

The Sunday School Lesson

by Bessie Wilbon

Getting To Know Christ

By J. L. Little

The greatest thing in all this world is to know Christ as your Lord and your Saviour. If you go through this life and fail to come to know Christ, then it can be said of you as it was said of Judas Iscariot: "It had been better for that man if he had never been born." Will that be said of you? Life on this earth is shorter than a vapor. You will live in eternity as long as God lives, and He is from eternity to eternity, having no beginning and on ending. Think seriously, friend, you have a never-dying soul that is going to spend eternity in Heaven or Hell. Your atheism will not do away with Hell. You are just a heartbeat away from the flames of Hell. Every day some three hundred thousand souls are driven out into eternity. At this very moment souls are going out into eternity without Christ. One day soon you shall be in that number. You'll look back in regret and see your mistake in hating the Gospel. But what good will it do you then? No good at all. As death finds you, so shall eternity hold you. The vast majority of you who read these lines will spend eternity in Hell. What will you do? You can repent and be saved or you will rebel and go to Hell for your trouble.

Quicken, who were dead in trespasses and sins." The word "quicken" means made alive or awakened. By nature you are dead. I don't care whether you have never been awakened to your lost condition. You don't even know you are dead until the blessed Holy Spirit awakens you. That's the truth you teachers and preachers hate.

Continue to listen to our late pastor, L. R. Shelton, with THE VOICE OF TRUTH BROADCAST each Sunday morning at 7:30 over WAGI-FM, 105.3 Mc. and at 10:30 over WGHB-AM, 1250 Kc. He has been preaching about "GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT."

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Gaston County's Church News

MT. MORIAH

On Sunday, November 12 Reverend Kenneth Alexander, ushers, choirs, and congregation will travel to Pineville. Rev. Alexander will be the guest speaker for Big Pineville Baptist Church. Ushers Day Service at 2:30 p.m. The public is invited.

The Mt. Moriah Missionaries extend an invitation to the public to attend their Poor Man's Supper and Bazaar. Activities will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday, November 4 at the church which is located at 110 Lincoln Street in Belmont. Plates are \$3. Missionary president is Louise Davis.

MT. PLEASANT

Homecoming plans are underway for Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church. The Homecoming Committee is hosting a fish fry on Saturday, November 4.

Hot fried fish and chicken dinners will be sold for \$3.50 per plate. The public is invited to come have lunch or dinner and fellowship with members and friends of Mt. Pleasant. Homecoming Committee Chairman is J. Davie, Mary Frances Hill is the women's co-chairperson and Jimmie Reeves is the men's co-chair. Mt. Pleasant is located at the corner of East Avenue and South Street in Belmont. Reverend Eric White is the pastor.

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INTRODUCTION:
 In our studies, we have had to leave some puzzles unsolved, but over and over we have been assured that God rules. For example, we do not know who "the man of sin" is, but we know he will be defeated. We do not know when Jesus will come, but we know He will triumph, and we shall share His triumph if we are faithful.

For more visions of God's rule we come now to Revelation, the last book of the Bible. We shall find more puzzles we cannot solve, but we shall also find more assurances of God's rule and the victory of His people.

The book of Revelation is placed last in our Bible, and probably it was the last book to be written.

Probably John was the only apostle of Jesus still living on earth. After Jerusalem was destroyed, he lived in Ephesus and guided the Christians there and in the other cities of the area. The heathen rulers opposed Christianity, and so their displeasures fell especially on John. They made him a prisoner on a tiny island called Patmos, but God set him free in spirit to see magnificent visions of events involving the whole earth, and Heaven too.

We are not told how long John stood awe struck before, before that glorious vision and listened to the resounding praise, but he understood that the song of praise was unceasing. Then his attention was focused on one particular object book.

THE LESSON:

"I saw a scroll in the right hand of the one who sits on the throne; it was covered with writing on both sides and was sealed with seven seals. And I saw a mighty angel, who announced in a loud voice, 'Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?' But there was no one in heaven or on earth or in the world below who could open the scroll and look inside it. I cried bitterly because on one could be found who was worthy to open the scroll or look inside it. Then one of the elders said to me, 'Don't cry. Look! The Lion from Judah's tribe, the great descendant of David, has won the victory, and he can break the seven seals and open the scroll. Then I saw a Lamb standing in the center of the throne, surrounded by the four living creatures and the elders. The Lamb appeared to have been killed. It had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God that have been sent through the whole earth. The Lamb went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who sits on the throne. As he did so, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb. Each had a harp and gold bowls filled with incense, which are the prayers of Gods' people. They sang a new song: 'You are worthy to take the scroll and to break open its seals. For you were killed, and by your sacrificial death you brought for God people from every tribe, language, nation and race. You have made them a kingdom of priests to serve our God, and they shall rule on earth.' Again I looked and I heard angels, thousands and millions of them! They stood around the throne, the four living creatures, and the elders, and sang in a loud voice: 'The Lamb who was killed is worthy to receive power, wealth, wisdom, and strength, honor, glory, and praise!' (Revelation 5: 1-12).

John lived in Ephesus before he went to Patmos. The special goddess of Ephesus was Diana, but the many other deities ranged from the imaginary Jupiter to the real but ungodly emperor. Only Jews and Christians knew there was only one real God, Jehovah.

Praise God for making living creatures: the cow that builds your bones with the calcium of her milk; What else?

Praise God for people: the preacher who enlightens you with the Word of God, the baby who gladdens you with a smile. Whom else?

Some people have honored God with their lips while their heart was far from Him. Some people have called Jesus Lord without doing what He says to do. For a few minutes, forget your words of praise and think of some things you have done in the past week that gave praise to God. Will you dare to think also of something you have done that mutes or mars or nullifies you praise? More important, think of one thing you will do this week that will give praise to God.

O God, we praise Your goodness and grace. Have mercy on us - all sinners. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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