

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

BROADENING CHRISTIAN HORIZONS

International Sunday School Lesson for June 1, 1941

Golden Text: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel; for it is the power of God unto Salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek."—Romans 1:16.

Lessons Text: Acts 11:19-30

The persecution which followed the martyrdom of Stephen caused the disciples to flee from Jerusalem. Some of them went to Antioch in Syria. This city was the capital of the Roman province of Syria, and was situated on the river Orontes about twenty miles from its mouth. Antioch was several centuries old and followed Rome and Alexandria in importance to the world of its day. Its main street, paved with marble and lined with a double colonnade, ran five miles. To it came the trade-laden caravans from Persia and India. Yet, with its luxury, it was known for its wickedness and corruption; so much so that the Roman Juvenal to signify the degradation of Rome said that the "Syrian Orontes has flowed into the Tiber."

The Christians who fled from Jerusalem to Antioch first preached the doctrine of the new faith to Jews only. Then they took a forward step and began preaching to the Greeks in Antioch, as well. The church at Jerusalem sent Barnabas to investigate the new development but he rejoiced in the work when he recognized the genuineness of the experience of the Gentiles.

Fifteen years of the Christian era had passed and Antioch was to become the second birthplace of Christianity through its vision and wisdom in sponsoring the first missionary program of the new faith. Leadership in the Antioch church was in the hands of five men, named in the first verse of the thirteenth chapter, including Barnabas and Saul. Barnabas, after witnessing the activity of the Christian believers in Antioch, had remained in that city and became a part of this religious movement. A few years before the date of our lesson he had sent to Tarsus and influenced Saul to join him in Antioch, where they labored together.

The distress of the Christians at Jerusalem during a period of famine so aroused the sympathy of the Antioch church that they collected funds for the relief of their brethren.

Of the generosity of these early believers in Christianity, Dr. Geo. W. McDaniel has declared: "Liberalism thrives in an atmosphere of evangelism. The heart that is warm with the grace of God is generous toward every human need. Money flows freely from Christians in a state of revival. The financial problem of a church is fundamentally a spiritual problem. The first act of the Antioch church was to take a collection. Agabus predicted a dire and distressing famine. Barnabas has qualified as an authority in beneficence. He probably led in this offering. The man who gives can induce others to give, anywhere, everywhere, for any object. The people know. They cannot be camouflaged by the preacher's talk or pretensions to liberality. They measure him by what he is and does. When he leads unselfishly, heroically, they follow. A liberal preacher makes a liberal church."

Dr. W. M. Smith gives seven characteristics which belonged to the church at Antioch and should characterize every true group of Christian

Garden Additions May Be Made Now

There are still many vegetables that the farm family may plant in the home garden as late as June, according to H. R. Niswonger, extension horticulturist of N. C. State College.

Sweet corn, field peas, New Zealand spinach, Swiss chard, lima and snap beans, okra, egg plant, squash, and cucumbers are good crops to plant. In the mountains, June is the month to plant the main crop of cabbage.

Niswonger suggested that the space between the rows of vegetables be utilized for a second planting of the same vegetable or a different one if the garden area is small.

June is also the month to begin planning for the fall garden, the State College specialist said. As soon as the early or mid-season vegetables have been harvested and if the area occupied by these vegetables is to remain idle, the land should be cleaned of all dead plants and vines.

Next step is the broadcasting of a liberal application of stable or chicken manure and acid phosphate and then plowing this material under. After each rain the land should be cultivated and the grass and weeds kept down so as to have the soil in good condition for fall planting. Other areas not occupied should be prepared also for fall gardens.

Insect control in the garden is important. Niswonger suggested dusting cabbage, collards, broccoli, and snap beans with one per cent rotenone dust to kill worms and bean beetles.

people who gather together for worship and for the hearing of God's word: (1) The membership of the church is made up of those who have turned from unrighteousness and idols to believe in the true and living God;

(2) These members have been brought into the knowledge of the truth by the preaching of the Word, which is the preaching of the Lord Jesus Christ;

(3) The converts of this church received adequate instruction in the truth of the Christian faith at the hands of one who had gifts for teaching and a real knowledge of the Word of God;

(4) The church, in its life, shows unmistakable signs of being a body of believers on whom the blessing and power of God rests;

(5) The church shows itself to be in life, in conduct, in belief, identical with the other true churches of the known world, and is in fellowship with these churches;

(6) The church is distinctly liberal in its attitude toward other fellow-believers who are suffering because of peculiar circumstances;

(7) The members of this church, in the midst of a corrupt environment, were living such unique, unworldly, holy lives that they were marked out by all the other citizens of Antioch as so distinct from unregenerated man as to require a new name given them.

How do you and your church compare with the church at Antioch?

Who Knows?

1. What is meant by "Union Now?"
2. How far is it from Dakar, in Africa, to Natal, Brazil?
3. What is meant by the "freedom of the seas"?
4. Where is Rio de Oro?
5. What is the source of tin used in this country?
6. What is the approximate production of petroleum in the United States?
7. Who commanded the French army one year ago?
8. Has Canada conscripted any men for duty outside the Dominion?
9. What is a convoy?
10. What railroad, now under construction in Africa, may be of enormous strategic value to Hitler?

THE ANSWERS

1. A federal union, including the United States and the self-governing commonwealths of the British Empire.
2. About 1900 miles.
3. The right of ships to use the ocean in wartime for lawful commerce without being subject to armed attacks.
4. Northwest coast of Africa.
5. Bolivia, British Malaya and Dutch East Indies.
6. 1,351,847,000 barrels.
7. Gustave Gamelin.
8. No.
9. It is used to refer to merchant ships escorted by warships, or the warships, or both.
10. The railroad from Casablanca to Dakar, ostensibly French.

Commercial Plant Food Consumption Hits New High

An all-time record for fertilizer consumption was established by farmers with 8,311,000 tons of commercial fertilizer used on farms during the past crop year, according to the annual consumption reports made public today by The National Fertilizer Association. This is an increase of more than one-half million tons over the prior year.

"Tonnage figures in themselves do not tell the complete story of plant-food consumption in this banner year, since there has been a significant increase in the amount of plantfood contained in a ton of fertilizer," said Charles J. Brand, Executive Secretary of the Association. "This year's tonnage figure was 16 per cent above 1920 but the amount of plantfood contained and used was 64 per cent greater."

This year's tonnage includes 7,839,000 tons sold by commercial producers, 27,000 tons distributed by TVA and 444,000 tons distributed by AAA. The increase over 1939 amounted to 529,000 tons, with the commercial industry accounting for 234,000 tons of the increase and the Government agencies accounting for the other 295,000 tons.

It seems likely that another tonnage increase is in store for next year since tag sale figures for the first four months of 1941 are 9 per cent over 1940.

Distribution of fertilizer by Government agencies has been increasing in quantity in recent years. Tonnage ratio rose from practically nothing in 1935 to 5.66 per cent of total consumption in 1940. The proportion of plantfood used in 1940 accounted for by those two agencies was 9.68 per cent, in contrast to the 5.66 per cent of gross tonnage.

Boy Scout Outing

Twenty-six members of the Boy Scouts of Hertford Troop No. 155, enjoyed an over-night outing last Thursday when they trooped down to the Leigh Winslow farm six miles from Hertford.

The boys were accompanied by Scoutmaster W. H. Pitt and M. G. Owens. Each boy carried his own equipment and food and prepared his own meals. Scoutmaster Pitt related that there "wasn't a stomach-ache" in the crowd after the food had been eaten.

The boys returned to Hertford Friday morning.

Morgan's Furniture Store To Give Away Lawn Sets Shortly

W. M. Morgan, Hertford Furniture Man, announced this week that he will give away the two Lawn Sets on display at his store during the month of June.

The two people polling the largest number of votes in his store during the month will be awarded the sets. Customers and friends are invited to his store to vote for themselves or for friends.

Insufficient Lime Cuts Crop Yields

Insufficient use of lime is one of the principal reasons why the yields of many crops in North Carolina are as low as they are, says Dr. J. F. Lutz, professor of soils at N. C. State College.

Practically all soils of the State are acid and are deficient in calcium and magnesium, both of which are supplied by lime. For this reason, it will be necessary to supply these elements before growers can expect to increase their crop yields, Dr. Lutz said.

Liming results in many benefits. The first benefit usually coming to mind is that of correcting soil acidity or "sweetening" the soil. Although this is an important effect, it is no more important than the actual supplying of calcium and magnesium as plant food.

Then, too, certain elements which are essential to plant growth become rather insoluble at certain degrees of acidity and liming is necessary to make some of these soluble.

For example, in strongly acid soils considerable iron and aluminum are present in solution. If phosphate is applied to such soils, it will combine with the iron and aluminum to form an insoluble and unavailable compound. Under such conditions, the plants cannot get phosphorus. However lime is a corrective for this.

Many crops such as alfalfa, red clover, and blue grass, are considered lime-loving crops, and it is true that large amounts of lime are necessary for them to produce good growth. On the other hand, lime will benefit practically all other crops, although the response is usually not as great.

Since it is necessary to apply lime in proper amounts, a grower should seek the advice of his county agent before applying the material.

Careless Boy

Father—Why were you kept in at school?

Mike—I didn't know where the Azores were.

Father—In the future, just remember where you put things.

Where?

Miss—Did any one ever tell you how wonderful you are?

Youth—No; I don't think any one ever did.

Miss—Then I'd like to know where you get the idea?

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