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Lesson for December 30

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WORLD FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIANS

LESSON TEXT: Acts 10:34-43 GOLDEN TEXT: "The same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon Him." - Romans 10:12

Fellowship is impossible where there is prejudice and intolerance. The world is full of it even now, after we have fought a global war to stop such inhumanity of man to man.

It would be a surprise even to some Christian people to learn that "God is no respecter of persons," that with Him a man is not received because he is of a particular race, color, education or social position.

God created all men. He loves all men. Christ died for all men, and every Christian ought to be desperately concerned that all men should hear about their Saviour and come to know the love of God.

The church of Christ has its greatest opportunity now to show that the things it professes to believe actually work in the relationship of man to man. They will work if we will only let them! Our lesson presents:

I. Principle—God is No Respector of Persons (vv. 34, 35).

Peter had learned about God's love for the Gentiles by the vision given him concerning Cornelius. (Read Acts 10:1-33.)

Peter was a Jew, and God now used this vision to teach him a much needed lesson about the carrying of the gospel to the Gentiles. The Jews were (and still are—let us remember it) God's chosen people. However, they were not chosen for their own comfort, convenience or glory, but that they might be channels for the outflowing of God's blessing to all nations.

Cornelius was typical of those in every nation who are ready for the preaching of the gospel. He was a God-fearing, righteous man, but nonetheless in need of redemption. God brought this man, who was ready to receive the message, together with the man Peter, who was prepared to preach it, and the result was salvation.

Whatever it may be that keeps us from carrying the gospel to all nations, we ought to recognize as unchristian, and put it aside. It may be race prejudice, for it still persists; but it may be an equally deadly indifference to the needs of others. Let us, like Peter, go to them and open our mouths (v. 34) to proclaim Christ.

II. Practice—Jesus Did Good to All (vv. 36-41).

The attributes of God are always active. He not only is good, He does good. So the principle, "no respecter of persons," is perfectly exemplified in our Lord Jesus who "went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed of the devil," and we may well place the emphasis on the word "all."

The death of Christ for their sins (v. 39), His resurrection from the dead for their justification (v. 40), the coming judgment for sin (v. 42), and the remission of sins in His name—these are the essentials of Peter's message.

Note how plain is the truth. Jesus has come and has wrought redemption for all who will believe. Now we must choose whether we want Him to be our Judge or our Redeemer. Either He is your Saviour, or He will be your judge. (John 3:17, 18.)

The proclamation of this message of redemption was never completed, even "while Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon them all" (v. 44). Blessed interruption! Would that we might have more like it in our churches and Bible schools!

This leads us to our last point, namely, that we have a

III. Privilege—We Are to Preach to All People (vv. 42, 43).

Yes, it is a command (Matt. 28:19, 20), but it is also an unestimable privilege to be called of God to tell all nations about the One in whom they have "remission of sins."

Let us preach that message. Book reviews, political addresses, discussion of civic or social problems will not bring the result. Forums, clubs, discussion groups, unless they have for their subject the Word of God, need not expect anything like this to happen.

Preaching of the Word of God concerning the person and work of Christ, whether it be in a home (like that of Cornelius) or in a great cathedral (and thank God, some of them do have such preaching), will result in some soul finding Christ and receiving the Holy Spirit.

It is worthy of note that these believers gave evidence of their new-found spiritual life by magnifying God, obeying His word, and testifying to others. It is to the credit of Peter and his companions that they recognized the workings of God's grace in the lives of these Gentiles.

May we also be quick to see, appreciate and encourage every true gospel work, whether it be among our own people or with some other race, whether in our church or in some humble cottage. "God is no respecter of persons."

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DIAMONDS WATCHES REPAIRING and ENGRAVING

Faison News

MRS. A. R. HICKS, JR. Reporter Subscription Agent

Announce Birth

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. McCullen announce the birth of a daughter, Pamela Lee, on December 14th. Mrs. McCullen is the former Miss Velma Johnson of Wilson.

WS of CS Meets

The Women's Society of Christian Service met Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. E. J. Hill. The president, Mrs. L. D. Groomer, presided. The devotional was led by Mrs. W. D. Clifton. Mrs. Lawrence Weaver of Chamberlain, S. C. was guest speaker.

At the conclusion a Christmas tree was enjoyed and gifts given each person. The hostess served punch, cakes, candy and nuts to her guests.

Entertains Fellow Poets

The Fellow Poets Club were the guests of Miss Sallie Hill and Mrs. E. J. Hill Saturday afternoon.

Miss Hill had charge of the program. Original poems were read by the members. At the conclusion syllabub, fruit cake, salted nuts and coffee were served by the hostesses. Special guests were Messdames I. F. Faison, H. R. Cates, Mrs. Hume and Mrs. William Faison of Greenville.

Baptist Society Meets

The Baptist Missionary Society met Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Z. V. Blount. The president, Mrs. L. D. Groomer presided. The program was presented by Mrs. John Hoey and Mrs. Blount. During a social hour a chicken salad course with coffee was served by the hostess.

Hostess To Bridge Club

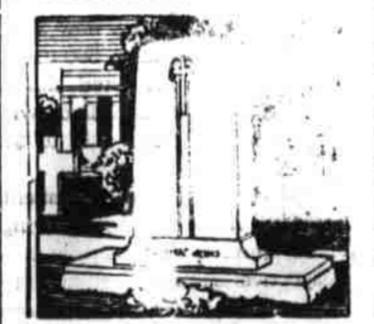
Mrs. A. R. Hicks, Jr., was hostess to her bridge club and several additional guests Thursday night. High score prize was awarded Mrs. I. R. Faison and Mrs. H. L. Hoey was the recipient of second. At the conclusion a salad course with Russian tea was served.

Announce Birth

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Edgar announce the birth of a daughter, Susan Weeford, on December 7th in Medical College Hospital in Richmond, Va. Mrs. Edgar is the former Miss Mary Randolph of Faison.

FAISON CADET HOME FOR XMAS

J. B. Stroud, 3rd, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Stroud, Jr., of Faison will get home this week from Fishburne Military School in Waynesboro, Va., for the holiday season.



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PERSONALS

Lt. Marietta Martin, ANC, has returned home after serving in the China, Burma India area.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Hicks, Jr., were visitors in Raleigh Saturday. Mrs. Harold Goldsmith, formerly of New York, is making her home now in Faison.

Mrs. T. W. Smith is visiting her daughter in Raleigh.

Mrs. H. C. Precythe has returned home from visiting in Raleigh. Mrs. W. D. Clifton and Mrs. Lawrence Weaver, who have been visiting in Kinston have returned home.

Mrs. E. E. Bowman spent several days last week in Wilmington.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Lee who have

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been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Ireland, left Wednesday for Colorado.

Mrs Myrtie Davis Dies in Hospital

Funeral services for Mrs. Myrtie Tyndall Davis, 62, wife of Ivey Davis of the Deep Run section, who died in a Kinston hospital Thursday morning of last week after a brief illness were held from the Garner funeral home at

3 p. m. Friday. Burial was in the family cemetery near Deep Run. The Rev Reuben Jones, Freewill Holiness minister, officiated.

Surviving are her husband, two sons, Johnny Davis of Deep Run and Ivey Davis, Jr., of Seven Springs; four daughters, Mrs. Willie Thompson and Mrs. John Thompson, both of Deep Run, Mrs. Cy Suinn of Seven Springs and Mrs. Willard Smith of Kinston; one brother, Clyde Tyndall of Kinston, and several grandchildren.

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