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Sunday Lesson School

by Rev R. C. Todd THE WORD MADE PLESH LEBSON - John, Chapter 1.

THE FOURTH peopel was written by a men whose gurpose, in chappartson with that of the other three gospels was dogmatic and interpretative rather than historical. Like ourselves, he stands on this side of the Cruckixion and Resurrection, evaluating and interpreting. Heretical misconceptions concerning bertain historical doctrinal, and ceremonial traditions were arising in the early Church, which the writer felt must be corrected. He seems concerned to show that the dootrinel, and ceremonial traditions . of Christianity have no reality apart from the historical events connected with Jesus, and at the same time no real reality except as these events are spiritually interpreted and apprehended. He be particularly opnourned to set forth the teaching that Christ, coexistent with God from the beginning. and of the same substance with God, came in the flesh.

The whole work of Christ, and the events connected with his incarnate life, including his death and resurrection, are merged into the higher and more comprehensive tota of revela- LETTER TO THE EDITOR in the flesh only to reveal the love of God for sinful humanity. John is concerned to show that Jesus was not a quasi-divine being which God used simply as an instrument of revelation. But Jesusu is God himself (v.1), who is active in working the works of God Georgetown in 1906. I wish to draw himself in Creation (v. 3) and in Redemption (vs. 12-13-16). The revela- Pinlay had the first car in town, tion of necessity includes the Cruci- single-cylinder Oldsmobile (which was fixion as an objective expiation for the second car in St. Catharines). human sin. The whole purpose of the recall when we moved from St. Cath-Incarnation is summed up in the arines to Georgetown in 1904 we words of John the Baptist to his dis- brought the car with us. I do not ciples as he points Jesus out to them know the date it was sold but know in v. 29, "Behold the Lamb of God that the late T.J . Speight purchased which taketh away the sin of the it from my father.

Like St. Paul, St. John sees Christ per. in conflict with the power of sin, and in his death on the cross, he sees Him triumphant. In chapter 12, as Jesus looks forward to death, he cries: Now is the judgment of this world now shall the Prince of this world be cast out. And I, if I be lifted up will draw all men unto me," - that is draw them away from sin. And as he actually faces death at the last, he says that "the Prince of this world cometh, and he hath nothing in him. treated as a humiliation, but as glorlous victory.

We must notice too, in studying this Gospel, that the faith and belief the reader is not centred upon either the works or the teaching of Jesus as saving agencies; not even upon death as an atonement for sin. Rather does he centre the belief of readers upon the Person of Christ Himself. Since he stands on this side the Cross and interprets the Person of Christ in the light of the Cross, must say that he directs the faith readers towards the Person of Christ Crucified, but an ever-living Presence. c.f.v. 2 "The same was in the beginning, with God"). "I am the Way. the Truth and the Life" no man cometh unto the Pather but by me. (14:6) This thought is implied also in the analogy of the vine and the branches in chapter 14, and in the teaching on the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper in Chapter 6. It is impossible to escape the fact that the emphasis in his gospel is not so much on what Christ does and teaches (although that is definitely inseparable from His Person) but upon what he is in Himself, the Way, the Truth and the Life, the Redeeming Word of God, the spiritual food and drink of believers.

John the Baptist is one who comes to bear witness to him and yet actually the Ohrist was existent before John. "He was before me" (v. 5). The ministry of Jesus was after that of the Baptist; but John is thinking here of the eternal relation of Christ to the purpose of God.

Moses is mentioned in this lesson as a symbol of the Old Testament religion which finds it foundation in the Law. The law set before men an elaborate set of rules for living, and prescribed with exact care the various forms of religious worship, and it held before men the promise that if they would keep the law, they would find selvation from sin and the status of "righteousness", before God. In last Quarter's lessons, we saw St. Paul, himself a product of the law, bearing moving witness in the epistles to the law's failure to provide men with a way of escape from the power of sin and of righteousness before God. The reason for the failure is the actual state of sin in which man is; by his own sin he has made himself the slave of sin, and so by his own will-power is not able to redeem himself from this slavery.

John-is declaring in chapter 1, v. 17 that what the Law could not do, Ohrist does for all who believe in Him. He gives them "grace and truth." Grace is the gift of God's redeeming love of His Son Jesus Christ - a gift which man-has done nothing to deserve, but which, when accepted, is able BUSY BEAVERS more than intellectual knowledge;



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R. R. 1, Brechin, Ont. Dec. 27th, 1946

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I noticed in the Herald of November 13th an article regarding the late! T. J. Speight owning the first car in your attention that the late Edward

Thanking you for space in your pa-

Yours truly.

Margaret H. Harrison

represents rather the finding of the true reality of life. The man who has accepted Christ knows at last what life really is and means.

Needless to say, multitudes of people today, among whom are many that are earnest and sincere, are striving to save themselves from the power of (14.30). The death of Christ is not sin on the basis of the Law-by careful piety, attendance at religious services, and by a scrupulous obedience of the Ten Commandments. Wherever it is made, this attempt is a failure as witness the state of mankind today, after a century of emphasis laid on the importance of the work of man. This gospel brings a refreshing note into modern life, for it brings the Good News that we are saved, "not by works, lest any man should boast, but by grace," - the grace of the Word of God made flesh. Its message is not "glory to man in the highest", but "Glory to God in the Highest."



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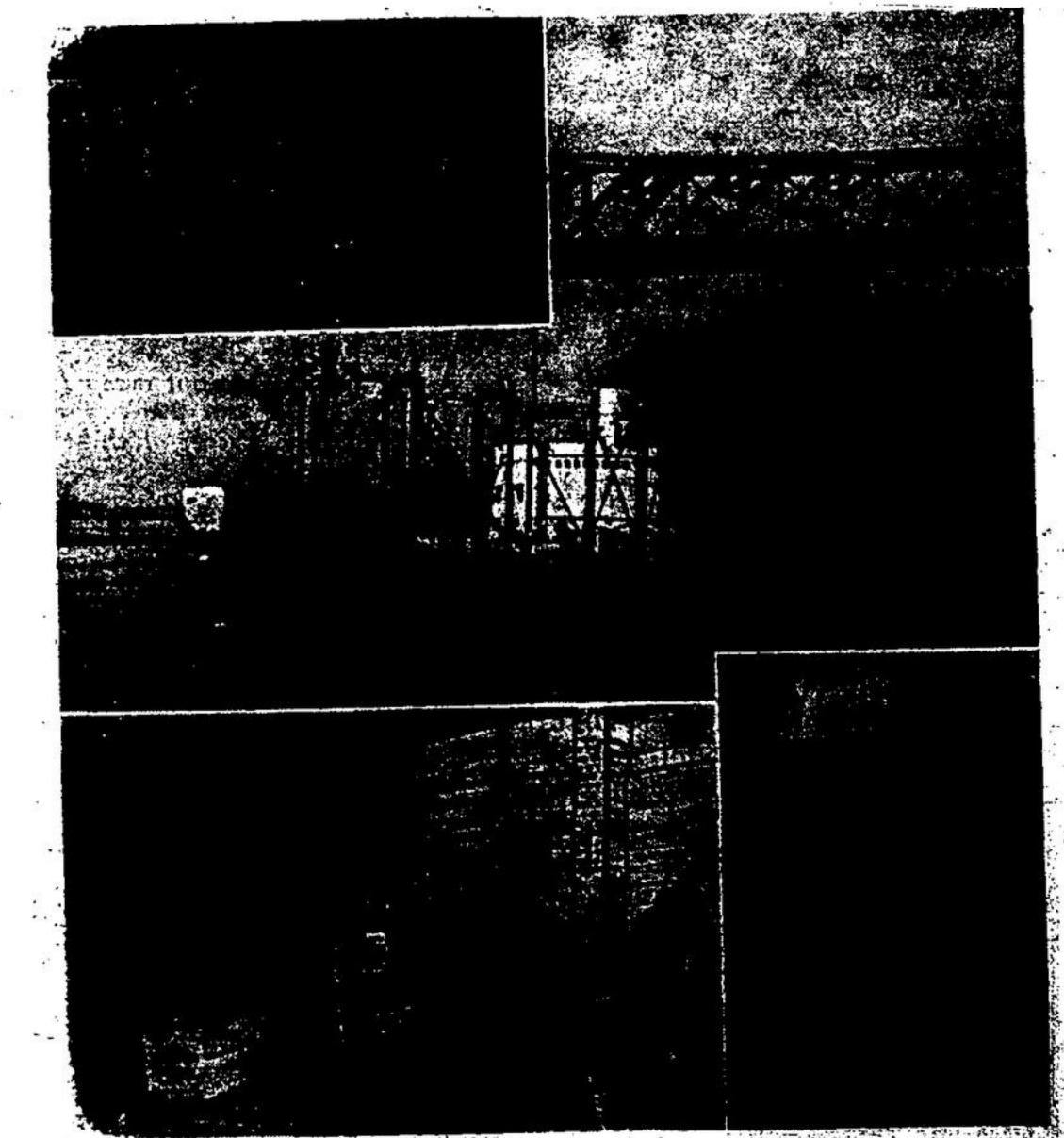
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