

Harmony Newsletter

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"Come thou with us, and we will do thee good..."-Numbers 10:29

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INDESCRIBABLE JESUS

Jesus is indescribable. By that I mean we, as humans, do not have the ability to describe Him as gloriously as He really is. Words are limited. Expressions fall short. The human mind is incapable of wrapping itself around the fullness of His glory. So, to give us a hint of His majesty, God, in His holy word, has given us some finite glimpses of Jesus, His offices, His person, and His attributes with many words and expressions. Almost every letter in the alphabet has one or more expressions of His glorious person. Brother Rakes and I used to sit out under the stars and go through this list, and what each one means. Consider a few of them with me today.

A: Adam; Advocate; Almighty; Alpha; Amen; Angel; Anointed; Apostle; Arm; Author.

B: Beginning; Beloved; Bishop; Blessed; Branch; Bread of life; Bridegroom; Bright and morning star; Brightness of the Father's glory.

C: Captain; Carpenter; Chief Shepherd; Chief corner stone; Chiefest among ten thousand; Child; Chosen; Christ; Commander; Consolation; Corner stone.

D: Daysman; Dayspring; Day star; Deliverer; Desire of all nations; Door.

E: Elect; Emmanuel; Ensign; Eternal life; Everlasting Father.

F: Faithful; Finisher of our faith; First and last; First begotten; Foundation; Fountain; Forerunner; Friend of sinners.

G: Glory of Israel; God; Good Master; Governor; Great Shepherd; Good Shepherd.

H: Head of the church; Heir of all things; High priest; Holy One; Holy Thing; Hope; Horn of salvation.

I: I AM; Image of God; Israel; Immanuel.

J: Jesus; Jehovah; Just Man; Just One.

K: King; King of kings.

L: Lamb; Life; Leader; Light; Living bread; Living stone; Lion of the tribe of Judah; Lord.

M: Man Christ Jesus; Man of sorrows; Master; Mediator; Messenger; Messiah; Mighty God; Mighty One; Minister; Most Holy; Most mighty.

N: Nazarene.

O: Offspring of David; Only begotten; Only wise God.

P: Passover; Potentate; Power of God; Physician; Precious corner stone; Priest; Prince; Prophet; Propitiation.

R: Rabbi; Rabboni; Ransom; Redeemer; Resurrection; Redemption; Righteous branch; Righteous Judge; Root of David; Rose of Sharon; Ruler.

S: Salvation; Sanctification; Sanctuary; Savior; Sceptre; Seed of David; Seed of the woman; Servant; Shepherd; Son of God; Sun of righteousness; Stone of stumbling; Sure foundation.

T: Teacher; True God; True vine; Truth.

U: Unspeakable gift.

V: Very Christ.

W: Way; Wisdom; Witness; Wonderful; Word.

These are just a few glorious expressions given to us by inspiration. It is a special blessing to meditate upon each one, consider what they mean to us personally, and how they work together for our salvation. -NMP

ANOTHER SAINT HAS GONE HOME

Harmony Church has been saddened by the death of one of our dear sisters, Louise Beason. She was a faithful member of Harmony Church. Being in God's house with her brethren was her "Chief joy". The last few months of her life she came in a wheelchair. Sister Louise faced many trials in her life including the loss of several of her children. Yet, she remained faithful to the Lord and His house through it all. She was a very quiet, humble person, possessing great faith. She was always a great encouragement to me. One of her favorite songs was, "Not Made With Hands"

One of the verses speak of heaven, where she longed to be:

"That city's built with precious stones"

"Not made with hands"

"Within we'll gather round the throne"

"Not made with hands"

She is there today, in possession of that hope! -NMP

ADDICTED

Not all addictions are bad. We read of a house, a family, of Stephanas, that was addicted in a *good* way. They were addicted to the **ministry of the saints**. This is what Paul said about them:

"I beseech you, brethren, (ye know the house of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and that they have addicted themselves to the ministry of the saints,) That ye submit yourselves unto such, and to every one that helpeth with us, and laboureth." (1 Corinthians 16:15-16). Yes, addiction isn't always bad.

This house was among the first converts to Christianity in that area (See 1 Cor. 1:16). Paul didn't remember many of the saints he had baptized in that region, but he remembered these. Why? Because they were so faithful.

But what does the “ministry of the saints” mean? It includes many things like ministering to the sick; the support of the poor; the assisting of the ministry; and whatever duties were required in the church of Jesus Christ for the furtherance of the gospel.

If you were to visit Corinth, you would see these people at every meeting. They would be the ones involved in every activity of the church. They just couldn’t stay away. They were *addicted!*

“Is that too much”, we might ask? No. It is what we all should be addicted to. Jesus was addicted to us, to our salvation. Our eternal security was on His mind and heart every day. He lived for our salvation. Surely we should find it a privilege to serve Him. No wonder Corinth thrived with their many gifts.

While some see this addiction as a duty, the house of Stephanas saw it as a *privilege*. Yes, this addiction is good. It is good for the heart, for the soul, and for the church as a whole. It keeps our minds off of our problems, cares, and things that can harm us. When Israel was building the tabernacle, they forgot their molten calf and their false gods. They were the happiest when they were *addicted* to the ministry of God’s house.

People can be addicted to many things. They can be addicted to their television shows, their hobbies, their sports, and their crafts. But this is something that we should all strive to be addicted to: the ministry of the saints. -NMP

-----WEB PAGE INFO-----

As most of you know, Brother Dan Samons has been kind enough to take over the job of “Webmaster” for our church website. This includes the maintenance required for its performance, as well as downloading our messages, and articles. God has been gracious to provide us with helpers in this area that is beyond my ability. He recently shared the following with me that may prove useful for you as well:

Instructions for Adding Harmony Primitive Baptist Church to an iPhone (Other smartphones as well)

- 1) Use Safari to navigate to www.sermonaudio.com/harmonypbchurch
- 2) At the bottom of the Safari screen select the middle icon that looks like a box with an arrow coming out of it
- 3) Choose 'Add to Home Screen'
- 4) Type in the name of the link "HPBC" or "Harmony" or something like that.
- 5) Select 'Add' at the top right corner of the screen.

This will add a direct link to the page where our sermons are hosted and show you the eight most recent sermons. You can listen to any of these on your phone by clicking on them. You can also access the search function at the top of the page to look for other sermons in our archive.

When a sermon is selected for listening, there is also a link on that page to share the sermon with someone else via email. Please remember that standard data rates apply. If you need help, Brother Dan has offered his services during lunch for anyone who needs ...*guidance*. :)

MEETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Our fall meeting was very blessed this year with many wonderful messages. Not only did we get to hear some of our local ministers from Arkansas, but we also were blessed to have Elder Bryce Lowrance, and Elder Joe Asbell with us. Elder Lowrance is the grandson of the late Elder Verniel Lowrance, the contractor involved in the construction of our present meetinghouse. It was a wonderful time of fellowship with our local churches. The Lord crowned it with His presence. Thanks to all who labored to make the meeting possible, to the ministry for coming our way, and to every person who lifted up their voice in praises to our Lord!
- We were blessed to hear one of our Brothers, Dan Samons, speak to us on the 4th Sunday in September. The Lord certainly blessed him with a wonderful message. We want to give him the opportunity to exercise his gift with our church. I have asked him to take the 1st Sunday of each month. I encourage you to pray for brother Dan as he shares God’s word with us.
- On Friday night, September 28th, we were blessed to hear Elder Martin Onyoni, at Hampton Church. Elder Onyoni is from Kenya, Africa. By God’s kind hand of providence, Elder Onyoni came in contact with one of our brethren on their web page. He said he read about all the other churches, what they believed, but when he came to the Primitive Baptist site the doctrines were plain and simple. They made sense to him and he could identify, by his own experience, the doctrines of grace. You could tell from his message that he was well grounded in the truth.
- Harmony Church rejoiced to receive 3 new members in September by baptism, and confession of faith. Dan and Katherine Samons of Little Rock were baptized on Sunday, September 9th, and Sam Carlisle of Malvern was baptized on Sunday, September 16th. We are thankful for our new members.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Sister Cleo Luten underwent surgery for a pacemaker
- Brother Darren Burroughs is suffering from kidney stones