

OVER-OPTIMISM

Among the war assets listed for sale in the United States are 439 chapels for religious worship, built on army and navy installations. If conditions there are anything like they are here it seems that they are being a bit optimistic. Maybe it would have been wise to keep the chapels in operation until the flurry of juvenile crime and near juvenile crime is over.

The Sunday School Lesson

SUNDAY, MARCH 28th

THE CERTAINTY OF ETERNAL LIFE

Golden Text. — This is eternal life, that they know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent. Jno. 17: 3. Lesson Text.—Col. 3: 1-4, 12-17; 1 Jno. 5: 11-12.

Exposition.—I. Union with the risen Saviour, Col. 4: 1-4. To be "risen with Christ" is to be identified with Him in His death and resurrection as our Redeemer. Paul refers to Jesus' victory in Rom. 8 when he says "knowing that Christ, being raised from the dead, dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him" (v. 9). We share that victory when we yield to Christ. But there is a great deal involved. Partaking of the resurrection victory of Christ means that we turn from sin, from trust in the carnal life, from all things displeasing to God in order to live wholly in the fellowship of Jesus (Rom. 6: 12, 13, 19).

"Christ atleth on the right hand of God" is the seal of our redemption. He is there as the representative man (1 Cor. 15: 45-47). In that holy office, He is the forerunner (Jno. 13:36; 14:8). His followers go in the direction He took and aim for the goal at which He arrived (Heb. 12:2). This gives guidance to life and service. It is impossible to go astray when we live always under this rule (2 Pet. 1:1-11). There will be no difficulty in setting our "affections on things above," if such is the case. What are those "things"? They are worship, obedience, holiness and righteousness, service to God, eternal living, glorious being. If we have these, the world will not be able to draw us away from Christ. When Christ appears in glory at His second coming (Rev. 19:11-16) we shall also appear with Him (1 Thes. 4:13-18; 1 Jno. 3:1-3; Rev. 20:14-6). This expectation has its responsibility. If we are to have eternal glory we must live for it now in lives of Christian purity, purpose and obedience to Christ (Jno. 14:21-23).

II. Grace in the Heart, 12-17. "Put on." Yes, but before they can do that, many will have to put off. One cannot wear holiness and worldliness, bad habits and cruel temper. They never dwell together. If we are to emulate Christ in being merciful, kind, humble, meek and long-suffering we must cease their evil counterpart. Cultivate the good, in the Holy Spirit, and it will grow beautifully and graciously. Study to be forebearing and forgiving in matters of personal quarrels (v. 14). This pleases Christ. A vengeful spirit never honors the Christian life. Ths Saviour forgave His enemies (Luke 23: 34). We may win our enemies by our love to them (Rom. 12: 20, 21). The peace of God is to rule in our hearts. We not only have peace with God (Rom. 5, 1) but happy is the one whose heart is garrisoned with God's peace (Phil. 4, 5-7). If such is the case we can be "thankful" (v. 15); that is, the heart will be filled with thankfulness and praise (Eph. 5, 19, 19). Applied to these virtues is this, that we shall let the "word of Christ dwell in us richly" in all wisdom. If such be done then the grace of God will indeed enrich us in spiritual power, wisdom and good living. All is crowned with the summary in v. 17. If all is done in the name of the Lord Jesus, then life will be at its best, here and now, and will have the promise of a glorious life in the world beyond (1 Tim. 4, 8).

III. The Possession of the Lord Jesus, 1 Jno. 5: 11-12. "He that hath the Son hath life." This is the key word of this passage. It is the supreme as it is the indispensable test of a Christian. It is God's mark upon a living soul. Whatever else we cannot see in a man, if a simple trust in Jesus is discernible, he cannot be received as a brother beloved. The possession of the Lord Jesus becomes a clear evidence of life, because He is the source, the fountain, the nourishment of life. While the branch is vitally in the stem of a tree, if the tree be alive, it will have life. And every Christian believer knows that CHRIST is alive—once and for evermore. In another aspect of this great and glorious truth, having the Son is not only a source of life, but the result of life. When a man receives Jesus into his soul, his faith is a sure indicator of a spiritual and mysterious force within him, in the power of which he is able to receive the Lord, which is the highest possession possible to man. But note that this means something very much more than to possess an intellectual knowledge of Him. It is something more than to admire His character, and to glory in His atoning work. It is to possess His disposition, to have His spirit. And this possession involves the highest life. Eternal life, in this connection, does not mean eternal existence, merely, but eternal goodness; and eternal goodness is the paradise of the soul (Heb. 10: 11, 19-22).

To possess Christ is to attain a life of supremacy. It means to be, in the highest sense, a king. It means moreover to be possessed by self-oblivious devotion. "Not my will but Thine be done." It should be observed here, that no man is named specifically in this great passage. "He that hath the Son hath life." God Almighty, when He speaks from the throne of revelation, speaks to all mankind. He does not by His Word lay hold on the local, the conventional, the chronological, the transitory in man. Mark the decisive grandeur of this: for it intimates a connection between our nature and our condition hereafter. Possession of Christ now is possession for ever (Jno. 3:36). He who has lived on earth 1900 years ago, died for our sins, rose again from the dead, ascended as a living Being to make us His eternally (Jno. 10: 28-30; Rom. 8: 35-39).

Chronicles of... Ginger Farm

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I never knew it to fall! Not so much as a snifle do I ever get when I stay around home but let me go to the city and it's another story. Sometime last week when I was travelling around in those crowded street-cars I picked up a very active little germ, brought it home with me and it had me by the throat all day Monday and Tuesday, leaving Partner to manage as best he could in the capacity of housekeeper.

Wednesday morning I was phoning myself around when the phone rang and the message I received was that Bob had been hurt and was in hospital. It wasn't long before I was down there. He had been loading logs on his truck. They were extra big logs and in loading on of them the chain broke and log dropped from the height of the truck down on to Bob's foot. Three bones are broken but they can't be set nor the foot put into a cast yet because of the swelling and bruised tissue. And Bob has been given fair warning that he will have to wear a cast for at least two months. However it will be a walking cast so he hopes to be able to get around to a certain extent. Of course it will be a great inconvenience and a big expense but it could certainly have been a whole lot worse. The man who was with Bob said he didn't know why he wasn't killed.

Right now neither Partner nor I are worrying so very much because we know Bob is where he will be well looked after and what ever is necessary will be done for him. Our worry will come when he gets his walking cast—and possibly the idea that he can get around on it as much as he likes! He certainly hasn't any ambitions along that line right now. Apparently the only time he gets any comfort is immediately following a hypo.

Yesterday I took him down his radio after first inquiring what the hospital rules were regarding its use. "Oh yes, he can have his radio but only on certain conditions," the nurse told me. "And what are they?" I inquired. "It must be kept low—and no modern music!" I laughed. Bob, I knew would comply with the first order but not the other. After all what's the good of a radio if you can't listen to "A Four-Leafed Clover?" Personally I can listen to that any time.

With both the boys away Partner and I had a nice little chore to ourselves this morning. It was the day of the first spring rain. And what a rain! At our place it rained inside as well as out. The kitchen roof decided it was high time it was re-roofed, patched or something, and it put on a demonstration to prove its point. A gentle rain doesn't affect it but with a deluge like we had today it seems there is a leak in every square inch of roof. We had wash tubs, dishpans, preserving kettles, boiler, wash basins and pails on the kitchen floor and up in the attic. We mopped floor and table in turn, emptied pans and hunted new ones as fresh leaks developed—and that seemed to be about every five minutes.

I set dinner on a card table in the living-room, the dining room was too close to the kitchen for comfort. It could have meant eating our meal to a steady tattoo accompaniment. We were both tired and maybe not in the best of humour but when we listened to the news and heard of the flood damage in other areas we couldn't even begin to feel sorry for ourselves. We haven't even got water in our cellar. At the same time it was a great relief when the rain stopped. I said to Partner as we mopped up water in the kitchen—"This is the time when prospective buyers should get around and inspect any property they might be thinking of buying." Almost any property looks all right on a rainy day in spring but a rainy day has a way of revealing things that an agent doesn't think to mention. After all, you could hardly expect him to point out disadvantages in what he is trying to sell. That is what the new owner finds out after living on a place for about six months. Do you know what? There is a red, red robin hopping around on our front lawn!

GO-GETTERS MODERNIZE FARMS IN SPRINGTIME

The more modern the farm, generally speaking, the more profit the farmer makes. That's the thought early spring brings to many progressive Canadian farmers. That's why they're busy putting repair and modernization ideas into effect before routine work begins to take all their time. Men like these are go-getters. If winter leaves them short of cash, they don't let that stop their progress. They simply arrange for a Farm Improvement Loan from the Bank of Montreal.

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WELL KNOWN LINE FARM IMPLEMENTS HAS NEW AGENCY

There appears in this issue an advertisement inserted by Taylor Tractor Service of Georgetown which should prove to be of considerable interest to tractor operators in this district. Mr. E. L. (John) Taylor has taken over the Georgetown Massey-Harris dealership operated by Mr. A. Hume for the last 20 years, but Mr. Hume himself continues to be actively engaged so that the new organization will benefit by the intimate knowledge of farm implements which he possesses.

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