

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

THE POWER OF RESURRECTION

International Sunday School Lesson
for April 9, 1950

Memory Selection: "Thanks be to God who gave us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."—I Corinthians 15:57.

Lesson Text: I Corinthians 15:1-8, 20-21, 57-58.

Man in every age has been baffled by the mystery of death. Years ago, Tennyson wrote:

"Thou wilt not leave us in the dust;
Thou madest man, he knows not why;
He thinks he was not made to die;
And thou hast made him; thou art just."

In the scripture given for our lesson this week, the Apostle Paul is giving the basic essentials of his preaching. His messages were not based on speculation, nor on ideas, the truth of which is so probable that they offer a good basis for logical reasoning, not on the argument that conceptions so beautiful ought to be true and, therefore, must be true. His preaching was based on facts on the revelation of truth in actual history. Christ died and rose again, not in the imagination of pious men, but in their sight, in their actual experience. And in the power of this mighty fact, his followers have gone out to tell the good news to a world which needs salvation and is finding it in the gospel of the resurrection. The Christian hope has its basis in fact.

It took the fact of the resurrection of Jesus to give that "something more" required to make the disciples into apostles—flaming witnesses for their Lord. After their contact with the risen Christ, they went forth as witnesses of the resurrection, with the power in their lives.

Henry St. George Tucker, in "The Living Church," declares "This is the true and abiding meaning of Easter. It is God revealing his Son in us as he did in St. Paul. We are not complete Christians until we have experienced within ourselves resurrection of hope, courage, and power which comes from contact with the living Christ. It is an experience that we can create for ourselves.

"Easter tells us that Christ is present in our hearts. The promise is 'Seek and ye shall find.' For those who have responded to the Easter invitation and found Christ, this world is no longer a vale of despair. St. Paul's words are true for them: 'If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold all things are become new.'

"What the world needs today is a body of Christian men and women who have had this Easter experience. Shall we not, then, at this Easter season pray that Christ will come to us, saying: 'All power is given to me in heaven and in earth. Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel, the good news of the saving power of God through Christ, to every creature.'

John Cunro Gibson says: "That there is continuity of life, is of course implied in the very idea of resurrection; but true life resides not in the flesh, but in the spirit and, therefore, the continuity will be a spiritual continuity; and the power of God will effect such changes in the body itself that it will rise out of its fleshly condition into a state of being like that of the angels of God."

"A personal faith in the resurrection and of the immortality of the soul is the strongest possible incentive for proper living. 'The business of loving or hating, of being pure or impure, of spreading peace or warring bitterness into the fabric of life,' says Rufus M. Jones, 'is eternal business, for all the time as one acts, one is forming the atmosphere in which he is going to live eternally. This life and the life beyond are not two things but one, or at least parts of one whole.'

Therefore, we should, as Lucius H. Bugbee declares, 'Think and act today as if tomorrow might begin eternity.'

BE A BETTER
CITIZEN!

GO TO SOME
CHURCH
NEXT SUNDAY

VISION OF THE CROSS

A great stone cross rises from the rugged peak of a lofty mountain, and pious people often journey there to pray. As some devout women prayed, the cross suddenly seemed to be transfigured, and a bleeding figure appeared stretched upon its stony surface.

The suppliants stared in wonder, but the drooping figure lifted its head and said softly: "I suffered much for thee."

The vision vanished and the devout women went away strengthened in mind and soul. They had seen a vision of the Christ.

People who suffer for others are too often unappreciated. We do not see them in our visions and dreams. Yet millions of lives have been redeemed or have been blessed and strengthened because somebody loved them and suffered for them.

The Cross—glorified by Jesus—is the symbol of this suffering too. For those who bear the burdens of others, and suffer for their sakes, are His brethren and partakers of His sacrifice.



THE CHURCH FOR ALL... ALL FOR THE CHURCH

The Church is the greatest factor on earth for the building of character and good citizenship. It is a storehouse of spiritual values. Without a strong Church, neither democracy nor civilization can survive. There are four sound reasons why every person should attend services regularly and support the Church. They are: (1) For his own sake. (2) For his children's sake. (3) For the sake of his community and nation. (4) For the sake of the Church itself, which needs his moral and material support. Plan to go to church regularly and read your Bible daily.

	Book	Chapter	Verses
Sunday...	Luke	23	22-28
Monday...	Luke	23	39-47
Tuesday...	Psalms	22	1-5
Wednesday...	Galatians	6	1-8
Thursday...	Galatians	6	9-18
Friday...	I Corinthians	1	10-18
Saturday...	Mark	8	27-36

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Oak Grove Church, 7:00 P. M.

Second Sunday
Winfall Church, 11:00 A. M.
Cedar Grove Church, 10 A. M.
Woodland Church, 7:00 P. M.

Third Sunday
Oak Grove Church, 11:00 A. M.
New Hope Church, 7:00 P. M.

Fourth Sunday
Cedar Grove Church, 11:00 A. M.
Woodland Church, 10 A. M.
Winfall Church, 7:00 P. M.

Fifth Sunday
Woodland Church, 11:00 A. M.
Prayer Meeting each Wednesday at Winfall Church at 7:00 P. M.

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Sunday School at 11 A. M. every second, third and fourth Sunday.

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