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# Sunday School Lesson

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Lesson for December 27

REVIEW—FROM ATHENS TO ROME

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

PRIMARY TOPIC—How Paul Helped the Poor.

JUNIOR TOPIC—Helping Others by Our Gifts.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Paul, the Missionary.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Paul the Christian.

The lessons of the quarter gather about Paul. The review, therefore, will have to do with his character, service and teachings. A good method of review is to study the salient points with the leading teachings of each lesson. The following suggestions are offered:

October 4.

Paul took advantage of the opportunity to preach the gospel to the Jews in the synagogue at Athens, and to such of the Gentiles and Jews as were found in the market-place, calling upon all to repent because of God's appointed day of judgment by Jesus Christ.

October 11.

Though compelled to work for a living while getting a foothold in Corinth, Paul zealously preached the gospel even in the face of violent opposition. In this time of his great need God encouraged him by giving him a vision. God always comes to the help of His servants in their greatest need.

October 18.

The Spirit's best gift is love. It is best because of its essential qualities and also because every believer can have and exercise it.

October 25.

Paul with dauntless courage preached the gospel at Ephesus, and here his preaching resulted in a glorious awakening. Where the gospel is preached in the power of the Holy Spirit men will believe in Christ and turn from their wicked ways, even giving up wrong kinds of business.

November 1.

The Christian has a strong enemy to fight, a personal being called the devil. He must meet him in offensive and defensive warfare. His strength and armor are from the Lord. The way to get strength to wage the conflict is by prayer to God.

November 8.

Paul with undaunted courage pressed on toward Jerusalem, knowing that bonds and affliction awaited him. As he took leave of the Ephesian elders he warned them of the false teachers who would arise among them, and assured them that he had declared the whole counsel of God.

November 15.

Despite Paul's eagerness to conciliate the people in Jerusalem, he was arrested. Because of his passion to preach the gospel, he witnessed to the angry mob which was striving to kill him.

November 22.

Though falsely accused and arraigned before the wicked governor, Paul with becoming dignity and courtesy defended himself in such a way as to win the favor of Felix.

November 29.

Paul defended himself before Agrippa and so wisely and confidently used the Scriptures as to almost persuade Agrippa to become a Christian.

December 6.

Paul's behavior on the voyage and during the shipwreck displayed his sublime faith in God as well as his remarkable bravery and common sense.

December 13.

Upon Paul's arrival in Rome he was greatly heartened by the reception given him by the brethren who came to meet him. Paul was intensely human. He, like his Lord, craved human fellowship.

December 20.

If the summary of Paul's life was the lesson used on this Sunday, the review should be the vision of the veteran soldier of the cross, near the close of his life, declaring, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; there is therefore laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me at that day."

If the Christmas lesson was used for this day, the method of review should be to picture the wise men seeking Jesus, Herod seeking to kill Him, and the finding of Jesus in Bethlehem.

## Our Thanks

Our thanks should be as fervent for mercies received as our petitions for mercies sought.

## Must Enjoy Work

No one who does not enjoy work can truly enjoy anything else.—Raymond.

## Faithful

"He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much."

## THE DAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

'Twas the day after Christmas and oh, such a sight! The rooms in disorder from the left to the right; There were papers and tinsels and boxes galore. All tumbled around on the chairs and the floor. 'Tis true, there was scarcely a place to be seen That was free of some rubbish and decidedly clean.

Poor mother was out in the kitchen alone, A trying her best to make soup from a bone; She was using left-overs from yesterday's feast For Tasty mixed salads and deserts at least. She must practice economy. Quite a sum had they spent For gifts for their Christmas, 'twas no time to repent.

Ben pounded a drum, Bob tooted a horn. The din had been raging since early the morn. They were marching around the be-refect Christmas tree, Not thinking of noise, in their innocent glee; 'Til mother at last opened wide kitchen door And bade them be still! She could stand nothing more.

Miss Bess was out walking, showing off her fur coat, For which her poor father had given his note. She cared not at all for the debt to be paid, While so blissfully sweet in such beauty arrayed. She felt happy and gay now her dream had come true, All her dream—but a hat—she must soon have that, too.

At last when the shadows of evening drew near, Two tired people sat without music or cheer; The boys were asleep in their own cozy bed With a drum and a horn lying close by the head. Little soldiers of mischief—yet such dear loyal boys. So proud in possessing their long wished for toys.

Little snow flakes were powdering the bright window pane, As low speaking voices said—never again— Will we spend so much money. Here their own bonnie Bess Laughed sweetly, "I heard you, the rest I can guess." "Dear father and mother, believe me, 'tis true Next year I will work and buy presents for you."

We've been selfishly happy, the boys and myself I'm sure I'm not worth half your hard worked for self We love you! We love you! To prove it take this— And she knelt down beside them, giving each one a kiss. Their hearts throbbed with joy; there were tears in their eyes; Each felt the true love won through self-sacrifice.—Contributed

## Orphanages To Fight Temporary Adoptions

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 24. — (United Press)—A nationwide campaign to stop the practice of families adopting orphan boys for the sole purpose of working them through the summer and then returning them to the orphanages was announced here today by Rev. E. J. Flanagan, head of Father Flanagan's home, a non-sectarian institution.

## Prohibition War Claims 32 Lives In Fiscal Year

Washington, Dec. 24. — (United Press)—The prohibition war claimed 32 lives in the fiscal year ended June 30, official figures disclosed today. Twenty-five dry law violators were killed by agents and seven agents were slain by bootleggers.

Kentucky lead all other states in the outlaw fatalities list with four killed in 12 months, while Virginia, Arkansas and West Virginia each had three casualties. Two moonshiners were killed in Florida and two in Oklahoma.

Vic Aldridge, whose pitching was the chief factor in winning the world's championship for the Pittsburgh Pirates, was a school teacher before he took up professional baseball.



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