

## Sunday School Lesson Discussion Questions

Discussion Questions on the Sunday School Lesson, The Way of Love, for Sunday, November 23.

1. In what sense does God love all men?
2. In what sense do Christians love their brethren different from others?
3. Why is hatred akin to murder?
4. How does the love of God differ from the love of man?
5. How may love instead of hate be the rule of nations?

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It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord. — Ps. 2:1.

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## Creamed Comments On S.S. Lesson

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In this lesson we observe the outstanding quality of Christian character and the means by which it is developed. The whole of Christianity is summed up in the word "love" as shown forth in the life and death of Christ.

V. 7. "Brethren, I write no new commandment unto you, but an old commandment which ye had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word which ye have heard from the beginning." The old commandment of love is new because it never loses its freshness and because it has power to make all things new; it renews the life of those who cherish it.

V. 8. "Again a new commandment I write unto you, which thing is true in him and in you; because the darkness is past, and the true light now shineth." The old commandment has become new because it is true in Christ and in you—true because genuinely obeyed by Christ and the disciples; the darkness passes away as the light of the gospel penetrates farther. The true light that emanates from Christ is the light of the world in contrast with the dim light of the Old Testament and the darkness and uncertainty of human speculation.

V. 9. "He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now." To profess to be a Christian is mockery if one's profession is not matched with a life of loving thoughts and deeds.

V. 10. "He that loveth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and there is no occasion of stumbling in him." The possession of a true spirit of love is an evidence that one has undergone an inner change in which goodness has taken the place of evil and in which new spiritual condition he abides.

V. 11. "But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes."

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Hate is to one's spiritual eye what a cataract is to the physical eye; they both need removing by means of an operation.

V. 15. "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any one love the world, the love of the Father is not in him." We are not to love those things in the world which are out of harmony with the nature and will of God. God can live only in the atmosphere of love, for God is love.

V. 16. "For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world." Lust is an inclination of the world to seize the opportunity which circumstances present for the working of something evil. The lust of the eyes may be covetousness; the lust of pride is the desire to parade oneself.

V. 17. "And the world passes away, and the lust thereof; but he that doth the will of God abideth forever." Everything of which a wicked man may boast is transient, but the things of the Spirit endure.

V. 18. "Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you." We may be assured that the spirit of evil is still in the world.

V. 19. "We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death." It is implied here that death is our original condition—a state of selfishness and sin. From this condition we pass through divine grace into one of spiritual life, characterized by love.

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## Sunday Service

St. Mary's Church  
Very Rev. Msgr. Seimetz, pastor  
6:00 a.m. Low Mass.  
7:30 a.m. Low Mass.  
9:00 a.m. Children's Mass.  
10:15 a.m. High Mass.  
2:30 Sunday afternoon, Holy Hour.

Holy Communion Sundays  
First Sunday, St. Agnes Sodality.  
Second Sunday, Holy Name Society.

Third Sunday, St. Mary's Society.  
Fourth Sunday, Children of Mary.

Zion Evangelical and Reformed  
William C. Feiler, pastor  
Church School at 9:00 a.m. Harold Hoffman, Supt.

Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.  
Sermon: "Where Are the Nine?"  
Let us endeavor to express our thanksgiving to God for his many blessings by worshipping in his sanctuary.

Youth Fellowship at 6:30 p.m.  
Opening service of Spiritual Week in the Trinity Evangelical United Brethren Church at 7:30 p.m. Bishop Grant D. Batdorf will preach the sermon, and Prof. Paul Halladay will be in charge of the singing.

Junior choir on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.  
No Catechetical classes on Saturday morning.  
There will be services each evening of Spiritual Week.

Sunday and Monday evenings in Trinity Church. Tuesday and Wednesday in the First Christian Church. Thursday and Friday in the First Methodist Church. Saturday and Sunday in the Zion Evangelical and Reformed Church. Come and worship with us.

The First Methodist Church  
Merrill O. Lester, Minister  
Lowell J. Smith, Supt.  
Church school 9:30 a.m.  
Public Worship 10:30 a.m.  
"Christian Credentials" will be the subject of morning sermon by the minister.

Junior Fellowship at 6:00 p.m. at church.  
Senior Fellowship 26 strong will attend the District meeting at Simpson church St. Wayne Sunday afternoon and evening.

Spiritual Emphasis week.  
Services Sunday and Monday nights at Trinity Church. Bishop Batdorf of the E. U. B. will be the guest speaker. Services all week at some church. Methodist members and friends are urged to attend.

Trinity Church  
Evangelical United Brethren  
Madison at Ninth Street  
Charles E. White, Minister  
"Spiritual Emphasis Week"  
9:15 a.m. Sunday Church school, Curtis M. Hill, Supt. Classes with separate rooms and capable teachers for all age groups. Urge your friends, guests and neighbors to attend. All are welcome. Plan to be present for the beginning of the Sunday School attendance campaign. All departments are included in the plan.

10:30 a.m. Divine Worship and sermon. The Annual Thanksgiving Service of the congregation. Subject: "We Can Be Thankful." Anthem and music by Vested choir and organist. Families are urged to sit together for Thanksgiving and be loyal to worship in thanksgiving, one of the basic traditions and principles that has made us a great nation. "Remember your promise to God in dark war days and plan to have all members of your family present for the Morning Worship."

No Christian Endeavor Societies, because of Spiritual Emphasis Services.  
6:45 p.m. Meeting of choir members from various churches with Prof. Halladay.  
7:30 p.m. First of the Spiritual Emphasis Week services in this church. Music in charge of Prof. Paul Halladay. The Rev. F. H. Willard will have charge and The Rev. Wm. C. Feiler will conduct the devotions. Bishop Grant D. Batdorf, Ph. D., LL. D., will preach on "The Church." All Protestant Churches of Decatur will unite in this service. The public is welcome.

First Baptist Church  
Carey R. Moser, pastor  
9:30 a.m. Sunday school. Ralph

Kenworthy, Supt. Our school is growing and we invite you to enjoy the study of God's Word with us.

10:30 a.m. Divine worship. Special music by our choir. Sermon of the morning by evangelist Vom Bruch. The junior church meets at this hour for their own service.  
7:00 p.m. The closing service of our revival effort. Let everyone be present for this last message we shall hear during this campaign from our good brother. Be here promptly at seven o'clock.

We will not have any midweek prayer service or monthly business meeting on Wednesday, due to the union Spiritual Emphasis week services. We urge all our members to attend these services nightly.

First Presbyterian Church  
John W. McPheeters, Jr., minister  
Thanksgiving Sunday  
9:30 a.m. Church school. Our attendance crusade begins. Be present and receive your attendance book. "Wait on the Lord." Leo L. Nussbaum, general superintendent.

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10:30 a.m. Divine worship. Sermon: "Thank God and Take Courage." Solo by Mrs. Dan Tyndall. Toddler's room under the supervision of Mrs. Florence Downs.  
6:15 p.m. Westminster Youth Fellowship.  
7:30 p.m. Spiritual Emphasis service. Bishop Grant D. Batdorf will preach the first of the eight union services at the Trinity Evangelical United Brethren Church, Cor. 9th and Madison Sts.

All this coming week we are worshipping with the other congregations participating in the union services of the Spiritual Emphasis week.

Zion Lutheran Church  
West Monroe and Eleventh St.  
Pastor Karl Hofmann  
Vacancy Pastor

Sunday school and Bible class 9:00 a.m. If there are any children who do not attend Sunday school but should like to participate in the Children's Christmas Eve program, they or their parents should contact Ed Bauer, Sunday school superintendent, at once.

Divine services, 10:00 a.m. Rev. August Buuck, of Fort Wayne, officiating.  
The Lutheran Hour, 11:30 a.m. Radio station WOWO, Dr. Walter A. Maier, speaker.

Choir rehearsal, Monday, November 24, at 8:00 p.m. Walter Nagel, director.

Inter-River Zone Walther League workers meeting, Monday, November 24, at 7:30 p.m., church basement.

Special Thanksgiving services, Wednesday, November 26, at 7:30 p.m., with Vacancy Pastor Karl Hofmann officiating. A special collection that evening is to favor the Lutheran child welfare association at Indianapolis.

Concordia College "Chapel of the Air" Saturday, 8:30 a.m. Radio station WGL.

Saturday religion school, 8:45 a.m. Vacancy Pastor Karl Hofmann and teacher Theodore Grotrian in charge. All children are welcome.

Sunday, November 23, is Stewardship Sunday. A team of canvassers will visit each home, deliver 1946 envelopes, and accept pledges for next year.

Bethany Church  
Evangelical United Brethren  
F. H. Willard, Minister  
Sunday school 9:15 a.m.  
Morning worship 10:10 a.m. Miss Mary M. Lafranch, editor of The Missionary Evangel is the speaker. Youth Fellowship 6:15.

Spiritual Emphasis service each night beginning Sunday and throughout the week.

Decatur Missionary Church  
Corner of Tenth and Dayton  
H. J. Welty, minister  
9:00-11:00 Unified services of Sunday school and morning worship service. Today will start our attendance plan and we wish to urge everyone to be present for this opening day. If you have no other church home make ours your home.

7:30 We will be dismissing our service in favor of the opening service of the Spiritual Emphasis week which will be held at the Trinity Church.  
Monday 3:45 Children's Gospel Hour.

Nov. 26-30 is the date of our annual missionary convention at the church. Everyone is cordially invited to attend these services.

Wednesday evening at 7:30 Rev. C. I. Birkey of the Belgian Congo, Africa will be the special missionary speaker and will have slides to show of his work.

Thurs. evening, Rev. Gerig, our district supt., and Miss Beyerle of West China will be the special speakers. Fri. evening Rev. Wayne Judd of Ecuador, S. America will be the missionary speaker and will show motion pictures of the work in S. America.

Church of the Nazarene  
North Seventh & Marshall Sts.  
Ralph A. Carter, pastor  
Sunday school, 9:30 a.m. Superintendent, Jesse Edgell.  
Morning worship, 10:30 a.m. Message: "Law Of The Faith-hearts."

Youth service, 6:45 p.m. President, Christine Andrews.  
Evangelistic service, 7:30 p.m. Message: "Choose You This Day."

We are cooperating with the Spiritual Emphasis week. There will be no services at the church this week.

Church of God  
Cleveland St.  
Bernice A. McCurdy,  
Dwight R. McCurdy, ministers  
9:30 a.m. Divine worship, Sermon, The "Thank You" Way of Life.

10:30 a.m. Church school, Mrs. Floyd Mitchell, superintendent.

7:30 p.m. No evening service. We are uniting with all the churches of Decatur for "Spiritual Emphasis" week. Tonight services will be held at Trinity U. B. Church 9th and Madison streets. See the newspaper for place of services for Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and next Sunday evening meetings.

The Church of God is a church with a gospel message of love, holiness, and unity.

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—Our Creed and Discipline—The word of God.

Our aim—The Gospel to All Nations.  
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Six things to believe:

1. On the Lord Jesus Christ and his gospel. (Acts 10:34-35).
2. In repentance and restitution. (Matt. 3:1-2).
3. In a Heaven and a Hell. (Luke 13:27-28).
4. In a full and complete salvation. (Matt. 1:21).
5. In immortality. (II Cor. 5:6-10).
6. In the ultimate unity of Christianity. (John 17:21).

The Church of God is a growing church. "Where Salvation makes you a Member."

Nuttman Ave. Church of the United Brethren in Christ  
Gilbert A. Eddy, pastor  
Sunday school 9:30 a.m. Laurence Michel, superintendent.  
Worship service 10:30 a.m. Sermon by the pastor.

There will be no evening service because of the Spiritual Emphasis meetings opening at the Trinity Evangelical United Brethren church. We hope all our people will be in attendance.

Note: Those desiring to contribute articles of clothing to be sent to the mission will please bring them Sunday morning.  
Go to church Sunday.

## World Religious News

China's 13 Christian Colleges had

In the shadow of the year which will go down in history as the great period of world starvation, America is well-fed, well-clothed, well-housed. It is only by chance that we live in the United States of plenty instead of in Europe, Asia, Japan. It is fitting that of all years this is the one when all of us should be truly grateful and

express ourselves in gratefulness. There is no better way of expressing our gratitude than by giving. House of God. We are invited to the CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY.

an enrollment of more than 12,000 in the academic year 1946-47, an all-time high, according to the annual report of the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China.

A new headquarters building for international, national and local Baptist groups to use for office space in Washington has been purchased at a cost of \$100,000. Dr. M. Chandler Smith, executive secretary of the District of Columbia Baptist Convention, announced.

A membership campaign to enlist a potential 6,000,000 Roman Catholics in a drive against Communism was recently announced by the Catholic War Veterans of America, with emphasis on Christian indoctrination against Marxist teachings.

"We know," declared David J. Bowman, Washington, D. C. commander, "that if the principles of Christ and freedom are to endure, those who espouse them must be as articulate and as vigorous as the opponents of Christianity and freedom."

The churches of America have been called upon to "seize the moral initiative" in the national voluntary food conservation program, in a statement issued by Charles P. Taft, President of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America. At the same time in a telegram to President Truman Mr. Taft expressed confidence "that the great majority of Americans will respond to more bold and adequate measures to meet the relief crisis."

"Jesus Christ is Lord," the theme of the recent Second World Conference of Christian Youth, has been selected for the theme of Youth Week in 1948, it was announced in Chicago at the headquarters of the United Christian Youth Movement, which sponsored this annual all-protestant youth observance. Set for the week of Jan. 25—Feb. 1, 1948, Youth Week will be celebrated by some four or five million youth of the United States and Canada. According to Helen Spaulding, associate secretary of U. C. Y. M. and associate director of youth work for the International Council of Religious Education, which administers the U. C. Y. M.

Words are but empty thanks.

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## DO YOU KNOW?

Finish the following scripture verses:

1. Give thanks unto the Lord —
2. In every thing give thanks —
3. Oh, that men would praise the Lord —
3. Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving —
5. Continue in prayer and watch in the same —

## ANSWERS TO "DO YOU KNOW?"

1. For he is good.
2. For this is the will of God in

## RELIGIOUS