

**Our Preacher Says:**

Character is like the foundation of a house — it is below the surface. So is God's work obscure. Ninety per cent of every harvest is God's work and only 10 per cent man's. The farmer's work is all above the sod; he plows, he sows, he cultivates, where all can see what he is doing. God's part of the work is under the sod, where no one can see it. Whether visible or not, character is the one thing that endures.

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Comments  
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Lessons

Creamed Comments on the Sunday School Lesson, Let Not Your Hearts Be Troubled, John 14:1-14, for Sunday, December. — The Rev. D. Carl Yoder.

This lesson has its setting just at the close of The Last Supper when Jesus gave words of comfort to his bewildered and troubled disciples in the face of his impending separation from them. He wanted them to have confidence and hope in the realization that He was the way of life, the truth by which men can learn the way, and the life in which the way finally emerges. Our most frenzied quest is for peace of mind. The Christian peace of mind results from an inflow of the divine spirit which produces inner calm and strength.

V. 1. "Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me." Trouble cannot be banished merely by will. Will is essential, but it is the will to believe in Christ that counts. No true Christian should allow himself to worry and be troubled, since we are not left alone in a hostile world. God is with us, if we will believe in Him and trust Him.

Vs. 2, 3. "In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you... that where I am, there ye may also." God offers us the choice of many mansions or abiding places in our lifetime. All the redeemed of the world will eventually dwell in the heavenly mansions. The fulfillment of that heavenly kingdom required the atonement and resurrection of Jesus to enthroned Him as our mediator, redeemer and king.

V. 4. "And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know." Christ told his disciples repeatedly he must suffer, die and rise again. He must lay down his life, that he might take it up again.

V. 5. "Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know no whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?" Thomas was typical of those who will believe only if they see. There is no sin in sincere questioning. Doubt like that of Thomas is a search for truth. The disciples had walked with Jesus but not known him, talked to him but heard him not. So, today, many nominal Christians are so filled with their own hopes and desires that there is no room for Christ himself.

V. 6. "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." Jesus indicates He is the way to God. By his words, his attitudes, his faith, his way of living, any honest soul can know the Father.

V. 7. "If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also; and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him." Jesus is the supreme revelation of God.

The words of Jesus have the authority of God. Christ is the incarnation of the Father, working his will in the world.

Vs. 8, 9. "Philip saith unto him, Lord, show us the Father and it sufficeth us. Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? He that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?" It was not additional instruction Philip needed, but the actual learning of the lesson that the Son was the revelation of the Father. Here was a subtle rebuke to the disciples for their blindness in failing to realize this truth.

Vs. 10, 11. "Believe then not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? The words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself.

A priceless Dutch Bible printed in 1661 was flown to the United States recently as a gift to the people of this country from an elderly Dutch gentleman, Nicholas van der May, who served with the United States army in the Spanish-American war. The Bible was on display during National Bible week and later was turned over to the city of New York for permanent display at the New York Historical Society. Mr. van der May offered this old Bible, which he loves, as a gesture of appreciation and friendship toward America.

Representatives of 3,000 orthodox synagogues — leading laymen and rabbis — met in Atlantic City, New Jersey, on October 25-28 for the National Biennial Convention of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America. The Convention marked the 50th anniversary of the organization, which represents orthodox synagogues serving more than 3,000,000 Jews throughout the United States and Canada.

The annual Christmas Party of the Zion Club is planned for December 2nd with a pot-luck supper beginning at 5:30 p.m. Committee requests those who attend to bring 50c gift exchange.

Special midweek Advent Vespers will be conducted on three Thursday evening in December, the 6th, 13th, and 20th, the services beginning at 7 o'clock.

The non-churched public is cordially invited to worship at the Lutheran Church and to enroll in their Sunday school and Bible classes.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
221 South Fourth Street  
Stuart H. Brightwell, Pastor  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School Hour.  
James J. Strickler, Sup.  
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship Service.

Sermon topic: The Supreme Beatitude.

Anthem by choir: Love Divine.

Director: George Myers.

Organist: Mrs. Eugene Lehman.

6:30 p.m. Baptist Youth Fellowship.

7:30 p.m. Evening Gospel Hour.

The American Bible Society film "The Formation of the Bible" will be shown. There will be special music.

You are invited to the services of our church. You will receive a cordial Christian welcome.

**This Week in Our Church**

Monday 7:30 p.m. Monthly business meeting of the Church Board.

7:30 p.m. The Girl's Guild will meet at the parsonage.

Tuesday — Baptist Youth Fellowship Rally at Muncie.

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Hour of Prayer and Bible study.

8:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal.

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Morning worship begins at 9:30

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