

**CARD OF THANKS**

We use this means to thank friends and neighbors for their kindness and sympathy during the death and funeral of our father and grandfather, John A. Roope.

MRS. A. C. JOHNSON AND CHILDREN.

# Sunday School

JANUARY 4, 1948

## Lesson

By Dr. Paul Caudill

**PRINCIPLES THAT MATTER**  
 Scripture: John 20:30-31; Acts 16:11-15; 1 Tim. 4:16; 1 John 5:1-5

In a preview study of the uniform lessons for the first quarter, 1948, Dr. Clifton J. Allen has this to say: "The lessons for this quarter constitute a topical unit. They are based upon Bible materials setting forth the basic doctrines of our Christian faith. This means, naturally, that nearly all of the Bible material is taken from the New Testament. The passages selected for each lesson are not exhaustive, but they do contain the heart of the New Testament truth bearing upon the teaching or doctrine being studied."

Our opening lesson is taken from the writing of John along with brief passages from the Acts and 1 Timothy.

**That Ye May Believe**

In the closing verses of the twentieth chapter of John, the writer sets forth his purpose in giving to the world the fourth

world of sin and righteousness and the judgment.

The power of the Lord so worked on the heart of Lydia that she gave "heed unto the things which were spoken by Paul." So genuinely was she transformed that she presented herself for baptism and the depth of her experience touched even those of her own household.

There is no need for us to go on month after month with unsaved pupils in our Sunday school classes. They can be reached for Christ. The power of the Lord will as surely open their hearts—if we have faith enough, and work and pray to that end—as it opened the heart of Lydia in the long ago.

God's arm has not shortened with the passing of time; neither has his power been diminished.

**Better Take Heed**

"Take heed to thyself, and to thy teaching. Continue in these things; for in doing this thou shalt save both thyself and them that hear thee" (1 Tim. 4:16).

Here is an exhortation that ought to make its way like an irreversible arrow into the heart of every Sunday School teacher in the land. Think of the implications of Paul's words: "thyself"—"thy teaching."

Are we as Sunday school teachers ready for our mission on Sunday morning? Have we made the careful preparation of our own hearts and lives that the Scriptures would demand and that the occasion would justify? Just as the preacher cannot expect to prepare and deliver an effective sermon without preparing first his own life, even so must the Sunday-school teacher make much of the preparation of self. When those of us who are appointed to stand before the lost world as ambassadors of Christ deliver our message, we should reflect in every word and gesture the glory of Christ and the meaning of Christ for human life.

"Continue in these things," said John, "for in doing this thou shalt save both thyself and them that hear ye." There is, then, a double blessing: the blessing for the teacher, and the blessing for the hearers.

**Overcoming The World**

The true Christian knows no such thing as abject failure in his mission for Christ. He may fail in the eyes of the world, but the future will tell a different story.

When Jesus was hanging on the cross, his enemies thought the end had come. They believed that they would hear no more of the lowly Nazarene. But they could neither destroy Him nor His message. All they did was let Him loose in the world! "And who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?" (1 John 5:5).

As we witness for Christ, therefore, we take our places among those whom John would call "overcomers." It is not men of military might who overcome the world—they have no promise of ultimate victory. They who constitute the "overcomers" are those who believe that Jesus is the Son of God! Let us make this central fact clear in our message wherever we go with it and unto whomsoever we proclaim it.

The novel is probably more than 21 centuries old, according to the Encyclopaedia Britannica. Aristides wrote six books called "tales of Miletus," the town in which he lived, consisting of humorous and satirical episodes of contemporary life. These early novels were written in the second century B. C.

# SOCIETY

## Pleasant Home W. M. S. Meets

The W. M. S. of Pleasant Home church met with Mrs. A. S. Clark for the December program. The home was beautifully decorated for the Christmas season. Thirteen members were present.

As a special feature Jamie Clark and Alene Parsons sang a lovely Christmas carol and a "Star of Service" was given by five junior girls led by Mrs. Ernest Walker.

Mrs. A. T. Nichols had charge of the business session. For community missions it was agreed that we all help a needy family in the community and also send fruits to three shut-ins for Christmas. The Bible study was given by Mrs. Ernest Walker.

The program was in charge of Mrs. Clark. A number of Christmas carols were sung and especially enjoyed.

The January meeting will be held with Mrs. Cecil Kilby. Mrs. Clark and her daughters served delicious refreshments during the social hour.—Reported.

## Round Table Club In Dinner Party

The members of the Round Table Book club, with their husbands, enjoyed a delightful

Christmas dinner party on Saturday evening in the private dining room at the Carolina Restaurant. The table was attractively decorated in poinsettias, white candles, and trailing ivy. At each lady's place was a shoulder corsage of red carnations, as gifts from the club's president, Mrs. W. A. Hardister, and Mr. Hardister, and favors for each one small Christmas baskets filled with mints.

Following the dinner the group went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Swofford where bridge was played at five tables. Prizes for high scores went to Mrs. Ivey Moore and Dr. W. K. Newton, and low scores to Mrs. Hardister and Mr. Stator McIver. Mrs. Rufus Church received the prize for honors, and Mesdames McIver and Hardister bingo awards.

During the evening at the Swofford home record Christmas

music and carols were enjoyed, and Coca-Colas, mints and other candies were served by the Swofford's younger son, Jimmy.

An exchange of gifts was made by the entire group, gifts having been placed beneath a beautifully lighted tree. Mrs. W. K. Newton and Mrs. Swofford acted as hostesses for the party.

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**Opened By The Lord**

Luke's account of the conversion of Lydia (Acts 16:11-15) is a gripping example of the power of God. It shows how a simple evangelistic message can make its way, under God, into the heart of a person and bring forth abundant fruit.

"And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, one that worshipped God, heard us: whose heart the Lord opened to give heed unto the things which were spoken by Paul. And when she was baptized, and her household, she besought us, saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide there. And she constrained us."

Too often the Sunday school teacher, or preacher, or Christian witness, lacks assurance and confidence as he delivers his message. This lack of confidence is due to a lack of faith. Any power that the gospel message may have is due not to self but to the Spirit of God, for it is the Holy Spirit that convicts the

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