

Gospel Standard

Magazines Collection

THE
GOSPEL
STANDARD
Founded 1835

*The
Friendly Companion*

PERCEPTION

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Gospel Standard Trust Publications

Important Information

This booklet accompanies a USB flash drive which contains in PDF format:

All ***Gospel Standard*** magazines published from 1835 to 2018.

All ***Friendly Companion*** magazines published from 1875 to 2018.

All ***Perception*** magazines published from 2009 to 2018.

All magazines are indexed and hyperlinks next to each index entry will open the relevant magazine at the correct page.

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However, any individual articles within any of the magazines may be extracted for personal or educational use. They may also be used by other magazines or authors with sympathetic views as long as the source is acknowledged.

It is hoped that updates will be available at the end of subsequent years so that users can update the USB drive to include the latest magazines. Please go to:

<http://www.gospelstandard.org.uk>

and look on the downloads page of Gospel Standard Trust Publications.

Using the USB Flash Drive

The USB drive should work on any PC and operating system (Windows, Mac, Linux etc) for which the full version of Adobe Reader (sometimes called Acrobat Reader) is available, but has been created and tested only under Microsoft Windows XP and later. All the files in this magazine collection are in PDF format and Adobe Reader allows you to read, search and print files stored in PDF format and is available freely from www.adobe.com.¹ Adobe Reader itself has been updated over the years and at least version 8 is required to use the USB drive successfully. More recent versions have added extra facilities and the addition of tabbed documents, the toolbar on the right of the display and more security options, has meant that the way the magazines are displayed by default is not as slick

¹ The versions of Adobe Reader for iPads and Android devices are currently cut-down versions which do not fully support hyperlinks and although individual PDF files can be opened on such devices, the links between the indexes and the magazines will not work as intended. There are also other PDF file viewers available (Foxit PDF, Nitro PDF etc.) which will partially work, but not completely. If you use Foxit PDF the index hyperlinks do not work. On Nitro PDF the page zoom function does not work properly so pages may be displayed smaller or larger than they should and you will need to click the 'Page Fit' button to resize them.

as in previous versions. The changes to correct this are straightforward and should not significantly affect the use of the program for other PDF files; they are as follows:

On Adobe Reader, choose 'Edit', 'Preferences' from the menu.

Under 'Security (enhanced)' untick the box labelled 'Enable protected mode at startup'.

Under 'General', untick the box labelled 'Open documents as new tabs in the same window'. Click 'OK'.

Restart Adobe Reader.

To start using the USB drive, make sure you have Adobe Reader installed, then open the drive under 'File Explorer', 'Windows Explorer' etc. and double-click on the 'GSM.PDF' file. All files are displayed with the bookmarks on the left. Click on the magazine you want to browse, or the appropriate bookmark on the left; then on the opening page for each magazine, choose the index you wish to look through – these are arranged in a range of years, usually based on the editors of the magazines.

Hyperlinks

In some files there are hyperlinks, normally in blue and underlined. Clicking on these using the left mouse button will load another file, e.g. another index, another volume of a magazine.

Navigating Documents

It is easiest to go through a document using the 'Page Up' and 'Page Down' keys. The 'Home' key returns you to the beginning of a document; the 'End' key takes you to the end. Alternatively you can use the up and down arrows on the navigation toolbar in Acrobat Reader, or drag the slider at the right of the window using the left mouse button, or use the scroll button on your mouse.

The links to the magazines are on the first page of the index, and a year's magazines are loaded in one file. Clicking on the links will load a yearly volume (or individual issue) open at the first page. If you search through the index and find an article you wish to view, simply click on the link next to the index entry and you will be taken straight to the article. On the indexes, a column of bookmarks will display to the left of the index itself. You can click on any one of these to quickly locate a particular section in the index, or to return to the first page, for example. Remember though, that after clicking on a bookmark, you will need to click on the main page of the index itself before you can subsequently use the keyboard to navigate further. If you do not, the 'Page Up' and 'Page Down' keys, for example, will navigate through the list of bookmarks.

When you have opened a volume of magazines, there is a column of bookmarks to the left of the

page display. For annual volumes you can click on any of these to go to a specific month (or quarter for *Perception*), or click on the one at the top labelled “Return to index” to go back to the index. When you return to an index it will be open at the page you were last reading.

Searching Documents

You can search the current document, or a complete set of documents for a word or combination of words. To search the current document, either type the word you are looking for in the ‘Find’ box on the toolbar, press ‘Control-F’ or use the menu and select ‘Edit’ followed by ‘Find’. Enter the word or phrase you want to search for, click ‘Next’ and Adobe Reader will highlight the first location containing the search item. Click ‘Next’ again to continue the search.

To search multiple documents, from the menu choose ‘Edit’ followed by ‘(Advanced) Search’. Click on the option to search multiple documents, click on the arrow at the right side of the drop-down ‘combo box’ and select ‘Browse for Location’. Choose the location you want to search. In this case it will probably be your USB drive, found under ‘(My) Computer’, or ‘This PC’ under File Explorer, followed by one of the folders GS, FC or PC depending on which magazine you are searching, and then one of the subfolders. For the *Gospel*

Standard this will be GS1, GS2, GS3 GS4, GS5 or GS6 which contain the files for the six main periods into which the index is divided. For the *Friendly Companion* it will be FC1, FC2, FC3 or FC4 which contain the files for the four periods into which the index is divided. For *Perception* there is only one folder, PC1. This will search the text of the magazine for the whole period in question. By selecting the 'Index' directory of a particular magazine the index can be searched for the entire history of that magazine. Enter the word or phrase you wish to search for and then click the 'Search' button.

Other Information

The USB flash drive can be run just as it is, but you may also copy it to your hard drive if you wish – the response will be faster, and it may be more convenient. To do this, choose an empty directory/folder into which you wish to copy it. We suggest that the 'public documents' folder (usually C:\Users\Public\Documents) is a good place. Open '(My) Computer' ('This PC' under File Explorer), right-click on the icon for your USB drive and choose 'Open'. Press Control-A to select all the files and folders, then Control-C to copy. In Windows/File Explorer, open the folder where you wish to copy it, click on it and press Control-V (or right-click the mouse and choose 'Paste'.) The copy will take several minutes. When it is finished, right-click on

the file 'GSM.PDF' and create a shortcut. Drag this to your desktop. Copying to other media, such as a portable hard disc is also possible and permissible as long as the terms of the agreement printed at the front of this booklet are not infringed, i.e. the copy is for the purchaser's own use.

The Gospel Standard

The *Gospel Standard* magazine was originated by John Gadsby (1808-1893) with the assistance and support of his father, William Gadsby (1773-1844). John M'Kenzie soon began to assist with the editorial work and he was joined by Joseph C. Philpot (1803-1869) in 1840. These two men acted as joint editors until the death of John M'Kenzie in 1849. J. C. Philpot then became sole editor until 1869.

The magazine was commenced to contend for the doctrines of grace, but especially for the necessity and gracious effect of the work of the Holy Spirit in the hearts and lives of the Lord's people. It advocated believer's baptism, strict communion and contended that the gospel, not the law, was the believer's rule of conduct. J. C. Philpot and John M'Kenzie had both been deeply taught the difference between a religion in the form and that in the power, and it is not surprising that sometimes in their early zeal they were rather outspoken in

their language – something which J. C. Philpot himself speaks of later when experience had mellowed his judgement (see GS 1864 page 130 for example). The circulation of the magazine grew rapidly and was much appreciated by many who found it an interpreter of their experience and proved the Lord’s blessing on it. In the early 1860s the editor gave a most gracious defence of the doctrine of the Eternal Sonship of the Lord Jesus, concerning which there had been many errors propagated and which resulted in a division among the Strict Baptist churches.

The magazine has been issued every month since its inception and still contends for the same precious truths as at the beginning. “Having obtained help of God, we continue unto this day.” There have been difficulties and changes, especially in the war years, and now with the increasing spiritual declension in this internet age. None of our godly forefathers could have anticipated such times as we are living in, but with the technology now available, the way has been made for every magazine to be scanned and stored on one USB drive in Adobe PDF format. These are degenerate days when the “love of many waxes cold” and the gracious Spirit of God, who taught our godly forebears to contend for the “faith once delivered to the saints”, has so much withdrawn. Yet we hope that making these magazines available on

computer will not only aid research and study, but rather be used to kindle a desire in the hearts of many that they too might know the power and savour of the Word of God, and that the Lord Jesus might become to them “the chiefest among ten thousand and the altogether lovely.”

The Friendly Companion

The *Friendly Companion* magazine was originated by John Gadsby (1808-1893) in 1857.

The advertisement for the first issue reads as follows:

‘This Work will contain a Continuation of “MY WANDERINGS,” being Travels in the East in 1846-47, 1850-51, 1852-53, and 1855-56. By JOHN GADSBY.

‘Also much that will be found useful to all Classes as well as to Individuals ; Husband and Wife, Father and Child, Brother and Sister, Mother and Servant, Playfellow and Antagonist; the Commercial Man and the Agriculturist; the Parlor and the Kitchen; the School and the Recreation Ground; the Study and the Garden; Biographical and Historical; Domestic and Foreign.’

The magazine does not appear to have been very successful and was published for only two years. In 1875 the magazine was revived again in a somewhat different form and with the intention that it should principally be a magazine for the

young. It appears that John Gadsby edited the magazine at first, with assistance from William Wileman till June 1880. Grey Hazlerigg and Edward Poulson were involved over the next 18 months until Charles Jefferies of Tunbridge Wells took over in January 1882, assisted by John Gadsby till 1890. He continued as editor until June 1919, and it is probably due to him more than anyone else that the magazine became established. When J. K. Popham took over the editorship in 1919 its position as a magazine for “Youth and the Home Circle” alongside the *Gospel Standard* was confirmed and it has continued so ever since.

Perception

The *Perception* magazine was commenced with the Spring 2009 edition as a quarterly magazine for teenagers and young people by its first editor, Mr. John Broome. Sadly Mr. Broome only completed 4 years as editor, though he managed to finish the Spring 2013 issue before he passed away in February 2013. Mr Trevor Scott took over the editorship and has remained in post since then. This electronic version contains just one index of all articles published since the magazine began and as with the other magazines, all index entries are cross-linked so that clicking on an entry will open

the correct magazine at the opening page of the article.

Background Information

There were two separate projects to scan all the *Gospel Standard* and *Friendly Companion* magazines owned by the Gospel Standard Library which were the result of collaboration between the Library and the Gospel Standard Trust. The scanning was done professionally and the pages saved as PDF files with the image overlaying the converted text. This allows searching for words in the text whilst allowing the original page image to be visible.

Some of the annual volumes of the *Gospel Standard* included the wrappers; some did not. Where the wrappers were available they were scanned, but to preserve the page numbering, all the wrappers have been put at the end of the PDF file where they can be viewed. No indexing has been done on the wrappers. The project to scan the *Gospel Standard* magazines resulted in them first being issued in PDF format in 2008 on a DVD.

Most of the annual volumes of the *Friendly Companion* included the wrappers but some did not. Where the wrappers were available they were scanned, and where possible they have been included with the monthly magazines, but the vagaries of the page numbering have caused many

difficulties in creating consistent indexes – sometimes the wrappers have been included in the page numbering sequence, and sometimes not. For some years prior to 1997 articles were printed on unnumbered pages of the wrapper! The indexes normally printed with the magazines have been put at the end of the PDF file, unless they were included in the page numbering sequence. This project to scan the *Friendly Companion* magazines resulted in them first being issued in PDF format in 2012 on a DVD.

The quality of the scanning is variable depending on the quality of the original printing, but all pages are legible though a very few are rather faint. The quality of the conversion to text for searching is also variable depending on the original print quality.

As *Perception* is a relatively new magazine, the PDF files for the magazine were mostly still available, although some manipulation was required to bring them into the required format, and one magazine had to be rescanned. The number of pages in each magazine has changed over the years, and with each magazine having the page numbering starting at one, it was rather complex to create the index entries to automatically link to a PDF file where the number of each page in the file was very different to the number printed on the page. *Perception* has not previously been published in PDF format.

For this USB drive, all magazines and indexes have been brought up to date and all magazines up to the end of 2018 have been included.

Acknowledgements

The indexing of the *Gospel Standard* magazines was done over many years by the late Mr James A. Hart. He had completed up to the 2004 magazine and his work has been brought up-to-date for this USB drive. Mr Timothy Abbott organised the scanning and checked the scanned documents for errors afterwards. The scanning was done by Hollingworth & Moss of Leeds.

The indexing of the *Friendly Companion* magazines has been a long labour by Miss Muriel Stonelake, assistant librarian at the Gospel Standard Library. Miss Marion Hyde (librarian) organised the scanning and checked the scanned documents for errors afterwards. The scanning was again done by Hollingworth & Moss of Leeds.

Everything else, including creating the index for *Perception*, converting the index files, creating the links, rearranging the PDF files and creating page destinations and bookmarks has been the responsibility of Mr John Kingham.