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Lesson for November 25

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CHRISTIANS WORKING TOGETHER IN THE COMMUNITY

LESSON TEXT: John 17:20-23; Acts 15:22-29. GOLDEN TEXT: We are laborers together with God.—1 Corinthians 3:9

Unity within the Church is God's plan and purpose, but that does not mean that some man-made plans for unity are either scriptural or desirable. There is much pressure being exerted now to unite the Church on the basis of a vast ecclesiastical organization, quite apart from any doctrinal or spiritual unity.

Such unity was not in our Lord's mind. He wants spiritual unity, and in such fellowship the Church will find its only real bond of united life and action.

I. Unity in Spirit (John 17:20-23). Here we enter the veritable holy of holies of Scripture. Facing the time of His departure and death, the Lord prayed for those who believed, or would believe (v. 20) on Him.

What was His prayer? That they should be one with the Father, with Him, and with one another. This had to be accomplished while they remained in this wicked world (see John 17:13-16). How? By the cleansing and sanctifying work of the truth.

The Word of God—the Bible—is the instrument used by the Holy Spirit in this work of sanctification. Small wonder that there is little holiness and spiritual unity when the Word has so little opportunity to touch and to cleanse. Reader, do you study God's Word?

Such separation to God will result in real spiritual unity between those of all denominations and creeds. It is not some artificial thing to be put on from the outside. It comes from the heart of man and reaches out into his life and into the lives of others.

II. Unity in Action (Acts 15:22-27). Satan tried to thwart the missionary efforts of the Church at the very outset by starting a doctrinal controversy. Although the first council at Jerusalem (Acts 15) had decided that "to the Gentiles also hath God granted repentance unto life," the question did not stay settled, for there were persistent Judaizing teachers who now contended that even though the Gentiles could be saved, they had to come into the church by way of Judaism and first fulfill the Jewish rite of circumcision.

The story of how this vital and fundamental question came up is found in the early verses of Acts 15. The entire future of the gospel ministry was in a sense dependent on the solution of this problem. Christianity is the only religious faith in the world that presents justification by grace as the way of redemption; all others follow (more or less) the path of salvation by works.

The question now was: Shall works of the law be mingled with grace? Can Jesus Christ alone save men, or is salvation through Jesus Christ plus something else? How was such a serious question to be settled? Should argument and strife be permitted to go on until the stronger party prevailed? Better judgment indicated the desirability of a Christian method of settlement.

The final decision of the council is sent not only by Paul and Barnabas, but also by a committee from Jerusalem, a gracious gesture of fellowship.

As a matter of record (a wise procedure in such a case), a letter was sent which, after addressing the Gentiles as "brethren," reviewed the history of the matter and then, without mentioning circumcision at all, put upon the Gentiles "no greater burden than the necessary things." And what were those? Those things which relate to purity of life as those who were enjoying Christian liberty. The law of Moses need not be kept as a ground of salvation. They were saved by grace. But grace can never be the cloak of careless living, nor can liberty in Christ be interpreted as license to live in sin. We are set free in Christ, not that we may sin, but that we may "go and sin no more."

III. Unity in Doctrine (Acts 15:28, 29). In non-essentials we should exercise toward other believers the greatest love and consideration. Men have a right to differences of opinion, and must follow the dictates of their own consciences. Let us not be betrayed into controversy on such matters.

There are certain foundation doctrines which must be held if a church is to be Christian; concerning these we stand together. There is a faith for which we are earnestly "contending" (Jude 3). We are never, even on the grounds of supposed courtesy, to give aid and comfort to false teachers (II John 9-11). Kindly, tactfully, but definitely the Christian Church must stand true to its doctrinal convictions, standing united against an unbelieving world, and if need be, an unbelieving religious world.

A. J. CAVENAUGH, Wallace, N. C.

JEWELRY WATCHES DIAMONDS WATCH AND JEWELRY REPAIRING and ENGRAVING

Polio Is Everyman's Enemy, Bing Declares

The war against infantile paralysis is a war in which all peoples of all nations have a common foe, Bing Crosby, screen and radio star and national chairman of the Sister Elizabeth Kenny Foundation national 1945 appeal, said today in an appeal for contributions.

"Wars among nations always end but the fight against disease is an unending battle in which all mankind has a common interest," said Crosby, who is directing the campaign to raise \$5,000,000 to expand the work of Sister Elizabeth Kenny, Australian nurse famous for her discovery of a revolutionary treatment for infantile paralysis.

The war against infantile paralysis, the crippling disease, is a war in which all peoples of all nations are fighting together against a common foe, Crosby said. Establish Local Clinics Crosby emphasized that one-half of the funds raised in each of the 48 states where the drive is being conducted will remain in the state to carry on local campaigns against the disease, to finance training of Kenny technicians for clinics throughout the country and to finance treatment of the stricken. Funds also will be used, Crosby said, to: Enlarge the Elizabeth Kenny Institute in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Carry on extensive research as to the causes of the disease. Provide periodical study courses for physicians and technicians. Perpetuate and extend the scope and benefits of the Kenny Institute not only in the United States but throughout the world. Lessen ravages of the crippling disease.

Work of Altruism "Elizabeth Kenny's work has been a work of altruism," Crosby said. "She accepts no fees or salary from her work. Her only reward is the realization that she has brought happiness back into the lives of countless persons. I realize that the people of America have been called upon to contribute to many worthwhile ventures during the trying years of the war. We have won that war through the generosity and the unselfishness of the people of America but another war that rages continually remains to be won. The people of America can help win that war too—the war against infantile paralysis—by contributing as generously as their purse permits to the Sister Elizabeth Kenny Foundation campaign fund drive."

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TRIBUTE TO SERVICE WOMEN



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"GHASTLY MARK-UPS"

Claudius T. Murchison, President of the Cotton Textile Institute, recently told a House committee that he saw a plain gabardine dress, in a New York store window, marked at \$98.95. He estimated the actual cost of the fabric at "not more than three dollars" and said that the same dress could not have cost more than \$30 before the war.

He complained of the "ghastly mark-ups on such things as men's shirts and women's dresses." He knew what he was talking about. He reported that a plain shirt, with a value of less than \$5.50, was marked at \$12.95.

The statement led Rep. Ramspeck of Ga., to declare that there is vast profiteering in the manufacturing and merchandizing of many items of clothing. We are inclined to think that the Georgia representative has something. Let's see what Congress, or anybody will do about it.

LOSSES LESS

THAN EXPECTED

The invasion of Japan, for which thousands were in training in the Pacific, was scheduled for November but, because of the Jap surrender, the newspapers have not been filled with dispatches of losses as our men assaulted the beach defenses of the Japanese Islands.

No man can say what would have occurred. The probability is

that the job, like the landing in Normandy, would have proved less costly than forecast but there is no doubt that thousands of lives were saved by the end of the war without an actual invasion against hostile forces.

In fact, when one goes back to the darker days of the two wars in which we were engaged the conclusion is that the nation has been pretty lucky. Its losses, in life and money, were much less than once appeared probable.

A TASK THAT REQUIRES MEN

Recommending a joint declaration by the United States and Great Britain that they will stay in Germany as long as necessary, Dr. Vera M. Dean, research director of the Foreign Policy Association, says that unless this is done "Europe cannot settle down because every country is afraid she may rise again."

We presume that the doctor knows what she is talking about, but it is difficult to see how a formal declaration will have any effect unless this country is willing to maintain sufficient forces to carry out the reorganization of enemy countries.

As long as every Congressman is inclined to get every man out of service in his district, the armed forces will have difficulty in maintaining the strength necessary to implement the peace policies of this country.

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