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JUSTIFICATION

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INTRODUCTION

The subject of this quarter's lessons, "Justification," is taken directly from the Scriptures (Romans 4:5). It is one that has been wrongly represented through the ages. Some teach that the mere act of water baptism will bring justification, or church membership. More foolish, perhaps, is the practice of relying on the power of the Catholic priesthood to minister justification. Justification is a Bible doctrine absolutely essential to man's salvation. Without it there can be no eternal life. From this statement, then, it becomes apparent that it is of the greatest importance that not only the Sunday school students but also the entire world know the truth of this subject. Therefore, we shall seek to set forth plainly in this quarter the understanding in regard to this doctrine, trusting that the student will give proper study to the lesson texts and engage in earnest prayer for understanding.

All men have broken the laws of God, thus bringing them into disfavor with God. To die without being forgiven for what he has done is the most terrible thing that can happen to anyone. Since there is no possible way that man by his own efforts or power can regain the favor of God or justify himself, many have wandered on in life, despairing and without hope because of the lack of knowledge and of a true servant of Christ to point them the way. With a prayer we offer these lessons for the benefit of all those whose lives are marked with sin and for the edification of all who have already found the way.

"Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."—Romans 5:1.

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LESSON NUMBER ONE FOR APRIL 3

JUSTIFIED MEN OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

Scriptures: Galatians 3:11; Genesis 5:24; 6:8, 9; 15:6; Exodus 32:32; Hebrews 11:24-26; Psalm 32:5; Micah 6:8.

Galatians 3:11 But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith.

Genesis 5:24 And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.

Genesis 6:8 But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.

9 These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God.

Genesis 15:6 And he believed in the Lord; and he counted it to him for righteousness.

Exodus 32:32 Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin—; and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written.

Hebrews 11:24 By faith Moses, when he

was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter;

25 Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;

26 Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompense of the reward.

Psalm 32:5 I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. Selah.

Micah 6:8 He hath showed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?

Memory Verse: But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith.—Galatians 3:11.

Aim: To show that no one is justified except through faith in Jesus Christ.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday Psalm 32
Tuesday Genesis 5
Wednesday Genesis 6

Thursday Micah 6
Friday Galatians 3
Saturday Hebrews 11

INTRODUCTION

In Acts 4:12 we read, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." Therefore, regardless in what period of time any man may live, if he makes it safely to heaven, he does so by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Christ, who is the second person in the Godhead, always did exist; and the principles of atonement at His hand were established even before the world began. Those existing principles were not fully manifest to the understanding of man until in the end of time as promised by the Father. Since they existed in the mind of God, they were as effective as if they had been given. Therefore, men enjoyed the blessing of the sacrifice of Christ through obedience to the will of God before the coming of Christ.

MEDITATIONS

NONE EVER JUSTIFIED BY THE LAW—Galatians 3:11—Just shall live by faith—If man could be justified by the keeping of the law, it would be his own works that would save him. This would rob the gospel of all its beauty and glory. It is faith in the love of God that delivers men from the power of sin and gives favor with God.

ENOCH PLEASSED GOD—Genesis 5:24—Walked with God—In order to walk with God, we must have favor with Him. Favor comes through obedience to His known laws. Little is known of the details of religious worship in Enoch's time except that they had blood sacrifices, as revealed in the lives of Cain and Abel. They had no written law of any kind. All information about God and the creation was handed down from generation to generation by the spoken word.

NOAH JUSTIFIED—Genesis 6:8—Found grace—Through obedience to the known will of God in his day, Noah pleased God and found the rich grace of God. Through sin man is separated from God. As long as sin dwells in the heart, there can be no peace with God. So it is evident that Noah was successful in eliminating sin from his life, and we are told that that can be done only through Christ. Noah believed the promises concerning Christ and thus obtained favor with God.

PERFECTION BEFORE THE LAW—Genesis 6:9—Perfect in his generations—Noah was not perfect by the standards that are given to us today, but perfect for the requirement that God held out to the men of that generation. Any man who is perfect in the eyes of God certainly has nothing to fear in this world or in the one to come.

ABRAHAM BELIEVED—Genesis 15:6—Counted it to him for righteousness—Jesus declared just before He left the earth for heaven that he who believes shall be saved. The Scriptures here declare that Abraham believed, and it was counted to him for righteousness. Believed what? He believed God in His promises to fallen mankind. It saved Abraham then; it will save any man now. Abraham was not saved by works but by the faith in the promises of God. His faith in God caused him to do the work that he did. Faith without works is dead, and works without faith are dead also. The two must be properly associated.

MOSES IN THE BOOK OF LIFE—Exodus 32:32—Book thou hast written—In verse 33, God declares that he who has sinned He will blot out of His book. Of necessity, we must conclude that the book referred to here is the Book of Life. How did Moses get his name in the Book of Life? The only way that his name could be recorded there would be through salvation, for the man who sins is removed from the book.

MOSES FACES TEMPTATION—Hebrews 11:24—Refused to be called—All the pomp and power of Egypt was flashed before Moses for the purpose of getting him to lay down the faith of his mother. Being trained in the courts and wisdom of Egypt, Moses still kept his integrity—a result of his parents training him in the way he should go.

MAKING THE WISE CHOICE—Hebrews 11:25—Choosing rather—Before him was displayed the pleasure that he might have if he were to decide to be a son of Pharaoh's daughter. If he were to refuse this he must cast his lot with the slave people, his brethren, the Israelites. Hardship was certain to replace the pleasure of sin, but he wisely chose the affliction.

FOLLOWING CHRIST A REPROACH THEN AS NOW—Hebrews 11:26—Esteeming the reproach—Christ becomes a reproach only because His beauty of character condemns the wicked life of the sinner. Life does not consist in the abundance of things that a man may possess, so the Christian does not feel disheartened if he is found destitute of this world's goods. He has a far greater treasure in Christ Jesus, for his soul is satisfied. Moses chose soul satisfaction rather than fleshly satisfaction.

FORGIVEN—Psalm 32:5—Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin—David was a righteous man, for he had faith in Christ for the pardon of his sins. We cannot hide our sins from God or get rid of them in any way except by acknowledging them and then having faith in Christ to take them away. When we do this, it gives us great joy and causes us to love Him who first loved us.

ACTING JUSTIFIED—Micah 6:8—To do justly—A heart that is justified and filled with the love of God delights in doing the things that are right. A soul who is filled with sin may want to do that which is right, and sometimes does do that which is right, but he will usually be found doing that which is wrong as the pressure of temptation is brought upon him by the power of Satan. There may be a desire to do right in a sinner, but he finds not the power to perform it. God requires nothing that is out of reason, and His burdens are always light.

CONCLUSION

Our lesson has produced abundant evidence of the fact that the blood of Jesus Christ reaches back into the dispensation that preceded His life on the earth, and that men in the past ages have been blessed by His redeeming and justifying power. If in a less advantageous age men lived victoriously, how much more should we live victoriously with all the light that is now shining and the revelations that are ours!

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

1. What is the one name given to man by which he may be saved?
2. By what power, then, were Noah and Enoch justified?
3. Was anyone ever justified by the law?
4. What did Enoch do that he was able to please God?
5. What did Abraham believe that was counted to him by God for righteousness?
6. Why is Christ a reproach?
7. What was the meaning of the choice that Moses made?

LESSON NUMBER TWO FOR APRIL 10

CONVICTION OF SIN

Scriptures: Luke 15:11-24.

Luke 15:11 And he said, A certain man had two sons:

12 And the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me. And he divided unto them his living.

13 And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living.

14 And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want.

15 And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.

16 And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him.

17 And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!

18 I will arise and go to my father, and

will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee,

19 And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants.

20 And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.

21 And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son.

22 But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet:

23 And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry:

24 For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry.

Memory Verse: Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

—Acts 2:37, 38.

Aim: To show that sin registers on the human heart.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday	Exodus 9	Thursday	I Samuel 15
Tuesday	Acts 9:1-22	Friday	Luke 15
Wednesday	II Samuel 12	Saturday	Matthew 27

INTRODUCTION

The word *convict* or *conviction* is used in more than one way. Conviction of the human heart of sin many times is accompanied by a depressed, and possibly, a hopeless feeling. A man in the bondage of sin is in a hopeless state, but the purpose of the Spirit's dealing with him is not to torment, but to bring the sinner to the place where he will be willing to turn from his hopeless state to the Savior, the Lord

Jesus Christ, for in Him there is hope.

Conviction is not always accompanied by deep emotional feelings. A man who has done wrong is guilty whether he feels guilty or not. However, a sinner is not going to change his course unless, and until, the Spirit draws him. When the Spirit reveals to one that he is a sinner, lost and on the broad road, it is time for him to seek the Lord.

May the gracious Spirit of God direct you as you examine the truths of this lesson.

MEDITATIONS

BEGINNING A CAREER—Luke 15:12—Give me—Life usually looks bright to young people, and all problems are easily solved; therefore, there is need for careful instruction by the parents to the children. The Bible teaches us that it is necessary to spend much time in imparting the true knowledge to children. To fail in this is to allow the mind of the child to be filled with the things that will be harmful to him. This young man's action was the result of his conclusion of the values of life brought about by the things that he had learned. To make his way in life looked easy, and he did not desire the routine of the home that he was planning on leaving.

TRYING TO SATISFY HIS SOUL BY FLESHLY INDULGENCE—Luke 15:13—In riotous living—The youth needs to be taught that the true values are in the spirit world and not in the material. That longing for happiness which God alone can give was sought by this young man in riotous living. And still today the same mistake is being made by our young people. It is a stark revelation of adults failing to build the lives of the young on the foundations of holy truth. The world to come offers no material indulgence, for every material thing shall pass away. Many people seem to be unable to properly value material things and to realize that they are stewards under God and must some day give account of the use they have made of them.

WASTE BRINGS WANT—Luke 15:14—To be in want—No man knows when adversity will come. He who has been careful in the time of plenty will be much more able to survive in the time of dearth. To waste anything shows a lack of character.

HUMILIATED—Luke 15:15—To feed swine—Swine were despised by the Jews, and for one to devote his time to their care would suggest the direst of circumstances.

WITHOUT A FRIEND—Luke 15:16—No man gave—As long as he had money, he had friends; but with the loss of his wealth, he also suffered the loss of his friends. Bitter sometimes are the experiences that follow the departure from the counsel of those who have traveled the way before us.

CONVICTION BEGINS ITS WORK—Luke 15:17—He came to himself—He had time to think of his home and the blessings he had

there; each day he was bored with his now pitiful plight. His sins were becoming real to him now, and sorrow was filling his heart. This is a blessed state for a sinner to be in, for he is in a place where he can get hold of the One who can help him. Conviction is always a blessing to the sinner.

MAKING HIS DECISION—Luke 15:18—I will arise—When anyone sees his condition, the first thing that he must do is to decide to do something about it. Convicted that he had done wrong, the son was now willing to acknowledge his error.

TRUE HUMILITY—Luke 15:19—Am no more worthy—When a man humbles his heart and acknowledges his true state, it is then easy to get back into favor with God. It is not unusual for material things to cause men to lose sight of the great things in life just as was the case with the prodigal son. Today the abundance of rich material blessings is causing men to drift far from God, and the outlook for the future is not bright for the world. However, he who puts his trust in God has nothing to fear. We who know God must continually sound out the warning; some will hear and heed. It is far better to be least in the kingdom, or house of God, than to be chief in the house of Satan.

ACTING UPON HIS CONVICTIONS—Luke 15:20a—He arose—Riotous living had brought him to a very bad place; but when he saw himself as he was, he did the very wise thing of making a move to return to his former standing. He was humbled. Sad is the state of a man who sees his condition but makes no move to right himself. There are many in the world like this, as there were in the days of Jesus, who love the praises of men more than the praises of God.

GOD'S MERCY—Luke 15:20b—Had compassion—A true father has a love for his children that will last as long as life itself, which causes him to labor to the end that his children may be saved. Because they do wrong is no reason for the cooling of parental love. That is exactly the principle that is taught here in regard to divine love. God so loved that He gave His Son. He gave His Son, not to save the righteous, but to save the wayward. Oh, how this poor world does need the compassion and love and interest today of true ministers of the gospel! Millions have been led astray by the selfish teaching of false shepherds. Only a true ministry, anointed by the power of a compassionate God, can bring men back to God.

THE RESULT OF FOLLOWING SATAN—Luke 15:21—I have sinned—Let all men know that he who follows Satan will never fail to find himself caught in the snare of sin. Give Satan no place at all, not even for one moment. Resist him always and he will flee from you. The wages of sin, be the sin large or small, is always death. Sin separates men from God and deprives them of the rich heritage of sonship. If sin now has you in its toils, turn to the Father at once and acknowledge your true state. You will find mercy and pardon with Him.

FORGIVENESS—Luke 15:22—The best robe—Conviction in the young man's heart had brought about a genuine change in his heart that was so real the father had no doubt about it. The forgiveness of the father was complete, and favor was again re-established. There was nothing too much for the father to do for his son whom he loved. This was a parable showing God's willingness to forgive the wayward sinner and to restore him to sonship in the family of God. The robe represents the robe of righteousness and the ring on the hand is a sign of sonship. It does not mean that Jesus was putting His approval on the wearing of rings on one's fingers which is an adornment and is forbidden by other scriptures.

PEACE AND JOY RETURN—Luke 15:23, 24—Be merry—Conviction leads to repentance, and repentance when heartily embraced brings peace and joy. Not only was the prodigal son happy; so also was the father. The Scriptures declare that there is joy in heaven over one sinner who repenteth more than over ninety and nine just persons who need no repentance.

CONCLUSION

From the Scriptures we have a vivid account of what sin will do for those who are deceived by it. Also, we have a true account of what will happen to the man who recognizes himself and turns from his evil way. This has been the standard in the ages that are past and is still God's standard today, regardless of what modern religionists may try to declare. So it is necessary that we as ministers and laymen give to the world the true picture of God's plan for the fallen world. Many young people today think that riotous living is the real life as they repeatedly visit the night clubs, beaches, theaters, and taverns. But they never find the joy that the heart craves, and with each succeeding experience their future agony and woe is increased unless they truly repent. The awful ravages of sin are glaringly evident in our generation and continue to increase and will increase until there is sufficient preaching against it to bring conviction upon the people.

Let every saint pray more earnestly for God to convict and draw the unsaved to Christ the Savior.

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

1. What is conviction?
2. Why are most young people unconscious of the dangers in living carelessly?
3. What are the dangers of riotous living?
4. What effect does conviction have upon a sinner?
5. What are the dangers of resisting conviction?
6. What are the results of listening to Satan?
7. What does divine forgiveness bring to the human heart?
8. Give one reason why sin is increasing in the world.

LESSON NUMBER THREE FOR APRIL 17

JESUS CAME FOR OUR JUSTIFICATION

Scriptures: Romans 5:8-15; I Corinthians 15:12, 14, 16, 17, 20.

Romans 5:8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.

10 For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

11 And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.

12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

13 For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law.

14 Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had

not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come.

15 But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many.

I Corinthians 15:12 Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead?

14 And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain.

16 For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised:

17 And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins.

20 But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.

Memory Verse: For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.—John 3:16.

Aim: To teach the meaning and need of Jesus' coming into the world.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday	Romans 5	Thursday	Mark 16
Tuesday	Matthew 28	Friday	John 20
Wednesday	Psalms 34	Saturday	Luke 24

INTRODUCTION

Before we enter into the detailed steps of justification, we will devote a lesson to why Jesus came, for justification is possible only through the Lord Jesus Christ.

Many things, some of a very astonishing nature, have occurred through the years and have startled man. The greatest things, of course, are those things that occurred in connection with the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ into the earth, having taken upon Himself the form of a man. It is impossible for finite man to understand the fullness of all that is involved in this, but every true Christian has felt in his heart the pulse of it and is fascinated by the marvelous account

of it. Having finished His ministry on the earth, bringing to the world the fullness of the will of the Father to the men of the earth, He submitted Himself to the hands of degenerated men who nailed Him to the cross to languish and die. In a moment He could have asked for twelve legions of angels and the Father would have given them, which would have been deliverance for Him, but destruction for mankind. The death of Christ with His resurrection is the central thought around which Christianity is built. If we fail to present the truth in regard to this, substituting in its place formalities and rituals, Christianity will die out in the earth, and all hope of the recovery of mankind will be gone forever.

MEDITATIONS

GOD DOES LOVE MANKIND—Romans 5:8—Yet sinners—Man was made in the image of God and had many of the characteristics of God. However, through sin the beautiful handiwork of God has been marred and has taken on the character of Satan. Even so, God still loves His fallen creation and is willing to do that which is needful in order to re-establish the divine image in man. The eternal God suffered His only Son to travel the road of physical death as a ransom for our lost souls. Thus, He demonstrated in real life His genuine love for us.

A GOD OF WRATH—Romans 5:9—Saved from wrath—It may seem contradictory that God can be a God of love and a God of wrath at the same time, but be sure there is no contradiction here. God does love the souls of all men, but His nature requires that He manifest wrath against the principles of sin. If men persist in refusing the love of God by living in sin until they die, then through all eternity they shall feel the full impact of His great wrath. But being justified, or cleared, from guilt by accepting Christ, man has the full love of God and will escape the damnation of hell if he endures to the end.

ENEMIES OF GOD—Romans 5:10—Reconciled to God—All have sinned and come short of the glory of God; therefore all need to be reconciled. The glorious sound of the gospel brings hope of rescue; and if one submits himself to the voice of the Spirit, he is made free. Not only does God, by the blood of His Son, save us from our sinful lives, but much more by the same blood does He save us from sin in the life we live. In other words, He gives us power always to say no to sin, and we have no more sin to be forgiven. In that we know He was raised from the dead, we know that by faithfulness to Him and His Word we also shall be raised from the dead to die no more.

A LIFE OF JOY—Romans 5:11—Also joy in God—First, reconciliation with God removed all guilt and sin as a mountain rolled off

our shoulders; this brought joy. His daily presence in His power and comfort is a constant source of joy of which the world knows nothing.

THE PENALTY OF SIN—Romans 5:12—Death by sin—The sin of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden brought death to the human family. The terrible condition of the world today is the result of sin.

KNOWLEDGE OF SIN IS BY THE LAW—Romans 5:13—When there is no law—God is not unjust and does not extend condemnation where there is knowledge lacking. Every age of man has had its revelation of the mind of God, and he who lived up to the revelation of his age had favor with God. All this was made possible by the promised coming of Christ.

THE REIGN OF SIN—Romans 5:14—Death reigned—From every age that has passed we hear the voice of the righteous—Abel and Enoch before the flood, with righteous and just Noah who survived it; Abraham before the law, then under the law, Moses, Samuel, Elijah, and many, many more. But sin has always been ruling in excess of righteousness in every age. This does not need to be, for the promises of God are to “whosoever will.”

GRACE BY JESUS CHRIST—Romans 5:15—Grace of God—Grace that comes from God is the need of the world today, but how little the world has! Let us observe with seriousness that all who follow in the steps of Adam can look forward to nothing but death, but he who walks in the steps of the Lord Jesus can look forward to everlasting life.

PAUL PREACHED A RISEN CHRIST—I Corinthians 15:12, 14—Christ be preached—The Sadducees did not believe in a resurrection of the dead, but Paul knew there was. He knew that it was not only necessary for Jesus to come into the world and die on the cross, but also that He must be raised from the dead. If Christ was not raised from the dead, then, Paul said, our preaching is vain and so is our faith.

WITHOUT THE RESURRECTION THERE IS NO JUSTIFICATION—I Corinthians 15:16, 17—Ye are yet in your sins—In our preaching we often speak of the death of Jesus, His great suffering on the cross, and this is as it should be, but let us never lose sight of the fact that it also took the resurrection. For Paul declares, if the dead rise not, then Christ is not raised, and if Christ be not raised then we are all still in our sins.

PAUL HAD NO DOUBT—I Corinthians 15:20—Now is Christ risen—Paul had no doubt about the resurrection of Christ, he had seen Him as one born out of due season. Neither did he have any doubt about Christ’s power to save from sin, and neither did he have any doubt about the resurrection of all men at God’s appointed time.

CONCLUSION

“As the Savior of men, Christ is described in the Scriptures as king, prophet, and priest. So He is represented in Old Testament predictions of His Messianic character and work. Among the people of Israel the kingly, prophetic, and priestly were distinct offices usually held by different individuals. In Christ they are all three combined. Yet they represent distinct aspects of his redemptive work and are real offices ...

“In His priestly office Christ appears as atoner. In this character He makes satisfaction for sin by propitiating God through sacrificial suffering. He becomes a mediator between God and man, an intercessor or an advocate. Christ is the true priest. Melchizedek and Aaron were but types of Him. He alone has provided an effectual covering for sin.”—*R. R. Byrum, Christian Theology.*

This lesson produces abundant evidence of the power and authority of the principles of Christianity. These principles and powers are left lifeless in the world to a great extent because they operate only through faith in the human heart. Men have chosen, for the most part, to put their hope and expectation in the things that God has made more than in the Creator Himself. It is like the young lady who loves the candy her friend gives more than the friend himself. Happiness cannot be built upon such a foundation, and success will not be forthcoming. May God help us who know Him to prove to the world that we serve a risen Christ by the positive operation of His teachings in our lives.

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

1. In your judgment what is the most unusual thing that ever happened?
2. Consider the similarities there are between God and His creation, man.
3. What makes man unlike God, his Creator?
4. How did and how does God show His love for mankind?
5. What is there to make the life of a Christian happy?
6. Through what avenues does the grace of righteousness come?
7. How do we know that Christ is risen?

LESSON NUMBER FOUR FOR APRIL 24

REPENTANCE

Scriptures: Matthew 3:1, 2; Acts 8:4-8; Luke 13:3; II Corinthians 7:10.

Matthew 3:1 In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea,

2 And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Acts 8:4 Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word.

5 Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them.

6 And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he

did.

7 For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed.

8 And there was great joy in that city.

Luke 13:3 I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

II Corinthians 7:10 For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.

Memory Verse: For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.

—II Corinthians 7:10.

Aim: To give the true meaning of repentance.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday Luke 3:1-22
Tuesday Luke 13
Wednesday Acts 8

Thursday II Corinthians 7
Friday Matthew 3
Saturday Acts 2

INTRODUCTION

For the Bible doctrine of repentance there have been instituted modern methods of gaining favor with God, which, of course, are not trustworthy. Favor with God now, as in days that are gone, can be obtained only by genuine sorrow for committed sin and sincere turning away from it. It is not God's plan, as some would teach, that we sin more or less every day, and ask forgiveness each night. The Christian life is one of victory, and Paul declares that we are more than conquerors through Christ who loved us. There is only one thing we might say that victory can be gained over, and that is sin. If sin humbles anyone, he has lost the victory and again finds himself held in the prison of sin, from which only Jesus can deliver. Do not allow modern teachers to dim the clear understanding of the doctrine of repentance. Seek God with all your heart that His understanding on this great subject shall be yours.

MEDITATIONS

JOHN PREACHES REPENTANCE—Matthew 3:1—Came John—John, the forerunner of the Lord Jesus, preached with great

power and authority the doctrine of repentance. His audience was partly composed of men who should have been devoted worshippers of God, but who turned out to be hypocrites, having only a form of godliness. **Verse 2—Repent ye**—The Jews were looking forward with great anticipation to the coming of the kingdom of God, but little did they realize that entrance into this great kingdom was gained by a genuine turning away from sin and that the kingdom was spiritual and not material. Backed by the power of the eternal Spirit of God, the message of John was indeed powerful, and he convinced many that the kingdom of God was at hand that very moment and that men should repent to gain entrance. Jesus followed John after he was killed with the same message of repentance, and the true servant of the Lord today is preaching repentance as they did.

A FAITHFUL MINISTRY—Acts 8:4—Preaching the word—Persecution failed to dim the ardor of the church; it only increased it. Oh, that we had a ministry of the same devotion today! Our commission, as was theirs, is to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. How are people going to hear unless they have a preacher, and how are they going to know the truth unless the minister preaches the truth?

WE MUST PREACH CHRIST—Acts 8:5—Philip went—The kingdom of God was first in the life of Philip, and he did not hesitate to leave home and all the normal affairs of life in order to preach Christ; and no one can preach Christ in sincerity without preaching repentance. Christ still calls men and women to forsake all to be His disciples. No man can be successful in the Christian race until he has forsaken all.

SIGNS FOLLOWING—Acts 8:6—Seeing the miracles—Philip was filled with the Holy Ghost, and the messages that he preached were messages from heaven. Since Philip was fully submitted to the will of God, the Spirit was able to do and say what He pleased. If God were to have His way today, there would still be signs and wonders following the preaching of the Word of the living God. There is no substitute for the deep searching power of a Spirit-born message. The world is in great need of the signs and wonders that follow Holy Ghost preaching. Millions are sick and helpless.

PHYSICAL AND SPIRITUAL HEALING—Acts 8:7—Were healed—He who is possessed by an unclean spirit is certainly very sick in his soul and has great need of the healing touch from Jesus. The spiritually ignorant though highly trained in science, rush such people off to mental hospitals, where often no help can be given. Although medical men can do some good to the ailing physical body, there is a wonderful blessing in being touched by the gracious, compassionate and all-efficient Physician, the Lord Jesus Christ. Healing

and salvation brought great joy to the city of Samaria. They will do the same for the people of our day!

JESUS SPEAKS—Luke 13:3—All need to repent—Jesus told one and all they must repent. No one is so morally good that he does not need to repent.

REPENTANCE BRINGS JOY—II Corinthians 7:10—Worketh repentance—When a man is awakened to the fact that he has broken and disregarded the Word of God, which was given for a lamp and light to our moral feet with the purpose of bringing happiness and peace, there is certain to be some sorrow, often accompanied with tears and great emotion. This godly sorrow will cause a man to express regret that he has so far strayed from the truth of God's Word, and he will express to God his desire to be forgiven. Of course, God never turns a penitent heart away, and His gracious touch brings great joy in place of the tears of repentance. Be sure, repentance is the only means that God has provided to restore a soul to His favor; so do not be deceived by modern methods that men have to offer to all who will listen to them.

CONCLUSION

We are asked by Jesus, "What shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" We learn from these marvelous words that there is no material thing or combination of things that can in any way equal the value of one eternity-bound soul. This should bring great fear upon our souls because millions today are living carelessly, headed for destruction; and there is a constant danger, unless we stay close to God and daily seek His divine presence and favor that we may not be deceived, for there are many false prophets gone out in the land. Repentance is absolutely necessary before peace with God can be found, but that does not end our great quest. If we are to keep peace with God, we then must every day press on to new goals and higher heights. Christianity is a new life and must be lived day by day under the kind and blessed guidance of the gracious Spirit of the living God.

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

1. What are some of the substitutes that man has made for the doctrine of true repentance?
2. What did John come preaching in the wilderness?
3. Do you remember what John told the formal Pharisees who came to him to be baptized?
4. Name some of the fruits of repentance.
5. What happened when the persecution arose that scattered the disciples of Christ?

6. What will happen when the Word of God is preached faithfully under the direction of the Holy Ghost?

7. What is one of the fruits of the Spirit that immediately follows repentance? Give your personal experience of repentance.

LESSON NUMBER FIVE FOR MAY 1

FORGIVENESS

Scriptures: Psalm 78:36-43; Isaiah 38:17; Psalm 32:1, 2; Colossians 1:14; Mark 11:25, 26.

Psalm 78:36 Nevertheless they did flatter him with their mouth, and they lied unto him with their tongues.

37 For their heart was not right with him, neither were they stedfast in his covenant.

38 But he, being full of compassion, forgave their iniquity, and destroyed them not: yea, many a time turned he his anger away, and did not stir up all his wrath.

39 For he remembered that they were but flesh; a wind that passeth away, and cometh not again.

40 How oft did they provoke him in the wilderness, and grieve him in the desert!

41 Yea, they turned back and tempted God, and limited the Holy One of Israel.

42 They remembered not his hand, nor the day when he delivered them from the enemy.

43 How he had wrought his signs in

Egypt, and his wonders in the field of Zoan.

Isaiah 38:17 Behold, for peace I had great bitterness: but thou hast in love to my soul delivered it from the pit of corruption: for thou hast cast all my sins behind thy back.

Psalm 32:1 Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

2 Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile.

Colossians 1:14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins.

Mark 11:25 And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.

26 But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.

Memory Verse: And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

—Ephesians 4:32.

Aim: To set forth the teaching of forgiveness in the plan of salvation.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday Psalm 78:28-52

Tuesday Isaiah 38

Wednesday Psalm 32

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Colossians 1

Mark 11

Matthew 6

INTRODUCTION

According to the Word of God, all have sinned and come short of the glory of God; and since there is no way by which a man can atone for his sin, the only way he can be freed from the guilt of them is to be forgiven by the One who has been sinned against. How wonderful that God has promised us that if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just

to forgive us and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (I John 1:9). Ofttimes men in sinning against God sin against their fellowmen. To be clear before God, one must also ask forgiveness of them against whom he had sinned. True forgiveness also includes forgetting, and the situation is the same as though it had never happened.

MEDITATIONS

ISRAEL TRANSGRESSES—Psalm 78:36, 37—Heart was not right—The writer is here speaking of the Children of Israel after God had brought them out of Egypt. They, like many today, flattered Him with their mouths, and lied unto Him with their tongues. Why? Because their hearts were not right. Thank God for the faithful few who did serve Him.

GOD FORGIVES—Psalm 78:38, 39—He remembered—There were different times when the Children of Israel did evil. Some of them lost their lives, but through the mercy of God when the people turned back to Him and sought forgiveness, He was full of compassion, and forgave their iniquity. He remembered that they were but flesh. That is not to say He approved of their sins, but that He was aware of their frailty.

PROVOKING GOD—Psalm 78:40, 41—Grieve him—At one time the anger of God rose to the point where He was ready to destroy all of them, except Moses; but Moses interceded and God spared them. God worked many miracles in behalf of the Children of Israel. He blessed them in various ways, yet He would have done more for them if they had not limited Him by their evil ways and unbelief.

BLESSINGS FORGOTTEN—Psalm 78:42, 43—Remembered not—God brought various plagues on Egypt. He divided the waters of the sea and brought Israel out from the house of bondage, yet they remembered not. Is that not true of many today? God has poured out His blessings upon so many, and yet so few are grateful! Still I believe we can say He has compassion, and will forgive if precious souls will only turn from their own selfish, sinful ways and seek Him.

STATE OF UNFORGIVEN SOUL—Isaiah 38:17—Had great bitterness—The unforgiven soul dwells in a state of fear, sorrow, uncertainty, and midnight gloom. These things are all bitter and cannot be escaped from by any system of education, labor, or human manipulation. Only when the lost soul beholds Jesus with His great love and delivering power can he again have freedom from this bitterness, but we find a deep, lasting joy to replace the bitterness.

THE STATE OF BLESSEDNESS—Psalm 32:1—Blessed is he—The devil has no hold on the man who has come to the Lord Jesus and obtained forgiveness, for his sins are covered by the blood. He is a citizen now of the heavenly country and sets out on his journey for that

eternal home. However, along the highway of holiness the devil will throw stumbling blocks in the way, but Christians must carefully avoid them all. **Verse 2—There is no guile**—The natural heart is full of the wares of the devil—guile, wrath, hatred, malice, etc.; but he who has been to Jesus and received His full salvation is delivered from all of these. Our rulers today are greatly in need of a trip to Jesus that they may have their spirits delivered from guile.

CHRIST, THE ANSWER—Colossians 1:14—Forgiveness of sins—Many people are looking to their church membership to give them eternal life with the Lord, but it is only through the shed blood of the Son of God that we can obtain forgiveness and know life.

MAN'S PART IN FORGIVENESS—Mark 11:25—Aught against any—It makes no difference who it may be or what is the nature of the grievance, if we would have peace with God, we must, with cheerfulness and readiness, forgive. Oh, the peaceful and happy state of the heart that is possessed of a forgiving spirit! Although in some instances forgiveness may cost millions of dollars, Christ is worth far more; and no one can afford to let anything stand in the way of the indwelling of His presence and approval.

RESULT OF AN UNFORGIVING SPIRIT—Mark 11:26—Do not forgive—No one needs to misunderstand this; it is plain that an unforgiving spirit on our part will block the forgiving Spirit toward us. Life does not consist in the abundance of things that we possess. Life consists of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost; so if a man loses his reputation and retains Christ, he is still far ahead.

CONCLUSION

Paul describes his state as a sinful church member in Romans 7:24, "O wretched man that I am ..." However, after he met the Master and was forgiven of all his sinful and wicked deeds, including persecuting the Church of God, he was able to exclaim, "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus ..." (Romans 8:1). Let us encourage every student who does not now know the Lord to seek His forgiveness and know the peace that pardon brings.

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

1. What percent of the people who make their way into the earth need forgiveness?
2. Why did the Children of Israel forget so quickly the things that God had done for them?
3. Under what conditions did God forgive the iniquities of any man?
4. Is it necessary for any man to fail of the grace of God?
5. How did the Children of Israel provoke God? How do you think God is looking upon the pleasure-loving citizens of your country?

LESSON NUMBER SIX FOR MAY 8

RESTITUTION

Scriptures: Luke 19:1-10; Leviticus 6:4; Matthew 5:23, 24.

Luke 19:1 And Jesus entered and passed through Jericho.

2 And, behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus, which was the chief among the publicans, and he was rich.

3 And he sought to see Jesus who he was; and could not for the press, because he was little of stature.

4 And he ran before, and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him: for he was to pass that way.

5 And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up, and saw him, and said unto him, Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down; for to day I must abide at thy house.

6 And he made haste, and came down, and received him joyfully.

7 And when they saw it, they all murmured, saying, That he was gone to be guest with a man that is a sinner.

8 And Zacchaeus stood, and said unto the

Lord; Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold.

9 And Jesus said unto him, This day is salvation come to this house, forsomuch as he also is a son of Abraham.

10 For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

Leviticus 6:4 Then it shall be, because he hath sinned, and is guilty, that he shall restore that which he took violently away, or the thing which he hath deceitfully gotten, or that which was delivered him to keep, or the lost thing which he found.

Matthew 5:23 Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee;

24 Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.

Memory Verse: If the wicked restore the pledge, give again that he had robbed, walk in the statutes of life, without committing iniquity; he shall surely live, he shall not die.—Ezekiel 33:15.

Aim: To show that true repentance is followed by restitution.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday	Luke 19	Thursday	II Corinthians 8
Tuesday	Leviticus 6	Friday	Ezekiel 33
Wednesday	Matthew 5:1-26	Saturday	Exodus 22:1-15

INTRODUCTION

When God established the society of man, He granted certain rights and privileges to man. Every man has the right to work and to enjoy the fruit of his labor, and it is not permitted that any man should by force or stealth take from another that which he has gained by honest effort. Any man who does steal anything from another meets the wrath of God. But this has happened almost time without number, and God has made a way by which proper relations might be restored if under the power of temptation men do take from others that which does not belong to them. He who comes to the Lord for pardon in most cases will be reminded by God of the wrongs he has done to others, and will desire to restore that which he has taken or correct state-

ments that he has made that were not true. It is not always, however, that men are enlightened to the need of restitution when they are saved; and it may be some days or weeks later when they hear a message brought by a servant of God that they are awakened to their responsibility. If when they are awakened to the need of restitution they refuse to do what they can, they will lose favor with God. Everyone who makes an attempt to restore will find the helping hand of God with him.

MEDITATIONS

THE RICH PUBLICAN—Luke 19:1, 2—Was the chief—Zacchaeus was chief among the publicans. The publicans were tax collectors; the Jews did not regard one well who would stoop to work for the Romans in such a position. Add to that the fact that he was rich, and you have one that you would not expect to show much interest in the lowly Man of Galilee. But we cannot always tell what is in the heart by what we see.

CURIOSITY AROUSED—Luke 19:3—Sought to see Jesus—No such Man had ever walked in the world before. How different He was from himself (Zacchaeus), who had always taken advantage of every opportunity to advance his own personal standing and wealth. Here was a Man who had thrown personal ambitions to the wind and was giving all He had to help others, even though they were the very poorest and most despised. He must see such a Man as this! **Verse 4—Climbed up—**He made an unusual effort to see this Man because his curiosity was great. He who puts forth a like effort today is sure to see Him.

HIGHLY FAVORED—Luke 19:5—And when Jesus—Any man who can get the attention of Jesus is surely blessed, for in Jesus is everything that any man can need. Jesus was God; and, of course, He knew that Zacchaeus was going to be up in that tree, and He also knew what He would be permitted to do for him. Jesus lets us know that He stands at the heart's door of every sinner, seeking entrance. His purpose is that He may be invited to enter and dine with him. Zacchaeus was a sinner and was disrespected by the religious leaders of his day, but Jesus was not moved by such circumstances.

A SINNER RECEIVES CHRIST—Luke 19:6—Received him joyfully—The interest that Zacchaeus was showing in Jesus proves that he knew something of Him and was interested; otherwise, he would not have received Him joyfully. There can be no doubt but that the deep emotions of his innermost self were stirred.

RELIGIOUS BIGOTRY—Luke 19:7—All murmured—These were religious people who had a form of godliness, but their hearts were far from God. Having no compassion for the lost, they could not

justify the actions of any who did. This was the kind of person Jesus was interested in, and He was delighted to be received by Zacchaeus. We must take a like interest in sinners.

MAKING RESTITUTION—Luke 19:8—Restore him four-fold—Religion has to go deep into the heart of a man to compel one who is rich to enter into such an agreement as this. Since it was this that troubled him, it is evident that Zacchaeus was guilty. He had also been very close with his money; but now since he had received Jesus, he had compassion on the unfortunate and poor and was ready to do something for them. The gospel does make anew the lives of men. In Ezekiel 33:15 the law commanded that one return that which he had robbed.

THE GREATEST GIFT—Luke 19:9—Is salvation come—This is a marvelous picture of complete surrender, which was promptly rewarded by the precious gift of salvation. Jesus always rewards the honest and contrite heart with immediate attention. The Lord loves a quick and willing response.

HOPE FOR THE LOST—Luke 19:10—Which was lost—Deceived by sin, held in the darkest of despair, millions are groping for the rays of the gospel light. To bring this blessed light Jesus came to the earth, lived, and died. But the story can be told only by the man who has been to Jesus and learned of Him. Let every one who knows Christ be swift to tell others!

STANDARDS UNDER THE LAW—Leviticus 6:4—Which he found—Because a man finds a thing does not make it his property. A sincere restoration must be made. If men would have peace with God, there must be respect for the other man's property. Rather than take that which does not belong to us, we should put forth an effort to protect that which belongs to another. This is the true Christian principle; and if practiced it certainly will promote harmony, good will, and confidence in any community and will also do the same among nations.

STEPS IN ESTABLISHING PEACE—Matthew 5:23—There rememberest—When we approach the altar (which, in fact, is Christ, for the altar without Christ is nothing), it is a time when the light of heaven is turned upon our souls, and we see ourselves in the light of God's holy truth. Under such circumstances our minds will be illuminated to the point that if we have harmed our brother, we will know it. **Verse 24—Be reconciled**—If you have stolen anything, return it; if you have misrepresented your brother, make it right. Do all within your power to mend broken relations, then there will be faith to approach God for forgiveness. Sometimes it is impossible to get to the offended brother at once; if there is a willingness to ask forgiveness,

the will (II Corinthians 8:11, 12) will be accepted for the deed, and audience can be had with God.

CONCLUSION

It is the will and plan of God that man be happy, and in order to be happy, it is necessary for him to follow the laws that God has given. If we follow the laws of God, we will be happy; but men do break the laws of God. So the goodness of God has provided that in case we do break the laws of God, we can again have peace. We have not been eternally banished from all hope because we may have fallen into the snare of temptation. One way of restoring correct relations is restitution. There is no use in trying to go on as though nothing had happened if we have done wrong to our brother or neighbor. God cannot give His peace to the heart that is guilty of breaking His laws, and be sure no one ever broke one of the laws of God without Him knowing it. So, as we endeavor to live the whole Word of God and to teach His counsel, it is absolutely necessary that we teach and practice the doctrine of restitution.

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

1. Name one of the privileges of man in reference to material things.
2. Name one reason why the world is so full of people who need to make restitution.
3. Why was Zacchaeus curious to see Jesus?
4. What high honor did Jesus bestow upon Zacchaeus?
5. Why did the people criticize Jesus when He went to the house of Zacchaeus to abide?
6. How did Zacchaeus receive Jesus?
7. What were the requirements in regard to restitution under the law?
8. What is the result if we refuse to make restitution?

LESSON NUMBER SEVEN FOR MAY 15

KNOWING WE ARE JUSTIFIED

Scriptures: I John 3:14, 21; 5:9, 10; Galatians 4:6, 7; Acts 16:23-34.

I John 3:14 We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death.

21 Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God.

I John 5:9 If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son.

10 He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son.

Galatians 4:6 And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.

7 Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

Acts 16:23 And when they had laid many stripes upon them, they cast them into prison, charging the jailor to keep them safely:

24 Who, having received such a charge, thrust them into the inner prison, and made their feet fast in the stocks.

25 And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the

prisoners heard them.

26 And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed.

27 And the keeper of the prison awaking out of his sleep, and seeing the prison doors open, he drew out his sword, and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had been fled.

28 But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm: for we are all here.

29 Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas,

30 And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved?

31 And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

32 And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house.

33 And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway.

34 And when he had brought them into his house, he set meat before them, and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house.

Memory Verse: The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God.—Romans 8:16.

Aim: To show that a Christian can and should know that he is saved.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday	I John 3	Thursday	Romans 8
Tuesday	I John 5	Friday	Acts 16
Wednesday	Galatians 4	Saturday	John 8

INTRODUCTION

One of the common lies that the devil has imposed upon religious-minded people is that no one can know that he is saved or justified until he reaches heaven. How can anyone be happy in his Christian

experience and be joyful in Christ if he is haunted by the thought that he is not sure he is justified, and does not know if the approval of God is upon him? This lesson will bring to light the fact that we can know that we are saved. Anyone who does not know for sure that he has passed from death unto life is certain to have a weaker testimony than the one who has the confidence of being delivered from sin and has asserted his liberty in Jesus Christ. We are told by the holy Scriptures that with joy shall we draw water out of the wells of salvation. We need a strong Christian testimony born of a strong Christian experience. Things of the world or personal ambitions should not be permitted to crowd out the still small voice of God as He commands His forces. The object in giving this lesson is to strengthen the Christian forces on Earth and to encourage each individual soldier of the cross.

MEDITATIONS

LOVE, A FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT—I John 3:14—Love the brethren—The gospel of the Lord Jesus removes from the human heart hatred and envy, planting in its place the fruit of love. Consequently, it will become natural for a Christian to be interested in the welfare of his brother, and he will manifest a genuine concern and devotion toward him. If there is hatred in the heart toward a child of God, it is proof then that that soul is not born of the Spirit of God but abides in death. The next verse declares that anyone who hates his brother is a murderer.

CONDEMNATION ABSENT—I John 3:21—If our hearts—If in our souls we have no consciousness of transgression, having made all our wrongs right and departed from sin, we are then free from condemnation; and by this we have the knowledge that we are born of God. Since we cannot see God or hear His voice with our natural ears, it is by faith that we attain freedom in Him. If we doubt, we lose the joy of our salvation.

THE WITNESS WITHIN—I John 5:9—Witness of God—It is a serious error not to believe the witness that God has given of our salvation. Of course, it is the devil's business to get us to doubt if he can. We will believe the witness of men; then why not believe the witness that God has given? **Verse 10—Made him a liar**—Of course, we are not to say that a man has the witness of the indwelling presence of Christ just because he believes in his head that God has sent Jesus into the world. We must believe in our hearts, and to believe in our hearts does effect a change in our lives, and he who is a new creature in Christ Jesus does have the witness within. At times it may seem as if Christ is not there, but that may not be a sign at all. No one would doubt that he was married just because he could not at the moment see or reach out and touch his companion. To doubt God is to make Him a liar. Of this, we must be very careful.

THE EFFECT OF CONVERSION—Galatians 4:6—Ye are sons—This is a marvelous transformation and blessed indeed. Though we are delivered from the hand of the devil, he is able to wield an influence over us if we let him. God's Word is always dependable, and we soon learn that the devil's never is. We know that we are sons because our hearts have been changed from the love of sinful things to the love for things of God.

DIVINE SONSHIP—Galatians 4:7—No more a servant—Men while in sin are slaves of the devil, bound and unable to deliver themselves, but he who comes to Christ is delivered from the power of servitude and delivered unto the glorious liberty of sons of God. Being then a son of God, it naturally follows that we have become heirs of the eternal kingdom of the living God. This great knowledge should be a great inspiration to the one who is in the toils of sin. In Luke 12:32 we read that it is the Father's good pleasure to give His kingdom to His little flock.

EVIDENCES OF DISCIPLESHIP—Acts 16:23—Laid many stripes—Here we see the reaction of a bitter world when it beheld the working of the Spirit of God in the lives of true Christians. This is a very good proof of discipleship, but one which we are not faced with today. However, the world still does recognize the Spirit of Christ in a true disciple and often does all within its power to make the Christian miserable. Paul faced one injustice after another, but through it all he gave a commendable testimony.

FREEDOM IN CHRIST—Acts 16:25—Sang praises unto God—With their feet fast in the stocks and their bodies completely subject to the will of evil men, it took much grace for Paul and Silas to sing and shout the praises of God. But the consciousness of God in their lives was so real that they were able to manifest it in the severest situations of life. "They loved not their lives unto the death." The air was filled with their holy praise which fell upon the ears of the unholy prisoners.

DIVINE INTERVENTION—Acts 16:26—A great earthquake—Let us always remember that all of nature is subject of the great will of God, and he who is faithful in every detail may be sure that, if need be, God will command nature in his behalf. If Paul and Silas had been doubtful in regard to their standing with God, there could have been no rejoicing and, consequently, no victory. God miraculously loosed every prisoner. Who can stay the great hand of God when He decides to work?

HOPELESS—Acts 16:27—Would have killed himself—The jailer knew not God, had no hope; therefore, he was in a state of despair. Paul, his prisoner, now stood in a better place than he did.

THE PRISONER SAVES THE JAILER—Acts 16:28—Do thyself no harm—It is not the Christian's place to do violence to any man or to interfere with the natural course of the operation of the law. Paul could not here have accomplished God's purpose if he had taken advantage of the miraculous event to have secured his liberty with those who were retained with him; God had a good purpose, and all things worked out to His glory.

PAUL WINS—Acts 16:30—What must I do?—This was the supreme purpose of the life of Paul—to see souls saved. Although a prisoner in the flesh, he was a free man in the Spirit, and he was doing the work that he was called to do. Our fight is not against flesh and blood, but against the powers of spiritual wickedness in high places. If Jesus is allowed to lead, we will win in this fight as Paul won.

THE SURE CURE—Acts 16:31-34—There is but one salvation for all men of all ages and all nations. The sound of the gospel touched the heart of this heathen jailer and accomplished its purpose. Our commission is to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. Wherever we can get a listening ear from one end of the world to the other, we are to tell the story of salvation. It is certain to strike a responsive cord in the hearts of some.

CONCLUSION

This lesson discloses the fact very plainly that we can know that we are saved and also that the knowledge of it makes the Christian testimony much more effective. The great Apostle Paul gave evidence of this by faithfulness in the adversities he met. If we are true when the hard places come along, we can expect a great lift from the Lord in the increase of His kingdom. If we let down when the trial comes, we cannot be trusted in the heat of the battle and will fail to win any victories. By staying true and exhibiting a victorious spirit after he was beaten, Paul was able to see the jailer saved with all his household. This was the atmosphere in which the early church made its growth. We must have the same spirit if we are to produce a victorious church.

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

1. What advantage is there to the Christian to have a real knowledge of his salvation?
2. Name two things by which we know that we are saved.
3. What is it that brings condemnation to the soul?
4. What is our testimony concerning God if we doubt Him?
5. Name some of the things that salvation does for us.
6. How was Paul able to stand up so victoriously under such horrid treatment?
7. What was the strong influence that convicted the jailer?
8. Why did not Paul flee when his bands were broken?

LESSON NUMBER EIGHT FOR MAY 22

A NEW LIFE

Scriptures: Mark 5:1-10; I Timothy 1:12, 13, 15; Galatians 1:23; Ephesians 4:24.

Mark 5:1 And they came over unto the other side of the sea, into the country of the Gadarenes.

2 And when he was come out of the ship, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit,

3 Who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no man could bind him, no, not with chains:

4 Because that he had been often bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been plucked asunder by him, and the fetters broken in pieces: neither could any man tame him.

5 And always, night and day, he was in the mountains, and in the tombs, crying, and cutting himself with stones.

6 But when he saw Jesus afar off, he ran and worshipped him,

7 And cried with a loud voice, and said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of the most high God? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not.

8 For he said unto him, Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit.

9 And he asked him, What is thy name? And he answered, saying, My name is Legion: for we are many.

10 And he besought him much that he would not send them away out of the country.

I Timothy 1:12 And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry;

13 Who was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious: but I obtained mercy, because I did it ignorantly in unbelief.

15 This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.

Galatians 1:23 But they had heard only, That he which persecuted us in times past now preacheth the faith which once he destroyed.

Ephesians 4:24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

Memory Verse: Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

—II Corinthians 5:17.

Aim: To teach that those who have been justified live a new life.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday	Mark 5	Thursday	Ephesians 4
Tuesday	I Timothy 1	Friday	Romans 6
Wednesday	Galatians 1	Saturday	II Corinthians 5

INTRODUCTION

Peter was referring to the new life when he said that his old associates thought it strange that he did not run to the same excess of riot that he had before he was converted. So in everyone's life there is a marked change when he has really been born again. The man who has felt the need of "religion" and in trying to satisfy that need has joined some church will have a very difficult time in trying to present to the world a change in living. He will still be plagued by a desire for the old

companionship of the world and the same old desires for the pleasures of the world. Eventually, though he may succeed for a time in suppressing it, the flesh will win out, and he will be found indulging in the old sins as freely as before. This is because he is still alive to sin, and the new life of holiness has not been formed in him by the indwelling of the Lord Jesus Christ. So, a religion that does not produce the new life springing from within is worth less than nothing to the human family, and should be banished from the earth. All such religions are founded and empowered by the devil himself, and millions are the inhabitants of the earth who have been deceived by them. We trust that this lesson shall awaken in the student a deep desire for the pure waters that are drawn from the wells of salvation in Jesus Christ.

MEDITATIONS

THE OLD LIFE—Mark 5:2—An unclean spirit—This is the lowest state of the unregenerated life. Everyone does not fall to this level, but there are many who do. But the blood of Jesus Christ is just as sufficient for this as any case that might be less vile. In our age most men are not able to discern the working of Satan, and usually a soul-sick man is considered physically sick, and the devil hides, successfully covered. However, a God-called, Spirit-filled man walking in all the light of the gospel knows the situation and is the only man who can get the suffering individual to the only source of help, the Lord Jesus Christ.

EXCEEDINGLY VIOLENT—Mark 5:3—No man could bind him—The devil in control of a human compels him to do just the opposite of what God intended he should do. In this case he drove the man away from home and compelled him to live alone in the wilderness of the tombs. This man was in great need of help, and there was none but Jesus who could give it. Much effort had been put forth to help him, as the next verse indicates, but every effort was futile.

MENTAL AGONY—Mark 5:5—Crying and cutting himself—The devil preyed upon this man's mind; this was torture indeed. He was so much beside himself that he sought relief in afflicting his own body. He could not rest, but day and night he could be found wandering from tomb to mountain and mountain to tomb, seeking to escape the torture of an evil life. In many countries today, they have means whereby such people can be handled, in padded cells, and with strait jackets, and such people are not left out in the public, but are confined; thus the public sees little or nothing of such cases, and knows nothing of the horror of such things.

DELIVERANCE—Mark 5:6—Saw Jesus—This was a miraculous happening, for it is very doubtful if this man had ever even heard of

the Lord Jesus. But be sure the demons within him knew who Jesus was. Jesus knew the state of the man, and He who can control the waves and the wind can with as much ease control demons, and at His unspoken command He brought the man to His feet. **Verse 7—With a loud voice**—This was not the man speaking of himself, but the devil using his voice. What a blessing to know that there is nothing that is not subject to the Lord Jesus Christ, and the man who trusts Him has nothing to fear. The demons could do nothing other than obey His voice. They were very fearful, because they did not know what Jesus would do to them, for they were subject to His power.

THE AUTHORITY OF JESUS—Mark 5:8—Come out—All the spirits of Satan, of which there are many, are unclean, causing people to do things that are contrary to righteousness and truth. The devil revels in sin and uncleanness, ruining any life that he can influence: but the purpose of the Lord is to lead men in lives of holiness and purity. If He cannot lead a man in cleanness, He will not lead him at all. Oh, how the world does need the pure gospel message today that saves men from all ungodliness and filth! **Verse 9—We are many**—Many unclean spirits can occupy a soul. Each spirit has a character of his own, thus there are lying spirits, deaf and dumb spirits, etc. One soul may be dominated by many of these spirits and his life be correspondingly wicked. **Verse 10—Besought him much**—The devil finds pleasure in ruling and dominating human beings who were made to worship God, and he would rather be permitted to dwell in beasts than to be sent to the fires of eternal hell.

A HIGH CALLING—I Timothy 1:12—Into the ministry—The true ministers of Jesus Christ are called by the Lord Himself and qualified; they are not called by a school or religious body or group of men. So great is the calling that the greatest of humility is needed to properly fill the office. No man can fill this office, even to the slightest degree, who is still held in the power of the old life dominated by Satan. Only in the newness of life with the Spirit of God dwelling within is any man qualified to enter the ministry of Jesus Christ.

EVIDENCES OF THE OLD LIFE—I Timothy 1:13—A blasphemer—These evil things that Paul did while living the old life were done as a member of the best religion the world had in that day. We need not be surprised then if today the true saint of God meets persecution at the hand of cold, formal, Christless religion, of which there is much. Paul's blindness was caused by the improper teaching of his religious associates, he himself being very sincere in the things that he was doing. In the seventh chapter of Romans he speaks of himself as being a wretched man while in such a state, and wretched indeed he was. This is the state of many today, and we need to lift high the blazoned standards of pure, holy truth.

JESUS SAVES FROM THE OLD LIFE—I Timothy 1:15—To save sinners—Some try to teach that after Paul accepted Christ, he was still the chief of sinners; but this is doing violence to the Scriptures, for Jesus never came to save us IN our sins, but to save FROM them. As a Pharisee, Paul had lived a very sinful life and did it in the name of religion. Jesus came to deliver from the old life and to impart the new, for He came that we might have life and that we might have it more abundantly. **Galatians 1:23—Faith he once destroyed**—After being saved, Paul lived a new life. The faith he had tried so hard to destroy, he now put all his energy and his whole heart into preaching to others.

THE NEW MAN DESCRIBED—Ephesians 4:24—Put on the new man—Some teach that salvation is a process by which we grow into the grace of God, adding a little each day until finally we arrive at the state of redemption, but this is wrong. Redemption is an instantaneous act performed by believing on the power of the blood of Jesus Christ to save. It does not take a man a year to put on his coat, neither does it take a year or even two minutes to put on the new man.

CONCLUSION

This lesson is not intended for the few, but should be the study of every man on the entire earth, for the new life is the first need of every man who walks the sands of time. It is the devil's business to keep the true information hidden from the people of the earth so that he may be successful in damning their souls for all of long eternity. The pitiful part of it is that once the devil has been able to get man started in the wrong direction, it is very difficult for that man to turn about in his course and take the right road. He will, in most cases, play right into the hands of the devil. Let us impress your heart that the new life is a life of peace and joy; the old is a life of sorrow and regret. He who is wise will choose Christ (regardless of the cost) and live.

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

1. Why do the old associates shun a man when he has received the new life?
2. What is one of the strong factors in keeping men from embracing the new life?
3. Describe Paul's condition as a Pharisee.
4. What was the great difficulty with the man who could not be tamed?
5. With whom does the old man originate? The new?
6. What is the only remedy that can be used in getting free from the old man?
7. Why did the man come bowing before Jesus, since it is evident that he knew Him not?

LESSON NUMBER NINE FOR MAY 29

FORSAKING SIN

Scriptures: I John 3:7-9; Ezekiel 33:11; John 8:11; Romans 6:1, 2, 7, 12, 14; Matthew 19:27-29.

1 John 3:7 Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous.

8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

9 Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

Ezekiel 33:11 Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?

John 8:11 She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.

Romans 6:1 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?

2 God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?

7 For he that is dead is freed from sin.

12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.

14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

Matthew 19:27 Then answered Peter and said unto him, Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have therefore?

28 And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

29 And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life.

Memory Verse: He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.

—Proverbs 28:13.

Aim: To teach that a Christian lives a sinless life.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday I John 3
Tuesday Ezekiel 33
Wednesday John 8

Thursday Romans 6
Friday Matthew 19
Saturday Proverbs 28

INTRODUCTION

Sin always has been and always will be death to the spiritual life of any man, for in the Garden of Eden, in the very beginning, man was told that disobedience to the will and Word of God would bring death; and Paul declares in Romans 6:23 that the wages of sin is death. No man can be truly happy if there is any sin in his life, for sin always separates the soul from God; and separation from the gracious Spirit

of God leaves the soul hopeless and desolate. The great purpose of the coming of the Lord into the earth to offer His life as a sacrifice was to deliver men from the power of sin. Any man who is delivered from the power of sin certainly is not found under control of it. Sin is the transgression of the law and is not to be understood as errors of the head and shortcomings of the flesh. If any man knows he should do a thing and refuses to do it, he breaks the command of God and is guilty of sin. If the sin is not confessed and forsaken, he will certainly be lost through all eternity. Therefore, it is of the greatest importance that we make sure that our lives are free from sin, and that every day we are walking in the favor of almighty God.

MEDITATIONS

KEEPING ALERT—I John 3:7—Let no man deceive you—Righteousness is of God! Righteousness is simply doing that which is right. He who is born of God, and thus a child of God, seeks to do what is right. Let no man deceive you; a person who is living in sin, or a religious person who sins more or less every day, is not a righteous person.

SIN'S END—I John 3:8—Destroy the works—It is the devil who planted the tendency to sin in the human heart, or, in other words, it was he who degenerated the nature of man, bringing him into the state of depravity. It is the purpose of the Lord Jesus to destroy this work of the devil out of the human heart and thus restore it to its original purity, and the first step in doing this is justification. In the light of this great truth, how foolish it is to think that the work of the Lord on Calvary was only for the purpose of destroying sin day by day as fast as the devil brought it into our lives if we confessed our sin. This is ridiculous. The Lord has no fellowship with a sinner. Truly, every man who commits an imputed sin is of the devil. There is NO exception to this rule.

SALVATION DELIVERS FROM SIN—I John 3:9—Doth not commit sin—Some religious teachers would have this verse say that a person does not sin as he used to, or does not sin habitually as he formerly did, but the verse says a person who is born of God does not commit sin. Thank God for deliverance from sin. The latter part of the verse is not to be understood as saying it is impossible for a person to return to a life of sin, but as long as he retains the Word of God in his heart he will not sin.

OLD TESTAMENT SAINTS REQUIRED TO TURN AWAY FROM SIN—Ezekiel 33:11—Turn ye—The only way that men could have favor with God under the law was to be obedient to the requirements that He made of them. Ezekiel also told us in chapter 18, verse 4, that the soul that sins shall die. Imputed sin separates the

soul from God and leaves it lost. It was and is God's plan that men turn away from and forsake sin.

SIN NOT—John 8:11—Sin no more—Notice the command of Jesus to the woman. He was forgiving: "Go, and sin no more." Jesus meant what He said. It is dangerous to believe false doctrine about sin.

IS A CHRISTIAN PERMITTED TO SIN?—Romans 6:1—God forbid—Because the great grace of God is sufficient to deliver from the worst of sin is no reason why men should sin just to appropriate this grace. Paul says "God forbid."

DEAD TO SIN—Romans 6:2—How shall we—If a person has truly died to sin how could he continue a life of sin? True, the tempter may entice a saved man, and he may yield to the temptation, thus sinning; but if he does so, he is now a sinner and no longer a Christian, just as Adam and Eve were in the Garden of Eden. If a saved and sanctified man yields to temptation and sins, the devil plants anew the nature of sin in his heart.

DEAD TO THE WORLD—Romans 6:7—He that is dead—He who is dead to the world through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ is separated from its sins and pleasures. To be separated from sin is to be freed from it. He who is freed from jail is no longer held by the jail. He who is freed from sin is no longer in its bondage.

RESISTING SIN—Romans 6:12—Let not sin ... reign—As long as we are in the world, sin will try to bring us back into its bondage after we have been delivered, but we are commanded not to let it reign in our flesh. We know that the wages of sin is death; therefore, we are to avoid it as if it were a deadly rattlesnake.

POWER OVER SIN—Romans 6:14—Not have dominion—God has granted to each one of His children enough power to overcome sin when it attacks him; therefore, it cannot have dominion over him. Did He not say by the apostle Paul that He would not allow us to be tempted above that which we are able? He watches our strength very closely and does not let the devil attack us with more force than we are able to resist. This being true, no man has any excuse for failing and returning again to the practice of sin.

FORSAKING ALL—Matthew 19:27—Followed thee—To really follow the Lord means that we do forsake all, not only sin, but also our personal ambition, even though it may be legitimate. The things of this world are temporal and have no spiritual significance; but the life that Christ calls us to is eternal, beginning here in this world, and merits the very best that we can put into it. Our all is a very small price to pay for the marvelous gift of salvation.

EVERY ONE A KING—Matthew 19:28—Followed me—The Revelator declared that God had made the redeemed kings and priests

unto God. Even now the redeemed soul is reigning daily over the power of sin, the flesh, and the devil. And he who overcomes will Christ give to sit with Him in His throne even as He has overcome and is set down with His Father in His throne.

PRESENT REWARDS—Matthew 19:29—Shall receive—In one of the other Gospels one of the rewards that is promised is persecution, which most people would rather not inherit. But persecutions are valuable. They increase our reward in heaven if we successfully survive them. They increase our spiritual strength and understanding in this time world, and they are stepping stones to higher ground. Though our earthly friends forsake us because we accept Christ, we are told that God will furnish others. If our property is taken, we will be supplied with what we need.

CONCLUSION

When David maliciously took the wife of Uriah, he committed a very serious sin and was made to cry out, "I have sinned." Sin always brings the remorse of conscience, and nothing we can do within ourselves can remove the sting. In some cases the sting becomes so great that the sufferer resorts to self-destruction. Of course, this only makes matters worse, for he has put himself in a place from which he can never recover. But how wonderful it is that if a man does do wrong, God in His mercy has provided a way that he may escape and recover to the point that it is just the same in the sight of God as though it had not happened. What are the advantages in forsaking sin? First, we have the promise of eternal life, in which everyone is interested. Second, in this time world he who forsakes sin will find the forces of nature working in his behalf, whereas before, nature was working against him. Paul declared that he who commits fornication sins against his own body. The cigarette smoker is daily destroying his body. So to forsake sin is profitable in every way you look at it, and we must encourage all men to depart from a wicked life.

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

1. What does sin do for the human family?
2. Give the Bible definition of *sin*.
3. Is a mistake of the head a sin?
4. Explain the teaching that he who is righteous is righteous even as Jesus is righteous.
5. What is any man to be called who commits sin, and to what family does he belong?
6. Is the Christian permitted to sin?
7. What does it mean to be dead to the world?
8. What does it mean to be a king unto God?

LESSON NUMBER TEN FOR JUNE 5

OUR TESTIMONY

Scriptures: I Kings 17:1-6; Matthew 10:32; Revelation 12:11; II Timothy 1:8; John 4:39; John 3:11; I John 1:2, 3.

I Kings 17:1 And Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab, As the Lord God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word.

2 And the word of the Lord came unto him, saying,

3 Get thee hence, and turn thee eastward, and hide thyself by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan.

4 And it shall be, that thou shalt drink of the brook; and I have commanded the ravens to feed thee there.

5 So he went and did according unto the word of the Lord: for he went and dwelt by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan.

6 And the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the evening; and he drank of the brook.

Matthew 10:32 Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven.

Revelation 12:11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the

word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

II Timothy 1:8 Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God.

John 4:39 And many of the Samaritans of that city believed on him for the saying of the woman, which testified, He told me all that ever I did.

John 3:11 Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness.

I John 1:2 (For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and show unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;)

3 That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.

Memory Verse: For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he shall come in his own glory, and in his Father's, and of the holy angels.

—Luke 9:26.

Aim: To show that the justified has a testimony to the world.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday	I Kings 17	Thursday	II Timothy 1
Tuesday	Matthew 10	Friday	John 4
Wednesday	Revelation 12	Saturday	John 3

INTRODUCTION

It is a wonderful thing that God has taken into His plan the assistance of men in the great work of carrying the gospel to the ends of the earth. Had He so designed, He could have caused the gospel to have been preached and propagated by angels, but not so. He has designed that every one of us have a part in carrying the divine message to the ends of the earth.

MEDITATIONS

SPEAKING FOR GOD—I Kings 17:1—There shall not be—Such an assertion was possible only at the direction of God, for the weather is in His hands. This seemed like a very evil thing for the prophet to say to the king, but the prophet could speak only the things that God gave him and remain a servant of God.

OBEYING GOD—I Kings 17:2—The word of the Lord—God spoke to him by one means or another, perhaps in his innermost conscience, letting him know His will. God still speaks to men today, mostly through His written Word. However, occasionally He does still speak to men directly.

GOD CARES FOR HIS OWN—I Kings 17:3—Hide thyself—God knew the anger of the king and also knew that drought would soon fill the land; therefore, He made provision for His prophet. He always cares for His own, those who put their full trust in Him.

AN UNUSUAL THING—I Kings 17:4—Commanded the ravens—How easy it is for God to command the ravens, the wind, the rain, or any other thing! Who can stay the hand of God when it is stretched forth? None. It is good to live in the realm of faith with God, with whom in answer to prayer all things are possible. From a natural standpoint, the ravens would fear man and would be far more likely to eat the food themselves than to take it to the prophet, but the Lord had commanded, and so it was.

GOD KEEPS HIS WORD—I Kings 17:6—And the ravens—Just as the Lord had said, the ravens visited Elijah regularly with the needed food, and the stream of water provided his drink. Where did the ravens get the food? That is a secret with God. The thing that interests us is that Elijah was miraculously taken care of. But first Elijah had to obey God and hide himself as directed.

FRUIT OF TESTIMONY—Matthew 10:32—Confess me before men—To confess Christ is to acknowledge Him as Sovereign of the universe, sole Possessor of all material and spiritual things, as personal Redeemer of the souls of men by the sacrifice of His own life, purchasing healing for all by His stripes. Because Christ is not a visible power on the earth, He relies upon His people to convey the knowledge of Him by their testimony. He who does this in sincerity has the promise that Christ will acknowledge him before the Father.

CONQUERING IN CHRIST'S NAME—Revelation 12:11—Word of their testimony—Christians of the morning church are spoken of here, and they had power in their testimony, because they had acknowledged Christ and had been cleansed from all sin by the power of His blood. The force that they overcame was the pagan religion that filled the earth in that day. Thousands of Christians were killed by the evil forces of paganism because their powerful testi-

monies wooed men from their rank. Again, we are facing strong pagan forces, and Christ is counting on us to give a true testimony of Him, even as did the morning church. Their love of Christ far exceeded their love of life; therefore, it was impossible for them to be defeated.

CHRIST'S TESTIMONY—II Timothy 1:8—Be not ... ashamed—Christ testified by the life He lived and by the words He spoke of the doctrine of holiness (holiness being a life without sin of any kind). Such a testimony is a rebuke to a pleasure-loving world. The world does not love a rebuke; therefore, it will be found either turning from sin to Christ or viciously opposing everyone who stands for or lives a life of holiness. Christians are far fewer in number than sinners; therefore, the heavy weight of their numerous testimonies of sinfulness causes some Christians to be ashamed of the pure testimony of Christ, and they turn back to the world.

THE SAMARITAN'S TESTIMONY—John 4:39—Which testified—Jesus, knowing all things, was able to tell the Samaritan woman the secrets of her life. The woman was astonished by the revelation of divine power. Such a miracle is not beyond the testimony of the Christian today, for He tells us in St. John 14:26 that the Holy Spirit will teach us all things. Such revelation of divine power and knowledge will always convince men of Christ.

KNOWING WHAT WE SPEAK—John 3:11—That we have seen—The early disciples spoke from experience and not what they had learned from men. Our testimony has little weight if it does not flow from an actual experience. To know from experience the joy that comes into the heart when God forgives us of our sins gives the Christian a marvelous working testimony. Likewise, to feel the touch of God's hand in divine healing is a basis for a convincing testimony, but we must be faithful in testifying, regardless of the consequences.

THE GREAT TESTIMONY—I John 1:2—And seen it—The early disciples spoke with power and conviction because they had seen with their eyes the Lord and had heard Him with their ears. We, too, by faith have seen and heard Him; therefore, our testimony should be powerful. Eternal life is manifest in every true saint today. **Verse 3—Declare we unto you**—Having had contact with Christ in salvation, we are at once privileged, or duty-bound to bear a testimony of experience to the world.

CONCLUSION

It just follows naturally that the closer contact a man has with Christ, and the more he learns about Him, the greater and more profuse will be his testimony. Since Christ never did any evil thing, the more we learn about Him, the more good things we will have to tell. One fine thing about a Christian's testimony is that the Holy Ghost will always bear witness to its truth.

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

1. What part does the Christian play in the conversion of the world?
 2. Which contributes more power to a testimony, human training or divine love?
 3. How did God make Elijah's testimony effective?
 4. Consider the miraculous happenings in the ravens feeding Elijah.
 5. Why should an experience in divine healing increase the weight of our testimony?
 6. What was Christ's testimony?
 7. What was the Samaritan woman's testimony?
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LESSON NUMBER ELEVEN FOR JUNE 12

BACKSLIDING

Scriptures: Matthew 26:69-75; Jeremiah 3:22; Proverbs 14:14.

Matthew 26:69 Now Peter sat without in the palace: and a damsel came unto him, saying, Thou also wast with Jesus of Galilee.

70 But he denied before them all, saying, I know not what thou sayest.

71 And when he was gone out into the porch, another maid saw him, and said unto them that were there, This fellow was also with Jesus of Nazareth.

72 And again he denied with an oath, I do not know the man.

73 And after a while came unto him they that stood by, and said to Peter, Surely thou also art one of them; for thy speech

bewrayeth thee.

74 Then began he to curse and to swear, saying, I know not the man. And immediately the cock crew.

75 And Peter remembered the word of Jesus, which said unto him, Before the cock crew, thou shalt deny me thrice. And he went out, and wept bitterly.

Jeremiah 3:22 Return, ye backsliding children, and I will heal your backslidings. Behold, we come unto thee; for thou art the Lord our God.

Proverbs 14:14 The backslider in heart shall be filled with his own ways: and a good man shall be satisfied from himself.

Memory Verse: Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip.—Hebrews 2:1.

Aim: To warn people against backsliding.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday	Hebrews 2	Thursday	Genesis 3
Tuesday	Matthew 26:57-75	Friday	Joshua 7
Wednesday	Jeremiah 3	Saturday	Proverbs 14

INTRODUCTION

It would seem that few people have any conception of the seriousness of backsliding. The devil even has gone so far as to lead men to teach that it is impossible for people to backslide once they have been born again. Therefore, it is of the utmost importance that we set forth

with the greatest plainness the truth in regard to the subject of backsliding. If backsliding were impossible, how could God have a tried people? Why does anyone need to take heed lest he fall? Is Judas today in the courts of glory, since he died a suicide? He had accepted Christ and had taken part in the ministry. He certainly had an experience of salvation. Backsliding definitely separates the soul from God. Millions have backslidden; therefore, we must give the most careful heed to the things we have heard, lest we let them slip.

MEDITATIONS

A SPLENDID TESTIMONY—Matthew 26:69—Wast with Jesus—Everyone should so live that as the world looks on they will say, “You have been with Jesus.” Only because the people want the favor of the world will they deny they have been with Jesus. Peter was not now as close to Jesus as he had been, which possibly prompted the maid to make the accusation. Had Peter followed Jesus into the court, the maid would have said nothing.

BACKSLIDING—Matthew 26:70—He denied—Peter was concerned about his own safety and had not been praying for strength to go through with Jesus. Usually backsliding does not come as a sudden act. The process was completed in this case when Peter lied. He was lost, but did not fully realize his condition.

DRIFTING—Matthew 26:71—Gone out—Peter was drifting away from Jesus, not toward Him, which is the case of all men who reject Christ. Satan proposes to lead all men deeper and deeper into sin until they get so deep that there is no escape. When darkness and blindness overtake the soul, which is the outcome of backsliding, it is difficult to find the way back to God and easy to drift farther away. **Verse 72—With an oath**—Sin had taken Peter to the place where he added the sin of swearing to the sin of lying. Committing a second sin in no way releases a transgressor from the first; it further entangles. **Verse 73—Surely thou also art**—The evidence was too strong. It was useless to misrepresent. But now Peter’s power to testify for Christ was gone and he could not again do as he should until he had been restored by the redeeming grace of the Master. **Verse 74—Curse and to swear**—Peter was now vehement in his denial, and his heart was greatly hardened. Peter was no different from other men. The same will happen to us today if we get careless and follow Jesus afar off. Every day and hour we must walk close to God if we want to keep our standing with God.

AWAKENED—Matthew 26:75—Wept bitterly—One look at the majestic and deeply wounded Christ flooded the mind of Peter with the things that had so lately happened. Realization brought remorse, and bitter are the tears that follow the loss of the friendship of Jesus (that is, to the man who is awakened). The Scriptures declare, “A broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.”

HOPE FOR THE BACKSLIDER—Jeremiah 3:22—Heal your backsliding—It is the work of Satan to cause the people of God to stumble and fall back into the mire of sin. The gentle and firm hand of God is ever extended to the one who awakens to his backsliding and seeks the way out. God will restore the old landmarks of spiritual blessings; so may the backslider take courage and return. The state of the backslider is worse than the one who has never been saved. It is an awful thing for one who knew God to fail of the grace of God and spend eternity in a devil's hell. Having known the joy of sins forgiven, and the peace of the indwelling of the Lord, the backslider's suffering in hell will be greater.

THE BACKSLIDER'S OUTLOOK—Proverbs 14:14—His own ways—The ways of man are not the ways of God, for the ways of God are as much higher than the ways of man as the heavens are higher than the earth. So, the backslider can look forward only to the remorse and sorrow in this world that come from following ways that are the ways of man, born of his fleshly desires. Dying in such a state will produce only sorrow and woe for all eternity.

CONCLUSION

If a backslider is not quickly restored, he very soon is filled with his own ways, which are not the ways of God. Over the poor backslider's soul the devil has a certain advantage which he did not have before. He plants his own rebellious spirit in the backsliding heart, charging God with injustice and unfairness. Let the backslider know that such statements are always the result of the deceptive and lying nature of Satan himself, who would impose upon all men his own ungodly nature. Peter did not remain long out of Christ, but his experience proves how quickly and rapidly the backsliding soul can slip and how ardent the denial of Christ can become. To guard against backsliding it is necessary that each succeeding day we draw nearer to God and put an ever-increasing enthusiasm in the work of the Lord. There is joy in true service in the kingdom of God that is rich and sweet, far beyond the best the world can give.

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

1. Give two proofs that a Christian can backslide.
2. Give two results of backsliding.
3. Why did Peter backslide?
4. What is usually the first sign of backsliding?
5. Why did Peter curse and swear?
6. What hope is there for the backslider?
7. What is meant by the words that a backslider is "filled with his own ways"?

LESSON NUMBER TWELVE FOR JUNE 19

JUSTIFICATION FOR ALL

Scriptures: Isaiah 55:1-3; I John 2:2; John 4:14; 7:37; Revelation 21:6; 22:17.

Isaiah 55:1 Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

2 Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness.

3 Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David.

I John 2:2 And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

John 4:14 But whosoever drinketh of

the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

John 7:37 In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.

Revelation 21:6 And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

Revelation 22:17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

Memory Verse: And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.—Acts 2:21.

Aim: To show that justification is offered to all who will receive it.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday

I John 2

Thursday

Isaiah 55

Tuesday

John 4

Friday

Ezekiel 33:1-19

Wednesday

Matthew 11

Saturday

Isaiah 1

INTRODUCTION

Man is the crown of all God's creation, and it is a sad disappointment to Him that man has done so wickedly through the years. It was a source of grief to God when Adam and Eve ate the forbidden fruit, and He could not even enjoy their fellowship in the Garden of Eden each day. Since Adam had no power to redeem himself and since those who should follow him would be hopelessly lost as far as their own power to redeem themselves was concerned, God provided a way out; and His provision, if accepted, would reach every soul who came into the earth. Not one man from Adam to the last born need die lost. God would have all men to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth. Not only would God have men escape hell, but also know the rich graces and mysteries of His wonderful truth, which is Christ Himself. The Word declares that all have sinned; therefore, all must be justified in the sight of God if peace is to be restored.

MEDITATIONS

THE UNIVERSAL CALL—Isaiah 55:1—Everyone that thirsteth—The free and lavish offering of the gospel is made known by the fact that no money is needed in its purchase. Its value is made evident by the comparison to those things that were considered indispensable to the human body in those days.

MISSING THE GOAL—Isaiah 55:2—Eat that which is good—Millions today are seeking for pleasure and are finding it not! Why? Because they are looking in the wrong place. The things of the world cannot satisfy the soul. The living water that cannot be bought with money is the only thing that brings real and lasting peace. Jesus Christ gives this peace to all who come to Him and get saved.

THE PROMISE OF LIFE—Isaiah 55:3—Hear, and ... live—This promise goes out to everyone who thirsts or desires; as many as will, let them accept the matchless gift from the hand of our eternal God. An everlasting covenant has no end. **I John 2:2—The whole world**—The Lord Jesus did not only die for the Jews, but also for all mankind, including Adam and Eve. Any man who gains heaven does so only by the redemptive power of the blood of Christ shed in the latter end of time. As we look back to the blood of Christ and live, so men before Christ looked forward to the promised sacrifice and lived. All are invited to come to the fountain and drink, and he who fails of the eternal reward does so because he refuses to accept the invitation.

THE SATISFYING WATERS OF SALVATION—John 4:14—Shall never thirst—Good, cool water is very satisfying to the physical thirst for a short time, but very soon again men must drink; but not so with the great and satisfying soul salvation of Jesus Christ. He who drinks deep of the eternal water shall ever be satisfied. Oh, that we might get this great information to the multitudes of dissatisfied people today!

THE ZEAL OF THE MASTER—John 7:37—Stood and cried—Jesus knew the worth of eternal life and the agony of eternal death; therefore, He was compelled to urge the people to come to the Giver of life and live. He could not and would not compel people against their wills. If anyone accepted the way of life, which He alone had to offer, he must do so by consent of his will. Feast days were days of religious exercise, but these things were mere forms and could not save the soul. The need of the multitude He here addressed was a heart experience of soul salvation. The same conditions exist today. Millions have only an outward form of religious observation and stand greatly in need of the soul-regenerating salvation of the Lord Jesus.

THE END AT HAND—Revelation 21:6—Of life freely—We are warned plainly of the second coming of Christ to reward both the good

and evil; soon time shall be no more, and all salvation work shall have ceased. But let the Christian rest assured, for he shall receive freely and abundantly from the hand of Christ the eternal waters of salvation that shall satisfy, time without end.

THE URGENT INVITATION—Revelation 22:17—Whosoever will—The Spirit of God and the bride of Christ, which is the Church of the living God, are working hand in hand, endeavoring to bring precious souls to the knowledge of the truth. Under the Spirit's guidance, the Church neither neglects nor slights anyone. Gladly she sends out the universal, "Whosoever will." It may be difficult to get the food and water for the body of man, but with God there is no shortage of food and water for the souls of men. All are invited to satisfy themselves.

CONCLUSION

What a wonderful field any Christian has to labor in! Every way we turn we find men in need of the gospel, children coming up who need to be taught the ways of the Lord, and if they are not taught His ways, they will learn the ways of Satan. Today, a child needs to be fortified against the powers of paganism that fill our public school systems before he enters their ranks. Oh, how subtle are the powers of false religion, having succeeded in hiding its true nature from the multitudes of the earth! Religion is not necessarily salvation; therefore, we must work at the task of teaching the multitudes the truth in regard to the born-again experience and that it is offered freely to all.

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

1. Who may have the gift of salvation?
2. What does it cost?
3. Why should we refuse to spend our money for that which satisfieth not?
4. What is the passport for men of all ages into the kingdom of God?
5. How did Jesus look upon the urgency of men accepting the way of salvation?
6. With the end of time so close at hand, what should be our attitude toward the water of life?
7. What is your part in carrying the message of salvation to the dying world?

LESSON NUMBER THIRTEEN FOR JUNE 26

REWARDS FOR THE JUSTIFIED

Scriptures: Romans 5:1, 2; Ephesians 2:1; I John 3:14; John 1:11-13; Matthew 25:31-34; Matthew 5:12; II Corinthians 5:1.

Romans 5:1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

2 By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Ephesians 2:1 And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins.

I John 3:14 We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death.

John 1:11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

Matthew 25:31 When the Son of man

shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:

32 And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats:

33 And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.

34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

Matthew 5:12 Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

II Corinthians 5:1 For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Memory Verse: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.—II Timothy 4:8.

Aim: To point out the rewards that are for those who are justified.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday Matthew 5:1-20

Tuesday II Timothy 4

Wednesday II Corinthians 5

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Friday

Saturday

John 1:1-14

Romans 5

Matthew 25:31-46

INTRODUCTION

There is no man but who shall receive a reward for the life that he has lived. We need to impress this upon the minds of the people with the greatest emphasis. He who has followed righteousness shall be rewarded not only with life, but also with some blessings that God alone knows, for no man can give even a cup of cold water in the name of a disciple without receiving a reward. To the man who has devoted his energies and time to the service of the devil shall be a

reward of great disappointment, suffering beyond anything the mind can comprehend. But no true Christian labors for the reward alone that is promised. He desires to serve in this time world, giving little consideration to the future rewards. There are times, however, when the pressure of trial and temptation may so darken the spiritual horizon that survival may hinge on the comfort derived from the promise of reward.

MEDITATIONS

THE REWARD OF PEACE—Romans 5:1—Peace with God—A sinner is a rebel against God, against His government, against His will. When a sinner is convicted of his sins and comes to Christ with true godly sorrow, repenting of and forsaking his sins, God forgives him, and peace is the result. This peace with God is not alone for time but for eternity, if the one saved keeps his experience with God. **Verse 2—Stand—**When a person is justified, he not only has peace with God, but also the door of “standing grace” is open to him. This is the experience of sanctification which we will study, Lord willing, in our next quarterly.

MADE ALIVE—Ephesians 2:1—Quickened—The word *quickened* means “to resurrect, or to make alive.” A sinner is dead in trespasses and sins; he is following the flesh, obeying his father the devil. When he comes to Christ and is justified, he is rewarded with life! No one knows what true living is until he finds life in Christ. You must have this life to dwell with Christ eternally.

KNOWING WE ARE SAVED—I John 3:14—We know—Millions today belong to church. They hope they are saved, they hope they will go to heaven when they die, but they really don’t know! How sad! for Jesus died to purchase for us a “know-so” salvation. When we are saved, we are spiritually resurrected, we pass from death to life. The reward of the justified is a knowledge that he is saved. This brings peace. Another reward is that the love of God is shed abroad in his heart and he hates no one.

IT TAKES POWER—John 1:11-13—The sons of God—Jesus Christ made the world, yet when He came to it, His own people (the Jews) rejected Him. However a few did receive Him and to them He gave power to become the sons of God. It still takes God’s power to be a son of God, for salvation is not of works. Everyone who seeks God with all his heart will be rewarded with power to become a son of God, and He will give power to continue in the Christian race.

TIME WILL RUN OUT—Matthew 25:31—When the Son of man shall come—Jesus Christ is coming again! This does not depend upon whether people believe it, or whether they act as if, or live as if He is coming, but upon the words of the Master Himself. Why is He coming? To set up a literal kingdom? No! **Verse 32—Separate—**When Jesus comes, He will come as a judge. Before Him will be gath-

ered all nations. From Africa, India, America, and from the kingdoms of the past shall come all people of all nations, and Christ the Judge “shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats.” **Verse 33—The sheep**—The Christians will be placed on the right-hand side. **Verse 34—Come**—Then the Christians will hear some of the most blessed words ever spoken! “Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.” Just what all the eternal reward of the justified will be, we are not able to say, but to be with the Master, to be in the very presence of God eternally will be worth everything!

THE REWARD OF HEAVEN GREAT—Matthew 5:12—Great is your reward—We are told by the Word of God that we are to expect things in the next world that far surpass anything we have known in this world. To get to heaven will be a marvelous achievement; but besides getting to heaven there will be rewards, for he who has given a cup of cold water in the name of a disciple shall not lose his reward. He who sacrifices much for the gospel shall have a great reward, for all men shall be rewarded as their works shall be.

A PLACE PREPARED BY GOD—II Corinthians 5:1—Not made with hands—In this world men for the most part have only those things that have been fashioned by their own hands. God has furnished an abundance of material things to work with. In the next world we will not have material things, but spiritual, and such cannot be fashioned with physical hands, but by the Spirit. Only those who have entered the spiritual warfare in this world can inherit the spiritual realm of peace in the world to come.

CONCLUSION

It is very important that we constantly bear in mind that material things are only for the duration of time, and at the end of time they shall vanish, never to appear again. Consequently, he who places his hope in them is certain to be eternally disappointed. No one can afford such a disappointment; but, even so, as in the days of Saint John, “The whole world lieth in wickedness,” charmed by the forbidden fruits of worldly pleasure. The great work of Christianity is to deliver these blinded and careless souls from the error of their way.

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

1. Do you think a Christian should keep in mind the hope of reward as he labors in God’s kingdom?
2. What determines what our reward shall be in heaven?
3. Name differences between our home here and our heavenly home.
4. If we dwell with Christ in eternity, what must be the soul’s state?
5. What are some of the blessings we can expect in heaven?
6. What is excluded from heaven?
7. Are you ready for the second coming of Christ?

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