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Creamed Comments On S.S. Lesson

Creamed comments on the Sunday school lesson, Problems of the Christian Conscience (Temperance Lesson), I Corinthians 8:7-13; 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 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 abstain are we the worse." Here the thing of meat is an ethical issue; if one 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.

Our Preacher Says

Horace Mann said, "Let us remember that the fortunes of our children, and of their descendants, hang upon our fidelity just as our fortunes were suspended upon the fidelity of our fathers." If the next generation is to be honest, conscientious, courageous for the right, then we must furnish them noble examples. No one goes wrong without taking some one down with him. No one goes right without lifting another up.

Do You Know

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

Do You Know Answered

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

V.10. "For if any man see thee which hath knowledge sit at meat in the idol's temple, shall not the conscience of him which is weak be emboldened to eat those things which are offered to idols?" The Christian convert who at one time ate meat offered to idols in the temple would be conscientious in eating meat offered to idols. The example of a Christian disregarding such eating might cause a new Christian to conclude that doing wrong is not a very serious matter.

V.11. "And through thy knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died?" Violation of conscience might lead to a complete loss of faith and spiritual life. Paul keeps redemption in mind as stated in the words, "for whom Christ died."

V.12. "But when ye sin so against the brethren and wound their weak conscience, ye sin against Christ." It is wrong to do or say anything that may cause the fall of a weak Christian. Guard well your example and influence.

V.13. "Wherefore if meat make my brother to stumble, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend." One needs to sacrifice every thing but principle if by so doing a brother is helped to be faithful.

V.14. "Flee fornication, every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body." Sin is a spiritual matter; however, the medium of sin is the body which has evil impulses such as seen in immorality.

V.15. "What, know ye not, that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is within you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?" The body is to be considered sacred because within it God has planned to dwell, and when he lives within he gives the necessary self-control.

V.16. "For ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." Salvation was a costly work so that every one needs to do all to the glory of God. —Based on copyrighted outlines produced by the Division of Christian Education, national council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A., and used by permission.

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 a brother.

CLERICUS 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."

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 Weekday Mass 7:30 a.m.
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 8 a.m. Service. The Rev. Paul G. 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 Klausung, 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—Morning worship and recognition of high school seniors. The sermon subject is "What Do You Expect from Life?" Harold Mumma is organist and Evangelist 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.

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 The Bible School begins at 9:15 with classes for all age groups. You will enjoy the study of God's word in this friendly atmosphere. Harry Hakes, Asst. Supt., Jim Strickler, Song Leader.

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 B. Y. F.
 The B. Y. F. will meet in the lower auditorium of the church at 8:30.

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
 Off 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.
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 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 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.
 Junior church at 9:30 A.M. The Flannelgraph story "A Parting Message" by Mrs. Edward Anderson.

Bible School at 10:30 A.M. Gerald Strickler Supt. and Everett Faulkner, Assistant.
 Mrs. Russell Acker will entertain the Corinthian Class at her home, Monday evening at 7:30 P.M.
 The Priscilla Circle of the C. W. F. will meet at the home of Mrs. Vincent Tanvas, Monday evening at 7:30 P.M.
 Choir rehearsal on Thursday at 7:00 P.M. at the church.
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 10:30 a.m., morning worship service. The Rev. Ray J. 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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BETHANY
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 F. H. Willard, minister
 Sunday school, 9 a.m. William F. Christen, superintendent.
 Morning worship, 10 a.m. The Rev. M. H. Reynolds, representative of Indiana Temperance league will speak.
 Baccalaureate, 7:30 p.m., Decatur high school.
 The Krum Join Us Class will meet on Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m. at the church. The hosts and hostesses are Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Custer and Mr. and Mrs. Winston Rawley.
 Choir rehearsal, Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
 No midweek service for adults this week because of the high school commencement.

There will be a practice for children's day program on Wednesday at 7 p.m. Unit 3 (Mrs. Hammond) of the WSW will meet on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Richard K. McConnell, 342 S. Third street. Mrs. Amos Ketchum is the program leader. Assisting hostesses are Mesdames Susan Cook and Louis Fennig.

Unit No. 4 (Mrs. Christens) of the WSW will meet on Thursday evening at 7:30 at the home of Mrs. Mary Maloney, 1409 W. Monroe street.

There will be no youth fellowship in the evening.
 Decatur high school baccalaureate service in the high school auditorium at 7:30 p.m.
 Monmouth high school baccalaureate service in this church at 8 p.m. with the pastor preaching the sermon.
 Family night covered dish supper on Tuesday evening at 6:15 p.m. Rev. A. J. Lovengood, superintendent of the Tennessee Mountain Mission, located at Dayton, Tenn., will tell of this mission work and will show slides.
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 10 a.m., morning worship. Choir will sing, "My Sheep Know My Voice." Message, The Ascended Christ.
 3 p.m., there will be a special service of dedication of a new thirteen acres of land the Fort Wayne Bible college just purchased. This will be held at the college grounds.
 7 p.m., children's gospel hour. Bambi and the Witch will be continued.

7 p.m., MYF. Eddie Belhold in charge. Rev. Jared Gerig will present the work of the Hawaiian Islands.
 7:30 p.m., evening service. Hymn singing led by Mr. VonGuten. 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.

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 A. B. Neuschwander, pastor
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 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 Return. I Thes. 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.
 10:30 a.m., church school, classes for all ages. Come.
 7:30 p.m., No Evening Services. We are joining with the other churches of Decatur, in honoring our high school graduates for the Baccalaureate service, at the Decatur high school auditorium.
 Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., state missionary convention, Huntington Ind.

Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., mid-week prayer meeting. Rev. Lester Crose, missionary, guest speaker. 8:30 p.m., choir practice.
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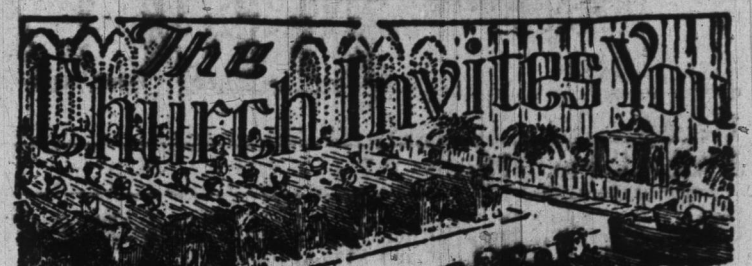
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 10:30 a.m., Bible school.
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 Wednesday: 7:30 p.m., prayer meeting and Bible study.
 Saturday: 2 p.m., children's Bible hour.

FIRST METHODIST
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 Samuel Emerick, minister
 9:20 a.m., the church at study.
 10:20 a.m., divine worship, Organ meditations will begin the morning worship with Mrs. Edgar Gerber at the organ. The theme of the pastor's sermon will be "God and the Fact of Suffering." Special music will be furnished by the youth choir. The members of the high school graduating class this spring will be honored during this service. Bibles will be presented to them by Noah Schrock, church school superintendent.
 7:30 p.m., worship service for the senior class will be conducted in the high school auditorium. Rev. F. H. Willard will deliver the sermon.
 Wednesday, 7 p.m., youth choir rehearsal. 8 p.m., senior choir rehearsal. 7:30 p.m., mid-week prayer service. 8:30 p.m., finance committee meeting, Wesley room.

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Discussion on Questions S.S. Lesson

Discussion questions on the Sunday school lesson, Problems of the Christian Conscience, for Sunday, May 24.
 1. Why is conscience not always a safe moral guide?
 2. How proceed to make conscience a helpful guide?
 3. When ought one to make sacrifice for the welfare of others?
 4. Why are some Christians weaker than others?
 5. How may a weak brother become strong?

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