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# COME TO CHURCH



**Creamed  
Comments  
On S.S. 3-  
Lesson 6**

Creamed comments on the Sunday school lesson. Problems of the Christian Conscience (Temperance Lesson, I. Corinthians 8:7-18; 6:13-20, for Sunday, May 24.

Corinth, being a very wicked city, would lend itself to producing moral weaknesses in the Christian converts; and as a result, there were divisions, quarrels, and problems about morality, doctrine, discipline, conscience and liberty. While at Ephesus, Paul wrote the church at Corinth. In today's lesson the question of conscience is considered, the eating of meats offered to idols being the issue.

V.7. "Howbeit there is not in every man that knowledge; for some with the conscience of the idol unto this hour eat it as a thing offered unto an idol; and their conscience being weak is defiled." Verses 1-6 speak of the knowledge which Christians possess. "We know" is the idea of these verses. Paul does not rest Christian conscience wholly on knowledge because knowledge is a variable fact. Conscience is that mysterious sense of the soul by which one detects moral differences and governs his own feelings on questions of right and wrong. It is never safe for one to take a course which his conscience forbids; to do so frustrates his own integrity.

V.8. "But meat commendeth us not to God; for neither if we eat are we the better; neither if we eat are we the worse." Here the thing of meat is an ethical issue; it is lived in isolation this question would not come up.

V.9. "But take heed, lest by any means this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to them that are weak." Here is stated a question of one's personal liberty against another's spiritual progress. Eating meat in itself is not a sin, but if so doing offends another, it is a sin. Here is where the subject of temperance comes in.

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4. Humility and the fear of Jehovah (Prov. 22:4).  
5. The hand of the diligent maketh rich. (Prov. 10:4).

### Lesson Prayer:

Lesson prayer: We pray for such guidance that we may guard well our example and influence. Forgive any act that may have caused another to fail to be his best. Fill us with thy love that every expression will be motivated for the good of others. Grant that we may continually make sacrifices for others who are in need of our brother.

### CLERICAL SAYS:

Clericus says: "Jesus did not advocate fighting sin so much as getting away from it. He said, 'Get thee behind me, Satan.' He taught his disciples to pray, 'Lead us not into temptation.' Many sins have to be fought—even the sin of impurity if it finally invades one's life as begins its process of devastation. But the wise thing for every Christian is to avoid evils which may degrade him."

Dates for the Christian Endeavor Convention to be held in Denver, Colo., are June 22-27, 1953. More than 3,000 youth from Christian Endeavor societies throughout North America are expected to attend this meeting.

### DO YOU KNOW

- What is the object of Proverbs as stated at the beginning?
- What is declared to be the beginning of true knowledge?
- Complete the quotation, "I love them that love me . . ."
- Of what are riches and honor and life declared to be the reward?
- What connection is there between diligence and wealth?

### DO YOU KNOW ANSWERED

- To give wisdom and instruction in Righteousness (Prov. 1:2, 3).
- The fear of Jehovah (Prov. 1:7).
- " . . . and those that seek me diligently (early) shall find me." (Prov. 8:17).

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6:00 a.m. First Mass.  
7:30 a.m. Low Mass.  
9:00 a.m. Children's Mass.  
10:15 a.m. High Mass.  
Weekday Mass 7:30 a.m.  
Prayer meeting and benediction Sunday 2:30 p.m.

**FIRST CHRISTIAN**  
Traverse Chandler, minister  
Morning worship at 9:30 A.M.  
The sermon theme is "Apples of Gold." Communion meditations followed by the observance of the Lord's Supper. The Choir under the direction of Mrs. Gerald Strickler, will sing "I Hear His Voice" by Van Woert.

Prayer meeting on Wednesday, at 7:30 p.m.

**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH**

West Monroe Street  
Edgar P. Schmidt, Pastor  
8 a.m. Service. The Rev. Paul Schmidt of Lafayette, Ind., will preach.

9:15 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Classes

10:30 a.m. The Confirmation Service. The pastor will preach. The choir sings "Teach Me, O Lord," by Atwood.

7:30 p.m. Service observing Golden Anniversary of church dedication (May 17, 1903). The Rev. Walter Klausing, Ft. Wayne, will preach.

The public is invited to all services.

**TRINITY**

Evangelical United Brethren  
Madison at Ninth  
John E. Chambers, minister  
9:15—Sunday school; Chalmers Bollenbacher, general superintendent. Regular attendance on the part of many of our families helps to keep our attendance high. We invite you to study with us!

10:30 a.m. Morning worship and recognition of high school seniors. The sermon subject is "What Do You Expect from Life?" Harold Mumma is organist and Evangeline Embler is minister of music. The choir is singing the anthem, "Like a Shepherd" by Thomas. High school seniors who are members of the Sunday school and church will be guests at the service of worship.

The evening services are being dismissed in favor of the high school baccalaureate service at 7:30. The Reverend F. H. Willard will preach the sermon.

Wednesday—7:00—Mid-week services.  
8:00—Choir rehearsal.

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN**

Merger Ave. at Five Points  
Ray J. Walther, pastor

9:15 a.m. Sunday church school.

Harold Glazner, superintendent. Classes for all ages and lessons for all of life.

10:30 a.m., morning worship service. The Rev. Ray Jay Walther preaching on the subject: "Our Spiritual Depths." The choir under the direction of Mrs. Robert Nisbet will sing Stainer's "God So Loved the World." The Sacrament of baptism will be administered. There is a nursery during the service for the younger children.

5:30 p.m., Westminster fellowship.

Monday, 7 p.m., trustees' meeting at the church.

Wednesday, 7 p.m., choir practice.

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**ZION**

Evangelical and Reformed

William C. Feiler, pastor

Church school at 9 a.m. Victor Kies, superintendent. Come and enjoy the study of God's word with your entire family. There are classes for all ages.

Worship service at 10 a.m. The 1953 high school graduates from this church will be in charge of the service. The call to worship will be given by Alan Cole and the invocation by Marilyn Robinson. Ronald Murphy will lead in the responsive reading; an Old Testament Scripture lesson will be read by Mary Lehman, and a New Testament lesson by Sunya Stuckey. Nancy Kirsch will lead in the responsive prayer and Sharon Kimble will read a poem, "Psalm of Life". Tolls will be given by Marilyn Jaeger, speaking on "Our Christian Heritage" and Sharlene Lehman, speaking on "My Church." The pastor will give the offertory prayer and the benediction. The youth choir, under the direction of Mrs. L. A. Holthouse, will sing, "Shepherd, Guide Me" by Holton. Mrs. Harold Murphy will be the organist for the service.

There will be no youth fellowship in the evening.

Decatur high school baccalaureate service in the high school auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

**MONDAY NIGHT**

The Men's Brotherhood of the church will meet in the lower auditorium at 7:30 Monday night. The program will be announced later.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT**

The choir rehearsal will be held at 7:00 Wednesday night. Prayer service is at 8:00 under the leadership of Mrs. Hope Moyer and Mrs. Norene Metzger. Come and give our leaders your support.

**FRIDAY NIGHT**

The plans for the Philo class party will be announced later.

**SUNDAY NIGHT, MAY 24th**

On Sunday night, May 24th, a colored sound film, sponsored by the High School and Dynamic Builders classes, will be shown at the church at 7:30. There will be a free will offering taken, which will be turned over to the treasurer of the building fund, for the remodeling of the parsonage. Let's all plan to come.

Youth choir rehearsal on Wednesday at 6:15 p.m.

Senior choir rehearsal on Friday at 7 p.m.

Come and worship with us.

Habit may be a good friend or a deadly enemy.

### CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Tenth and Marshall Streets

Romaine D. Wood, minister

Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.

This is an unified service with the morning message at 10:30 a.m.

All Sunday evening services will be dismissed for the high school Baccalaureate service at the high school auditorium.

Prayer meeting on Wednesday, at 7:30 p.m.

**FIRST METHODIST**

121 W. Grant Street

Robert J. Timsky, minister

Leon McClain, Bible school supt.

9:30 a.m., morning worship and Communion service. Sermon: "The Man Who Was Too Rich."

10:30 a.m., Bible school.

There will be no evening service.

It will be dismissed because of the Baccalaureate service at the high school.

Wednesday: 7:30 p.m., prayer meeting and Bible study.

Saturday: 2 p.m., children's Bible hour.

7 p.m., MYF. Eddie Behold in charge. Rev. Jared Gerig will present the work of the Hawaiian Islands.

3:30 p.m., evening service. Hymns led by Mr. Von Gunten. Special service with the Rev. Jared Gerig showing us pictures of his recent trip to Africa. Rev. Gerig is the president of the MCA.

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 7:30 p.m., we will continue our teacher's training class. There are 19 enrolled in this class. Anyone is welcome to attend. Special courses are taught from the books, "How to Teach and Ye Shall be Witnesses." The classes are one-half hour long.

May 24-June 5 — We will have our Daily Vacation Bible school. Some 90 children enrolled in our school last year. Plans are well under way and the program will be given May 5, Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

We extend a welcome to any one without a church home a special invitation.

**NUTTMAN AVENUE**

United Brethren in Christ

A. B. Neunschwander, pastor

Stanley Luginbill, assistant pastor

9:30 a.m., Sunday Bible school.

Lawrence Michel, supt.

10:30 a.m., morning worship.

Message: Practical Christian Living in View of the Lord's Returning. I Thess. 5:1-11.

Evening service dismissed in favor of the high school Baccalaureate.

Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., prayer and Bible study hour. Lesson John 8.

**BETHANY**