

# According to Scripture

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Verily, I say unto you that the tax collectors and harlots shall go into the Kingdom of God before you.

Jesus was seen in the light of these people the righteous would accuse and call him a sinner and that Jesus was no good for their company. I am not today if he are not a Pharisee like the Pharisee stood and prayed and Lord, I thank thee that I am not as others. I pay my tax twice a week. I am not as other men, extortionists, adulterers, or tax collectors.

Under how many we have from the church or even the street who cares not to be Jesus because we have led to think God does not care for the harlot and the sinner. I think and I am sure that I would ask God to help us.

Who knew he was worthy to pray, knew that he had been more than a sinner in his time and the tax collector had failed to give the honor in his life. He was to ask for forgiveness, to recognize Jesus as his only begotten son. But when he did, the Bible says he did not even lift his eyes to heaven because he was worthy. Yet he asked to be merciful unto him.

Some of you who read this paper were from the church. Some have lost faith in most people. But I'm here to tell you that you have a great God to enter in God's kingdom. But you must believe Jesus died for you. And tax collector who had a true confession, was counted worthy and was saved when he went home.

A lot of people who are they have a look of vanity. They want to be in sin or having dominion over others but they want to be free. They are looking for that light. That you and I are supposed to burn in.

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In Ezekiel the 34th Chapter, God was telling that the shepherd had failed to have brought again to him that which was driven away. I wonder how many we have back on the street or back serving Satan. I wonder if we may have driven them back to the world. I wonder maybe we thought their dress was not right for our church. Maybe there was that hairdo that was not exactly just right for our standards. Maybe she was just from down the street. I pray that we have never driven anyone back to Satan. Not only this, but God said we failed to go after the lost. How many times have we sit home at night when there was a revival going on and we failed to invite someone who is lost to come and be with us in God's house?

In the Eleventh Verse God said it all. I am so glad God is God and that he cares for the lost. God said, "Behold I, even I, will both search for my sheep and seek them out." (34:11) God said that they were scattered in the cloudy and dark day. Jesus knows the storm you are in, the lonely nights you cry to him. God said he would seek you out. Praise God, Man can sit if he likes, but God's word is true. God has compassion for the lost. So much that he sent his only son Jesus that the lost might be saved. And you who sit at home and fail to bring the lost to Jesus, God said he would bring them out and that he would feed them in a good pasture, and upon the high Mountain. God said that he would seek that which was lost and bring again that which was driven away. Verse 16.

Listen, you who were driven away, or you who are lost, Jesus loves you. He cares. Whether I or anybody else who failed to tell you of Jesus whether you wear what I like or don't like Jesus loves you. Jesus looks on the heart, not the outward appearance. When Jesus sent for David, he

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told his prophet to look on the heart of David, not his outward appearance. But most of all, God said here in his Holy Word that he was coming for you. He is going to give you a chance to serve him. Jesus is soon coming and he said that he would not that any man should perish. God said he would cause a shower to come down in its season. There shall be a shower of blessings because Jesus has broken the yoke. I believe we are in the last days. And you that are lost, right now, ask Jesus to save you. Tell him that man will no longer cause you to fail to receive his blessings. Tell Him that you will work for him. Tell him that you will go for him. Tell him that you will go and warn the others who need to know Jesus. Tell him most of all that you love him and you want to be saved.

Do you want to be saved? Jesus said, "I stand at the door and knock, if any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him and he with me." Rev. 3:20. You say it is not that simple. It is if you are sick of sin and want to live better. Jesus said he knocks at the door. Do you feel or hear that knock? If you do, asks Jesus to forgive. Be as the tax collector and ask Jesus to be merciful to you as a sinner. Then believe that Jesus heard. Then start believing and be a doer of his word. Live unto righteousness, live for Jesus and most of all, pray and seek his face forever.

Yours in Christ,  
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**Coach scores Hole In One**

PEMBROKE — Ronnie Chavis, Pembroke High School's baseball coach, successfully struck another kind of ball Saturday.

He rapped a hole-in-one on the par-3 third hole at Riverside Golf Course. "It was the first ace that I ever made," said Chavis. "I started to use a 9-iron, but the hole had been moved back on the green, and I decided to use an 8-iron."

Chavis was playing with James Sampson, James Smith, James Locklear and Warren Baker.

# The Life and Times of Henry Berry Lowry

by G. L. Barton



Mrs. Mary C. Norment was of the impression that the Lowry Gang was composed of as many as 40 members. A factor that was probably instrumental in Mrs. Norment's erroneous assumption was the fact that the Lowry Gang joined forces with an active band of escaped Yankee prisoners from nearby Florence, S. C., shortly before the Civil War ended. The escaped Yankees were also lying out in the dense, jungle-like swamps interspersed throughout Suffletown and they too were engaged in robbing local wealthy white planters. Actually, however, the Lowry Gang hardly ever exceeded 12 members. Let us take a closer glimpse at those who comprised the Gang.

Of course, the leader of the Gang was Henry Berry Lowry, a quiet man who possessed extraordinary leadership ability. It is beyond the realm of how far he could have gone serving either in the Confederate Army or the Union Army during the Civil War given the opportunity and an education, of course. One should recall that the right to an education was one of the rights denied Lumbee (River) Indians after their rights as free citizens were disfranchised in 1835. A more detailed description of Henry Berry can be obtained by reading the weekly column of "The Life and Times of Henry Berry Lowry" which appeared a few weeks ago, entitled quite appropriately, "A Description of Henry Berry Lowry."

Stephen Lowry, Henry Berry's brother—Before the Civil War he worked for the

Andrew Strong, Rhoda Strong's brother, ergo making him Henry Berry's brother-in-law. Andrew's father was white, said to have been a Gorman who fled his native Fayetteville after murdering a man there. When he arrived in Robeson County he changed his last name to Strong to elude the law. Andrew did not join the Gang until 1870 at which time he was practically forced to in order to survive. He had been forced to work in the pest-infested labor camp below Wilmington at Fort Fisher alongside black-skinned slaves. He endured the hardships of the slave camp without a murmur of protest. However, when a handful of whites almost succeeded in killing him when Malcolm Sanderson (also Henry Berry's brother-in-law) was murdered, he took to the swamps and joined forces with Henry Berry and the Lowry Gang.

Boss Strong, Andrew's brother and Henry Berry's brother-in-law—Boss was Henry Berry's dearest and closest companion. He was Henry

Zack McLaughlin, a poor

Berry's right-hand-man as well as his closest friend. Boss was only 20 when murdered by James Donohue McQueen while he was lying near the fireplace of his cabin playing the harmonica. He had dark, red-looking short-cut hair which was curly. He had blue eyes and stood five feet 10 inches also. He weighed approximately 165 pounds.

Calvin and Henderson Oxendine. Henderson was the only member tried and executed (hanged in Lumberton) by the authorities. His actions on the day he was hanged were emblematic of his character: When he was led up the gallows, while rain fell persistently all around and every roof top and tree was full of the curious and sadistic whites of Lumberton, many of whom had never witnessed a hanging before, Henderson asked and received permission to sing a couple of hymns. One would most assuredly have to be a master at self-control to even attempt such a feat.

When the Gang escaped the Whiteville jail Calvin refused to leave with them. He maintained his innocence and assured the others that he would be found innocent. After two years, Calvin's perseverance paid off. He was found not guilty of being complicated in the murder of former Sheriff Reuben King.

John Dial who turned state's evidence in the trial where George Applewhite and Steve Lowry were sentenced to be hanged for the murder of King. The rest of the gang contended that Dial fired the fatal bullet that killed King. He was a fierce looking Indian with a wart under his left eye.

George Applewhite, a former slave—He was Calvin and Henderson's brother-in-law. Escaped Robeson County and settled in Goldsboro where he eventually was arrested but set free because of the Amnesty Act. Applewhite seemed to live a charmed life. He was shot and wounded many times, and many times local newspapers reported that he had been killed, but always he showed up again.

Shoemaker John, a former slave cobbler whose real name was Eli Ewin. When the Gang was laying low in 1868 awaiting news about their pardon, Shoemaker John led a series of raids in nearby South Carolina and in the Suffletown area thus obtaining the Gang's chances of gaining a pardon. When he escaped jail Shoemaker John disappeared from sight, probably because Henry Berry swore an oath to kill him on sight.

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white—He was raised among the Suffletown Indians. Was murdered by a Henry Biggs while he was sleeping for the \$300 reward on his head. It has been reported that he was the murderer of Capt. Owen C. Norment who headed a campaign to rid the county of Henry Berry and the Gang.

William Chavis, related to Henry Berry by marriage—A tall, light-skinned Indian approximately 30 years of age. Well built and muscular. When the gang was outlawed he escaped to Savannah, Georgia and eventually made his way to South Carolina where he disappeared from sight.

These men were the constant members of the Lowry Gang. There were many more associated with the Gang, but only the above were constant members of the Lowry Gang.

More next week.

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3-23-77	Thursday	Magnolia	There	4:00
3-29-77	Tuesday	Williams	There	4:00
3-31-77	Thursday	Magnolia	Here	4:00
4-2-77	Saturday	Maxton	Here	4:00
4-5-77	Tuesday	Parkton	There	7:30
4-7-77	Thursday	Orram	There	4:00
4-19-77	Tuesday	Fairgrove	There	4:00
4-21-77	Thursday	Rowland	Here	4:00
4-26-77	Tuesday	Maxton	There	4:00
4-28-77	Thursday	Orram	Here	4:00
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