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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Lesson for November 17
 Golden Text.—Be not weary in well doing.—2 Thess. 3:13
 The Lesson as a Whole
 After their varied experiences in Philippi, the chief city of Macedonia, Paul and his companions pressed deeper into the country, going on to Thessalonica. A main highway connected the two cities. In this new field of labor they found ready acceptance at first, until certain unbelieving Jews became envious of the Gentiles who thronged to hear the new message, many of whom received it. As the result of a riot, it was determined that Paul Silas had better leave at once, so they found a much more open-minded class of Jews, who gave careful attention to the message and then searched their own Scriptures to see whether the words of the apostle were corroborated. Convinced that the preaching and the Scriptures were in full agreement, many of these became believers.

The two Thessalonian Letters are the earliest of Paul's inspired Epistles. They were written shortly after he left Thessalonica, while he abode in Corinth: the first, immediately after Timothy came to him bringing a good report of the infant church, and the second, a little later when he received word of certain irregularities that had sprung up and false teachings in connection with the doctrine of the Second Advent. This glorious truth had been preached by Paul during the few weeks of his stay in Thessalonica and was laid hold of eagerly by the young converts. It is noticeable that there is some reference to it in every chapter of both of these Letters. The first Epistle deals with it largely from the viewpoint of the Rapture, which is the hope of the Church and the second the appearing in glory which brings judgment on the wicked, followed by blessing for the whole earth.

Verse by Verse
 Acts 17:1.—"They came to Thessalonica, where was a synagogue of the Jews." "To the Jew first" (Rom. 1:16) was ever Paul's motto. He felt he owed a debt to his brethren after the flesh which he must attempt to discharge whatever the cost to himself.
 Verse 2.—"Three sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures." This is the time he was permitted to speak in the synagogue. He did not try to startle—much less to amuse—his audience by delivering great, eloquent, and entertaining discourses. He was an expository preacher in the truest sense, as he opened up the Scriptures which these Jews already possessed and which they believed to be the very Word of God.
 Verse 3.—"Opening and alleging, that Christ must needs have suffered, and risen again.....and..... Jesus.....is Christ." He had but one theme—Christ, dying and rising again. From passage to passage he turned, showing how perfectly the prophetic Scriptures in regard to Messiah had been fulfilled in the life, death, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.
 Verse 4.—"Some of them believed." That is, some of the Jews became convinced of the truth of the message and trusted in the Lord Jesus Christ for themselves. How many, we are not told. But apparently more Gentiles believed than Jews, for we read, "of the devout Greeks a great multitude, and of the chief women not a few." There were many hungry-hearted, disillusioned Greeks who frequent Jewish synagogues, seeking what paganism had never given them—the knowledge of God and a conscience

at peace. This they found as Paul proclaimed the Gospel in the power of the Holy Spirit.
 Verse 5.—"The Jews which believed not.....set all the city on uproar." As so often happened, opposition broke out, not from the heathen, but from unbelieving Jews, who were determined to flout the message of the Gospel.
 Verse 6.—"These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also." The trouble with the world is that sin has turned it upside down already. The Gospel is the power that turns it right side up!
 Verse 7.—"There is another king, one Jesus." Paul preached the second coming of Christ as the Thessalonian Epistles show. It is when Jesus returns that He will reign as King.
 1 Thess. 1:2.—"We give thanks to God always for you all." As Paul looked back upon the time spent in Thessalonica, his heart was filled with gratitude for those he had led to Christ. He remembered them constantly in prayer.
 Verse 3.—"Work of faith.....labour of love.....patience of hope." These three graces are here linked together as in 1 Corinthians 13:13, only the order is different. Faith was manifested by work. Love gave itself in labor for those loved. In patience the saints waited for the fulfillment of the hope of Christ's return.
 Verse 4.—"Knowing.....your election." It was not necessary to look into the eternal counsels of God to be assured of this. The mighty changes wrought in the lives of these young converts proved conclusively that they were among the elect of God.
 Verse 5.—"Our gospel came.....in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance." Note these three things, apart from which no preaching is really effective. The Gospel preached in the power of the Holy Spirit produces assurance in the hearts of all who receive it in faith.
 Verse 6.—"Followers of us, and of the Lord." Paul and his company were careful so to live Christ before the people that in imitating their behavior they followed the principles laid down by the Lord.
 Verse 7.—"Ye were examples," to be copied by others who should hear the Word through them.
 Verse 8.—"In every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad." So real had been their transformation from ungodliness and wickedness to holiness and righteousness that the fame of it went abroad and even their enemies were forced to acknowledge the great change that had taken place.
 The Heart of the Lesson
 There is no other remedy for man's lost condition but the Gospel. That Gospel tells of Christ, who suffered and died for our redemption and now lives to sustain all who trust in Him.
 When He is received by faith, a new life is imparted and with that new life there are necessarily new motives, new desires and new ambitions. As the believer walks with God, these result in true Christian devotedness, godliness of life and loving concern for those still unsaved, as well as brotherly care for those in Christ.

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 Mr. and Mrs. Howard Cunningham of Mount Albert visited with friends in North Markham last Sunday.
 A very successful Halloween party was held by the teacher and pupils of Mt. Joy school.
 Mr. and Mrs. McDowell and family moved to their new home on the 10th line near Mongolia. They will be missed in this community where they have resided for a number of years. The McDowell property has been sold to a Scarborough buyer.

H. R. Forester Dies Suddenly
 Markham Township assessor for fourteen years, Herbert Russell Forester died suddenly at his home at Locust Hill on Tuesday last week in his 74th year. He had partaken of supper in his usual manner, and was reading when he was suddenly seized and died almost immediately.
 Native of the place where he died, Mr. Forester is survived by his wife Alma Annie Yeo, and the couple farmed most of their married life. He was a member of Locust Hill United Church, and besides his wife is survived by two daughters Mrs. W. J. Rennie, Toronto, and Mrs. Ken Reesor.

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under the Chairmanship of the Hon. Mr. Justice Dalton Wells has been directed to enquire into and report upon

(a) the producing, processing, distributing, transporting and marketing of milk including whole milk and such products of milk as are supplied, processed, distributed or sold in any form; the costs, prices, price-spreads, trade practices, methods of financing, management, grading, policies and any other matter relating to any of them but not as to restrict the generality of the foregoing, the effect thereon of any subsidies or taxes paid or imposed.

(b) the scheme contemplated by the provisions of *The Milk Control Act, R.S.O., 1937, Chapter 76 as amended*, and the administration thereof by the Milk Control Board.

To facilitate the work of the Commission it is requested that written submissions by interested persons be submitted to the undersigned NOT LATER THAN 21st NOV. 1946. Submission may be in the form of briefs, but in any event shall be furnished in ten copies.

Details of the times and places of public hearings will be announced in the press at an early date.

Donald A. Keith, Secretary,
 Royal Commission on Milk,
 Osgoode Hall, Toronto.