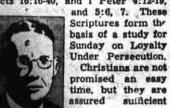
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Courageous Loyalty

Lesson for December 14, 1947

OPEN your Bible to Revelation, and read the first seven chapters. Then you will be ready for Acts 16:16-40, and I Peter 4:12-19,



Christians are not promised an easy time, but they are assured sufficient grace for every time of need, This lesson, if carefully pondered, will fortify one's faith and send us forth re-

newed in courage and Christian poise for these days of discipleship.

How a Song Helped "HUMBLE yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of THE lesson concludes with that God, that he may exalt you in due time; casting all your care upon him, for he careth for you," I Peter 5:6, 7. That is a splendid watchword for every boy and girl.

Now, turn to Acts 16:16-30, and see how Paul and Silas, locked in the inner dungeon at midnight, could pray and sing. That is what happens to the Christian who sincerely trusts in God-who acts on the promise that God really cares for his trusting children.

A memory verse suggested for inday is found in Proverbs 17:22, and it goes like this: "A cheerful heart is a good medicine."

Have you watched some Christian cause that person possessed the cheerful heart." And each of us may have that precious possession. if we remember Mark 11:22, "Have talth in God."

Happy Behind Prison Bars

DAUL and Silas are pictured as happy in that dark dungeon. There is a statement to challenge every cynic, every doubting Thom-as. Only the grace of God can make men happy under persecution. Paul declares in Romans 1:16, "I am not ashamed of the Gospel." Aye, he was not ashamed to preach the Gospel to the little damsel on the streets of Jerusalem, nor was he eshamed to go to the prison for the

sustained in their sorrowful plight by the consciousness that God was with them—that he always

I venture the prediction that the fortitude of Paul and Silas in that night of persecution did more to im-press the Christian religion upon srusalem than any sermon even the eloquent Paul ever uttered. We, too, can witness for Christ as we face difficult situations.

LOOK now at Revelation 2:8-11, and 3:14-22, for the example of the church at Smyrna, burdened by tribulation and poverty, but "rich" in the promise that a crown of life

It was far more difficult to be a Christians were few in number the best citizens in every com-

Even so, there are tests for ustests that will be too much for human courage and loyalty. If we are true to the teachings of Jesus as they relate to everyday life, we shall need that same enduemen which the Christians at Smyrna possessed, else our discipleship will shame the name of our Lord.

The Blood of the Lamb

dramatic passage in Revelation 7:9-17, in which we behold the great white-robed throng about the throne of God, singing, "Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanks giving and honor and power and might be unto our God forever and

Who were they? "These are they which came out of great trib-ulation, and have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

Loyalty under persecution is dependent absolutely upon the life-giving power of the blood of the

to affliction—how he or she could bless every passerby? It was be-

Warsaw, N. C.

ston, died at 9 a. m. Friday in Duke

Tart of Dunn and Mrs. E. J. Hill of

Mrs. Priscilla M. Young died at

the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lee

Martin of Rose Hill Sunday morning at 6:30. Funeral services were

conducted from the home Monday

afternoon at 2 o'clock. Burial fol-

lowed in the Fussell cemetery. The

Rev. Mr. Rogers of Rose Hill of-

ficiated. Surviving in addition to her daughter, is one sister, Mrs. J.

D. Robinson of Rose Hill.

Mrs. Young Dies

In Rose Hill

NEXT-WEEK: ANOTHER

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of J. B. Andrews, delate of Duplin County forth Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against covery. All persons indebted to said estate will p!m: make imme-

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Cornelius Eugene (Buck) Raynor, 74, retired livestock dealer in Kin-



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Christian in the first century than it is in the twentieth century. By which I mean that the early and without any backing of public opinion. They were despised as the lowly followers of the orucl-fied carpenter of Nazareth, Today, Christians are acknowledged as

"Fear not, I am with thee, O be no

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ADMINISTRTOR'S NOTICE

Hospital, following a year of declining health. The funeral was held from the home at 2:30 p. m. Sunday, with interment in Maplewood cemetery. The Rev. E. F. Moestate of said deceased to exsley, rector of St. Mary's Episcopal Church officiated. Surviving are libit them to the undersigned at Sculaville, on or before the 5th day his wife, Mrs. Jessie Warman Raynor; four sons, William D., Jesse K. November, 1948, or this notice Edward D., and C. E. Raynor, Jr. will be pleaded in bar of their reof Kinston; three daughters, Mrs. Lloyd Suggs, Mrs. Daniel E. Mc diate payment.

This the 5th day of November, Avoy and Mrs. Robert C. Love of Kinston; and two sisters, Mrs. L. A.

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Race Improvement Group Would Eliminate Morons; Wouldn't If Be Nice?

to assist in curbing the steady inpopulation and the attendant vice, crime and institutional expense such increases involves has just been launched by the Human Betbeen launched by the Human Bet-terment League of North Carolina. New Officials Take

Pointing out that cases of mental defect and mental diseases occupy more than one-half of all the ho pital beds in the state at an annual cost to the taxpayers of about two million dollars, the League is seeking to inform the people about the "alarming extent of cases of feeblemindness."

Part of the answer, the League states, is selective sterilization of the mentally unfit through more complete enforcement of the provisions of the State's sterilization law. More than 40,000 copies of a lion at Oxford.

An educational program designed pamphlet containing questions and to assist in curbing the steady in-crease in morons in the State's statute are being mailed to various groups in North Carolina.

Agricultural Posts

Two new officials have reported for work with the State Department of Agriculture

They are Cecil D. Thomas, who became executive assistant superintendent of the Test Farm Division, and J .M. Carr, who became

To Offset Tobacco Acreage Loss most logical cash crop to help Dup-

lin farmers make up at least some of the approximate \$3,608,850 income loss they will suffer from the 28 per cent blanket reduction in 1948 flue-cured tobacco acreage allotments," George T. Arhford of Red Springs, N. C., and president of the Carolinas Ginners Association, declared today.

Duplin Farmers Urged Plant Cotton

"Inventories of cotton are more depleted than in many a year, and less changeover in farming operations will be required to supplement next year's income loss if at least a part of the 7,365 acres idled in Duplin County by this reduction is planted to cotton.

"Also favorable to 1948 cotton producers are this year's successful assistant director in charge of the experiments with insecticides to Tobacco Branch Experiment Sta-control pests and the raw cotton requirements of the 16 European

North Carolina's chief cotton seed supply counties in the Piedmont section have been heavily damaged by adverse weather and our cotton farmers are now looking to Miss., Ala., and Ga, for the coming year.

"The harvesting season in these states," he added, "has been more favorable and if orders are placed early, sufficient seed can be obtain-

ed before planting time.

Raleigh, Dec. 3. — Cotton is "the nations seeking aid under the Mar shall Plan. According to the United States Foreign Trade Division, if these requirements are met, total exports of all growths next year will be about 5,000,000 bales or 25 per cent higher than this year."

How women and girls may get wanted relie from functional periodic pe

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The greatest joy of the Christmas season is that of the little tols who awaken early Christmas morning and gaze in pleased wonder at the marvelous Christmas tree and the beautiful toys Santa Claus has

The happy expressions on these little larges is worth all the trouble the grown-ups have taken to make the occasion a periect one. Scenes like the one pictured here are among the happiest memories of childhood.

A little later on these children will begin to learn the deeper significance of Christmas. They will learn that the gifts of their parents, in the mythical role of Santa Claus, are but symbols of God's great gift to humanity.

The good will, love and unselfishness of the Christmastide are but a foreshadowing of the peace and good will that is to prevail among men through the teachings of Jesus, whose birth the Christmas season commemorates.

Parents should endeavor to lead their children into an understanding of this deeper meaning of Christmas—a task in which the Church stands ready to cooperate.

CHURCH FOR ALL ALL FOR THE CHURCH The Church is the greatest factor on earth for building of character and good citizenship.

a is a storehouse of spiritual values. Without a ag Church, neither democracy nor civilization survive. There are four sound reasons why
y person should attend services regularly cand 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 his community and nation. (4) For the sake of his community and nation. ical support. Plan to go to church regularly and read your Bible daily.

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