

# Corner For Religious News

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## Sunday School Lesson!

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Lesson for October 18

PAUL WRITES TO THE CORINTHIANS

LESSON TEXT—I Cor. 13:1-13.

GOLDEN TEXT—"Now abideth

faith, hope, charity; these three; but

the greatest of these is charity."—I

Cor. 13:13.

PRIMARY TOPIC—What Love Does.

JUNIOR TOPIC—Working Together.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—The Greatest Thing in the World.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Love, the Hope of the World.

The occasion of the writing of this

epistle was:

1. The existence of rival factions

contending each other. Some were

for Paul; some for Apollo; some for

Peter; and some for Christ. This

rival spirit was threatening the

disruption of the church.

2. Their failure to carry out church

discipline.

3. Their going to law with each

other.

4. Indifference to gross immorality.

5. Letters requesting information

as to:

a. Marriage and divorce.

b. Food connected with sacrifices

and festivals.

c. The exercise of spiritual gifts.

d. Disorder in the public assemblies.

e. The presence in the church of

certain ones who denied the resur-

rection of the dead.

f. The Pre-eminence of Love (vv.

13).

It transcends:

1. Speaking With Tongues (v. 1).

For men to possess the loftiest elo-

quence and be lacking in love is to

be as boomer brass or a clanking

cymbal.

2. The Gift of Prophecy (v. 2).

To be able to penetrate the mys-

tery of nature and Providence is good,

but to love is better.

3. Faith of the Most Vigorous Kind

(v. 2).

Even though one should have suffi-

cient vital faith as to remove moun-

tains it is of less value than love.

4. Philanthropy of the Most Gen-

erous Sort (v. 3).

Even though one should have such

a spirit of altruism as to be moved

to surrender all earthly goods for the

sake of the poor, unless actuated by love,

he would have no recognition before God.

II. The Attributes of Love (vv. 4-7).

1. It Is Long-Suffering and Is Kind

(v. 4).

It means not only to bear long, but

to be kind all the while.

2. It Is Free From Envy (v. 4).

Those who are controlled by love

are entirely free from the spirit of

envy because of the superior worth

and success of others.

3. It Is Free From Boasting and

Vanity (v. 4).

Love strives to do good to all with-

out seeking admiration and applause.

4. It Is Decorous (v. 5).

Love is always polite and mannerly;

knows how to behave at all times.

5. It Is Unselfish (v. 5).

It is always seeking the good of

others while forgetful of self.

6. It Does Not Give Way to Pas-

sion (v. 5).

It is not quick tempered.

7. It Takes No Delight in Evil (vv.

5-6).

It does not impute evil motives to

others and is free from suspicion.

Love has no sympathy with that which is evil.

8. It Bears All Things (v. 7).

That is, it incases itself in the

gracious mantle of love and shuts out all

evil.

9. Love Is Trustful (v. 7).

It looks into the future with confi-

dence.

10. Love Is Hopeful (v. 7).

It seizes the things of the future,

brings them into the present and ap-

propriates them for its use.

11. Love Is Firm (v. 7).

It intelligently sets its attention to

things that are right, and with un-

varying strength, holds fast.

III. The Permanence of Love (vv.

8-13).

1. It Outlasts Prophecy (v. 8).

Prophecy in the Scriptures means

both a foretelling of events and the

teaching of the Word of God.

2. It Outlasts Speaking With

Tongues (v. 8).

The race once spoke the same

language, but as judgment for sin and

rebellion, God brought confusion and

caused the people to speak many

tongues.

3. It Outlasts Knowledge (v. 8).

The knowledge we now have is only

relative, but the day is coming when

the relative knowledge shall be done

away by the coming in of a wider

and nobler intelligence.

## Seed Grain

Cast forth thy act, thy word, into the ever living, ever working universe; it is a seed grain that cannot die; unnoticed today, it will be found flourishing as a banana grove after a thou-

sand years.—Thomas Carlyle.

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mean that he should have joined with the other boys in tormenting this lad just because he was a Jew.

Then they started out together, father and son, to search in the dark streets for the Jewish lad, hoping they could find him and tell him they were sorry. They came home baffled, but the lesson of the search had burned itself on the mind of Ewald's boy.

That night, as the father and mother stood over their sleeping son, they noticed that he seemed fretful and nervous, wakeful and restless. The mother said, "Carl, I'm afraid our little boy is sick." Ewald replied: "Don't worry, mother. It will be all right. I know what is ailing him. I have just inoculated him against the meanest disease in the universe—the disease of hate!"

If it is true that our spiritual powers have outrun our spiritual power, then I must seek spiritual power as my contribution in solving the world problems. The Church is the one institution charged with the task of generating spiritual power. With the Church each one must make points of contact if spiritual power shall be possessed. WHY NOT GO TO CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY?

WHAT GO TO CHURCH?

"What's wrong with the world?" asked Gilbert Chesterton and Owen Wister, wrote a magazine article on "The Pentecost of Calamity."

The thing that's wrong with the world is this: While we have developed such marvelous physical power we have not grown souls equal to wielding it; we have, of course, grown spiritually and morally, but not as rapidly as we have grown physically; we have not spiritual control over the physical powers which we possess.

We think of this problem in the third person; we excuse ourselves by saying, "They did it." What the world is or may be depends upon you and me.

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THE QUESTION BOX

(Send problems in question form; answers will appear in later issue).

1. How secure new prospects for Sunday School membership?

Have every one write on specially prepared cards monthly the names of prospects; enlist a committee of women to visit homes of newcomers or non-church people; enlist the help of the ice man, laundryman, delivery boys, hucksters, messenger boys, store keepers, etc. to secure names and addresses of possibilities.

2. How can we stimulate the Sunday school?

Have such an interesting and helpful program every Sunday that folks will want to be there.

Give pupils as much part as possible in running the school. This can be done by having every class whose members are 12 years and over organized to do worthwhile team work, rendering needed service to the Church, the community and the world. The class should be given a chance to share in the making of the programs—for worship, for the social life and for service. Every class should be given the liberty of caring for the class room, making it attractive and home-like. Class goals and class reports are valuable.

INDIFFERENCE AND TRIFLING

We should never confound temperament with character. Temperament is a fluctuating mood. Character is a fixed and permanent thing.

It is by no means a certainty that life was intended to be hard, but it is very certain that most of us make life hard.

RELIGIOUS NEWS GATHERED

ALL AROUND THE WORLD

A missionary in Constantinople was ready to tell God what he can do to make us happy than we are to ask him what we can do to serve him.

The Church should maintain a minister, an official board, and a Sunday school, and the test of efficiency for each is whether the spiritual life of the Church and the community is fostered.—Athearn.

The greatest mission of the Church is to get her members to go out into the world and live the real Christian life, not to go out to get sinners into the church.—Holline.

Government reports show 835 licensed broadcasting stations. Twenty-nine of these are located in churches or are for religious broadcasting.

It is reported that 12,000 people heard mass recently in the Church of St. Nicholas, Atlantic City, N. J. Similar reports of attendance a mass at summer resorts are reported.

Herbert P. Mains, 86, widely known in this country and in England and Scotland as a composer of church hymns and gospel songs, died Oct. 8, at his home in Newark, N. J. Among his favorite hymns are "Hold Thou My Hand," "Shall We Meet Beyond the River," "The Bright Forever," and "Christ My All."

Principle and practice must be combined to make a fine character. We may thrill at noble sentiments, may dream of high achievements, but these will not build a life unless they are put together by faithful doing in the common daily existence.

President Coolidge has accepted an invitation to attend the International Sunday school convention at Birmingham, Ala., in April, 1926.

The National Council of the Congregational Church meets in Washington, D. C., October 20-28. President Coolidge, who is "Honorary Moderator" of the Council, will preside at the opening evening session. A feature of the meeting is the "Young People's Week-End," when there will be sight-seeing trips, and a call on President and Mrs. Coolidge.

The race once spoke the same language, but as judgment for sin and rebellion, God brought confusion and caused the people to speak many tongues.

Carl Ewald in his book, "My Little Son," tells of an evening when his boy came home boasting of his part in the hounding of a Jewish boy who had joined their crowd that day.

Mr. Ewald explained to his son the inestimable value of the Old Testament characters—Moses, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, David—and Jesus—all of whom were Jews. The son was greatly impressed by his father's explanation and felt sorry that he had been guilty of insulting one who had such a fine family history; he felt

vention, and by the Congregationalists at their convention in Washington.

The Christian Century notes that a recent tornado in Alexander, Ia., totally destroyed the Congregational and Lutheran churches, moved the Methodist church off its foundation, and destroyed the parsonage of the Reformed church. "Alexander, boasting a population of 400," says the Century, "has been discussing the possibility of church union for a long time. A union is due. It takes a tornado sometimes."

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