

# *The Gospel Herald*

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“As the truth is in Jesus” (Ephesians 4:21)

For The LORD’S PILGRIMS, STRANGERS & SOJOURNERS

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## *The “I can’t Help it” Syndrome*

*Very contagious among those of the Absolute Predestinarians who have been designated as “Can’t Help it Baptists.”*

*“I can’t help it” that God, the Almighty Lord of the scriptures had stopped me in my mad pursuit of sin and wickedness by loving kindness and caused me to see my desperate depraved condition.*

*“I can’t help it” that God has caused me to believe that HE is the Lord God and the rewarder of them that diligently seek Him, and removed the spiritual scales from my blind eyes that I would see His crucified SON.*

*“I can’t help it” that spiritual conception and a New Birth was accomplished within my heart and soul, and I was born of the supernatural Holy Spirit and made a New Creature in Christ Jesus.*

*“I can’t help it” that faith, that glorious gift of God of which Christ Jesus is the Author and Finisher had taken its abode within my soul and has become the anchor that makes my hope steadfast and sure.*

*“I can’t help it” that following this experience of New Birth and faith becoming evident, that repentance followed faith’s virtue and caused my heart, mind and soul to cry out Oh! My Father, “save me lest I perish”.*

*“I can’t help it” that God by the work of sovereign free grace caused a flood of divine love to flow over my soul as peace past all understanding and joy unspeakable caused me to embrace the Lord Jesus as MINE.*

*“I can’t help it” that all those that have experienced this same supernatural work of divine love and grace were made to Love God because He first loved us and caused us to love Him.*

*“I can’t help it” that God has chosen me among all the human race to be brought into such marvelous salvation so rich and free, and bought me with the precious blood of His crucified Son upon the cross of Calvary.*

*“I can’t help it” that ALL that have been predestined to become heirs of God by mercy and divine calling shall be brought into this newness of life in time and in eternity as the adopted Son’s and Daughter’s of God.*

*“I can’t help it” that our Great Shepherd has called us and caused us to be the sheep of his sheepfold and that we have been made to know his voice and follow him.*

*“I can’t help it” that ALL the fruit of the Holy Spirit shall be evident in my members in this time world as the Lord manifest those which have been made Tree’s of righteousness for His glory and praise.*

*“I can’t help it” that God has called out of a people, who were not a people, to be his Church here in time and caused them to gather and worship and praise his glorious name, as saints of The Most High.*

*“I can’t help it” that our loving Saviour is preparing us that have been made to believe, into a glorious Bride of which He has determined a day in which he shall send his Holy angelic host to come and beckon us home.*

*“I can’t help it” That our Lord and sovereign Master has given us that grand and glorious promise, that if our mortal life cease before that angelic gathering, that we shall “sleep, but not forever”, for we shall be raised victorious over death and hell to ever be with our God that has caused us “not to be able to help it.”*

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