

The Sunday School Lesson

LIGHT FOR THE BLIND
 JANUARY 13, 1974
 LESSON TEXT:
 John 8:12-20;
 John 9.

Continuing our studies of Christ's "I am..." statements, we now come to His statement: "I am the Light." This statement, in all its simplicity, was a statement of fact. It was not boastful, nor was it uttered vaingloriously. Man needed spiritual guidance — and Christ was sent of God to supply it!

To truly ardent students of the Bible it is clear that when Christ prefaced a statement by "I am..." that statement was, in fact, a very personal invitation to each listener. Jesus led his listeners to associate Himself with the necessities of a spiritual life, likened unto the necessities of corporeal life. He would sustain their souls as bread sustained the body. He would warm their hearts and light the soul's stumbling footsteps as heat warmed the flesh, as light illumined the darkness, so that man could see where his path led!

Mankind, as a whole, tends to be blind — to not see that which they do not wish to see. In the story of the sightless beggar, Christ made plain the fact that even His dearly loved disciples were blinded by their own prejudices, by their acceptance of the preconceived idea that the sins of the fathers were visited upon the children. Questioned as to whether the man himself had sinned, or whether he was paying for the sins of his parents with his blindness, Christ emphatically disavowed either view, stating that God had a purpose for such an affliction — in this case, that a miracle might be wrought, that some might be converted. (Once again we are confronted with an example of mankind clinging tenaciously to preconceived ideas, while Jesus, on the other hand, brought a broader, more liberal interpretation to His listeners.)

Today, in the lives of mankind, there are still many areas of light and of darkness; of right and wrong; of truth vs. deceit.

Just as the blind beggar was invited to show his faith by doing, unquestioningly, Christ's bidding, we are invited to exhibit our faith today. The rewards we thus store up for ourselves may not be quite as startling as restored sight, but...intangible though they may be...they are nevertheless miraculous! For a life that is dedicated to the Lord's service, in the name of His Son, enriches the person in ways far beyond worldly concepts. It taps the wells of love and understanding, of great personal warmth; it strengthens the spirit, and spreads joy to those who come in contact with the outgoing personality.

Spiritually speaking, generation after generation is born blind; thus is the blindness which Christ has dispelled by the dissemination of His knowledge. True, our eyes may encompass the wonders of the earth, and of the heavens...but if we do not recognize the source of these wonders, then we do not truly perceive their magnificence! For the soul must register their true worth! The Christian must see, in sharp focus, the plight of the needy — and must ACT to redress that which is wrong; if he is not so motivated, then he is, indeed, spiritually blind!

For this was the essence of Christ's Being...that the world would be richer for the advent of His birth, the example of His life, and the tragedy of His death!

All this must not be in vain! (Based on copyrighted Outlines produced by the Committee on the Uniform Series and used by permission.)



A belief that's built on the...
 leaving alone a ship...
 ...not worth!

GOLDEN BANANAS
12 [¢]
 lb.

ingles
 THIS AD EXPIRES 1-12-74

BOSTON BONNIE... FROZEN...
 PERCH FILLETS OR
 TURBOT FILLETS..... **99**
 FLOUNDER FILLETS **119**

OSCAR MAYER ^{8oz.}
 ALL MEAT-ALL BEEF - GARLIC...
BOLOGNA 59 [¢]

TOP ROUND STEAK
149 [¢]

Full Cut ROUND STEAK
129 [¢]

WASH. STATE... RED DELIC.
APPLES lb. **29** [¢]

WASH. STATE... GOLD DELIC.
APPLES lb. **29** [¢]

MED. YELLOW...
ONIONS 3 ^{lbs.} **49** [¢]

MORTON... BLUEBERRY...
MUFFINS 3 ^{9oz.} **100** [¢]

MORTON... 9oz...
HONEY BUNS 3 ^{10oz.} **100** [¢]

WHOLE SUN... 12oz. FROZEN...
ORANGE JUICE **39** [¢]

WELLESLEY FARMS... 1/2 GAL...
ICE CREAM **69** [¢]

MDI... 1lb. QTRS...
MARGARINE 3 ^{10oz.} **100** [¢]

KELLOGGS...
CORN FLAKES 3 ^{303 CAN} **33** [¢]

STANDARD... 303 CAN...
TOMATOES **20** [¢]

ARMOUR... 15 1/2oz...
CHILI BEANS **51** [¢]

VAN CAMP...
PORK & BEANS **22** [¢]

WHITEHOUSE... 303...
APPLE SAUCE 4 ^{10oz.} **100** [¢]

BREAST-O-CHICKEN
TUNA
39 [¢]

PLANTATION BEAUTY HEN
TURKEYS **69** [¢] lb.

PLANTATION BEAUTY...
TURKEY BREAST **119** [¢] lb.

SWIFTS... BUTTERBALL...
TURKEYS lb. **89** [¢]

RATH'S... BLACKHAWK...
FRANKS 12oz. PK. **79** [¢]

U.S. CHOICE...
T BONE STEAK **169** [¢] lb.

PORTERHOUSE...
STEAK U.S. CHOICE **179** [¢] lb.

TENDER...
CUBED STEAK **169** [¢] lb.

U.S. CHOICE... SIRLOIN...
TIP ROAST **159** [¢] lb.

SIRLOIN STEAK
159 [¢] lb.

RATH BLACKHAWK BACON
109 [¢] lb.

CRISCO 3lb. CAN...
88 [¢]

GRADE A LARGE... DOZEN
EGGS **73** [¢]

MAXWELL-HOUSE...
COFFEE **79** [¢] lb.

MARKET SLICED...
BACON lb. **89** [¢]

DREHER... PRK... 12oz. PK.
SAUSAGE **89** [¢]

COMET... REG. SIZE...
CLEANSER **19** [¢]

KEEBLER COOKIES... 21oz.
TOWELS **37** [¢]

C.C. BIGGS... RICH-N-CHIPS
BREAD 3 ^{10oz.} **100** [¢]

COCONUT CHOC. DROP... EA.
NESCAFE... 6oz. JAR
INSTANT COFFEE

VANITY FAIR... PAPER
 REG. PRICE... \$1.19
 WITH COUPON... **89** [¢]

MDI... 1 1/2 lb. LOAF...
SAVE 30 [¢]
 LIMIT ONE COUPON PER ORDER EXPIRES 1-20-74

STALEYS... WAFFLE
SYRUP 24oz **69** [¢]

ROYAL... REG. SIZE...
GELATIN **10** [¢]

NESTLES... 2lb.
QUICK **89** [¢]

HEINZ... 4 1/2oz. JAR...
BABY FOOD **10** [¢]

JFG... QUART JAR...
MAYONNAISE **69** [¢]

JFG... 3lb. JAR...
PEANUT BUTTER **139** [¢]

ULTRA BAN DEODORANT
129 [¢]