS

### TV WCVJ - Channel 13

Grenada, MS

*Tuesday*, 8:00 p.m.

C.A. Fayard, Jr.

### TV W39CD - Channel 39

Fulton, MS

Website: [www.w39cd.com](http://www.w39cd.com)

*Tuesday*, 9:30 p.m.

First Baptist Church

Belmont, MS

Bro. Trent Jaudon

*Wednesday*, 8:30 p.m.

Bro. Chris Duncan

Bro. Bobby Joe Poss

*Thursday*, 7:00 p.m.

Bro. Lloyd Minor

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Word of Life  
114 North Spring Street  
Tupelo, MS 38804

PRSR STD  
U.S. POSTAGE  
**PAID**  
TUPALO, MS  
PERMIT #564