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## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

First Quarter 1948

### GREAT CHRISTIAN TEACHINGS BELIEFS THAT MATTER

by Rev. R. C. Todd

LESSON: John 20:30, 31; Acts 16: 11-15; 1 Tim. 4:16; 1 John 5: 1-5

That hoary headed actor on the stage of life, 1947, has just about acted out his part. We await the entrance of his successor wondering with bated breath, what laughter his antics will bring to our lips, and what tears his acting of tragedy will bring to our eyes. But whatever of laughter or tears, of joy or sorrow, of peace or war, we rest assured that the plot has been written not by the hand of a playful Fate, but by the finger of the Father God.

For the first three months of 1948, our Bible study will follow the main theme: "Great Christian Teachings". The first lesson is introductory, and stresses the importance of Christian doctrine. It is entitled "Beliefs that Matter." Following in succession are the titles: "What we know about God," "Our Relationship to God," "When we work with God," "What we know about Jesus: His work of Salvation," "What we know about Jesus: His Nature," "The Power of the Holy Spirit," "The Fellowship of Christian Believers," "The World Mission of the Church," "The Personal Witness of the Christian," "The Worth of Christian Character," "The Kingdom of God," "Eternal Life."

It is strange that so many moderns can cling to the idea that what men believe is a secondary affair in its importance. Today, when even the most abstract scientific theories are producing amazingly practical inventions, it should be plain that ideas and theories are powerful and mighty. Christian beliefs are powerful and mighty. The enemies of Christianity know this even if modern Christian do not. When a dictator comes into power, one of his first acts is to establish censorship

of every agency which is educational, or propagandistic, or which promulgates ideas or beliefs of any kind. Men are imprisoned or executed for harbouring "dangerous thoughts;" in other words, for harbouring ideas powerful enough to blow up the dictator and all his schemes. These men deal with ideas in an ignorant way, in a way not certain of success in the long run, but at least they are possessed of enough brains to know that what a man believes in his mind has a way of working out into his actions. G. K. Chesterton brings this out in a somewhat exaggerated manner when he says that if he were renting rooms, he would not ask the landlady what rent she charged or whether her sheets were clean, but he would simply ask her what her view of the universe was. His deduction was that if her view of the universe was a true one, her rent would be fair and her sheets clean. What a man believes, does matter, and matters terribly! How often have we seen parents with Christian convictions, simply teach their children to follow a pattern of Christian conduct, and neglect the more difficult job of forming Christian beliefs in their growing minds. And we have seen these same parents wonder why it was that when their children came to the age of discretion, they adopted beliefs that were not Christian, and which led them to conduct which was in consequence un-Christian. Such neglect of teaching basic Christian doctrine is widespread in our day, and to a very large extent is a reason lying behind the current increase of crime, and our economic plight. When the Christian doctrine was superseded in Germany by the secular notion that man is the highest form of animal, then men could be treated as animals, driven and herded in cattle cars and concentration camps in ways which our Humane Societies would prosecute if they were applied to mere animals. The Christian doctrine in the minds of men went first. Once another doctrine was accepted, the actions of the Nazis resulted. What a man believes does matter, and matters terribly!

What are the basic Christian beliefs? The lessons for this first quarter of the new year deal with them. The Christian believes in a God who creates, sustains and redeems, who is holy, just, and good, the loving Father of all men. He believes in man as made in the image of this God, with a fallen nature, sinful and corrupt, needing God's grace and redeeming love. He believes that God sent his Son to seek and to save that which is lost; that in Christ God wrought an unique work of redemption; that the cross of Christ gives men power over sin and that in personal decision for Christ we must take our stand by his side as redeemed and practising Christians. He believes that the Holy Spirit of God and of God's Son, is the experience of the believer; that Christians of all lands and of all ages find their unity in Christ, and constitutes the Church, which is Christ's body; that the Christian Church has a mission to preach the gospel of God's redeeming grace "to all nations," proclaiming the relevance of Christ as Saviour to all spheres of human life and activity. The Christian believes that each believer must give a personal witness to Christ as His representative or "priest." He believes that comradeship with the living Christ leads to Christlike character, that the Kingdom of God the reign of God over all the world must come and that the Christian lives by the power of Christ's resurrection and possesses certainty of eternal life in this world and in the world to come.

The Christian has a creed to live And "this is the victory which overcometh the world, even our faith" (1 John 5:4).

### MENNONITES BUY BETHEL CHURCH

A Mennonite congregation is being organized in Pilkington Township. Mennonite residents of that district have purchased Bethel United Church, Sixth Concession of Pilkington, situated five miles west of Elora and six miles northeast of Flordale.

Quite a number of Mennonite farmers have purchased farms in the area.

United Church services were held in the Church until this past summer, the small congregation being served from the Alma United Church.

The Mennonites of the area have been attending the Flordale Mennonite Church.

Other Mennonites residing on the 10th of Peel near Drayton who have been attending the Flordale church also will worship at the Pilkington church.

The Bethel church a white brick edifice, has seating for about 300. — Elora Express

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## General Statement, 29th November, 1947

### ASSETS

Notes of and deposits with Bank of Canada	\$ 162,276,927.93
Other cash and bank balances	169,001,082.93
Notes of and cheques on other banks	70,779,865.93
Government and other public securities	875,847,469.18
Other bonds, debentures and stocks	116,509,788.71
Call and short loans fully secured	42,512,791.49
	\$1,436,927,926.17
Commercial loans in Canada	435,872,162.46
Loans to provincial governments	4,331,251.20
Loans to cities, towns, municipalities and school districts	8,117,482.00
Commercial loans—foreign	118,717,442.19
Bank premises	10,631,002.53
Liabilities of customers under acceptances and letters of credit	2,190,306.81
Other assets	6,853,645.25
Total Assets	\$2,093,641,218.61

### LIABILITIES

Notes in circulation	\$ 4,760,709.72
Dominion and provincial government deposits	88,980,316.16
Other deposits	1,845,205,532.97
Acceptances and letters of credit outstanding	72,190,306.81
Other liabilities	3,095,547.62
Capital	35,000,000.00
Reserve fund	40,000,000.00
Unpaid dividends	934,559.38
Balance of Profit and Loss Account	3,474,246.55
Total Liabilities	\$2,093,641,218.61

### PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

Profits for the year ended 29th November, 1947, before Dominion and Provincial Government taxes, but after contributions to Staff Pension Fund, and after appropriations to Contingency Reserves, out of which Reserves provision for all bad and doubtful debts has been made	\$8,724,519.48
Less provision for Dominion and Provincial Government taxes	\$2,850,000.00
Less provision for depreciation of Bank Premises	892,887.01
	3,742,687.01
Dividends: No. 238 at 8% per annum	\$700,000.00
No. 239 at 8% per annum	700,000.00
No. 240 at 8% per annum	700,000.00
No. 241 at 10% per annum	875,000.00
	2,975,000.00
Amount carried forward	\$2,006,832.47
Balance of Profit and Loss Account, 30th November, 1946	1,467,414.06
Balance of Profit and Loss Account, 29th November, 1947	\$3,474,246.55

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