PRUL, A PRISONER FOR CHRIST

SUNDAY SCHOOL

nal Sunday School Lesson or March 9, 1953.

Selection: "One thing ing what lies behind an orward to what lies ahea ward the goal for the upward call of God in --Philippians 8: 13-14.

Lesson Text: Philippians 8: 4b-17.

In order to get the proper back-round for the study of this lesson, we should not forget that Paul was in all when he wrote the letter to the Philippian Christians and that he was not bragging about who he was we what he had done. He was trying to warn these Philippian Christians gainst cortain false teachers who were known as "Judaistics," and who is the the indicates the church at Thilippi he insistence that the church at

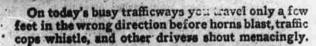
thrown as "Judaisms," and who a mying to wreak the church at ippi by insisting that the old Jew-rites had to be observed. and gives his own Jewish back-ind to show them that he has no idence whatsoever in those an-trites insofar as they claimed to accessary to one's salvation. When I came into contact with Jesus and pited him as his Savior and Lord, lost all interest in rites and cere-ies.

monies. There was probably ho Jew of his time who could boast of a better Jew-sh background than could Paul. Al-tough living in the Gentile city of Taxaus, Paul, nevertheless, had been brought up according to the strictast interpretation of the Jewish law. He was of the "stock of Israel, of the Hebrews, as touching the law, a Pharisee." He had received the best education possible in his day, being education in the rabbinical tradition of the school of Gamalie in Jerusaiem.

the school of Gamaliei in Jerusalem. His religious and moral zeal had earned him a position of authority and respect among the leaders of Juda-ism. So zealous was he, in fact, that he was not content to practice his re-ligion in the Temple at Jerusalem, but he asked permission to take part in the movement of persecution against the early Christians. Prob-ably, more than anyone also of his time, Paul had the right, by bith and by effort, to be assured and self-satisfied.

satisfied. Then it was that Paul met Christ on the road to Damascus. What a tre-mendous challenge this must have been to him. To accept Christ meant the renunciation of all his belief in the purity of Judaism and its moral law. It also meant the loss of his position, prestige and power among his fellow Jews.

However, faced with these sacri-fices, Saul saw in Jesus something more infinitely valuable than the things he would have to give up in order to be his disciple. Unlike Nico-



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In your daily living, though, there is little such clamor if you choose the wrong direction. You skim along blithely, supposing you are on the right road because others are travelling along with you. Still, others can be wrong too, you know.

The road you travel has to be either right or wrong. And the best way to find and follow that right road for present-day living is to think of the Bible as your roadmap.

Consult it diligently. Let your minister help you interpret the signs and signals you find in it. It has been a tried and proved map to successful, happy living for many centuries.

Through your Bible and your Church get on the right road-NOW.

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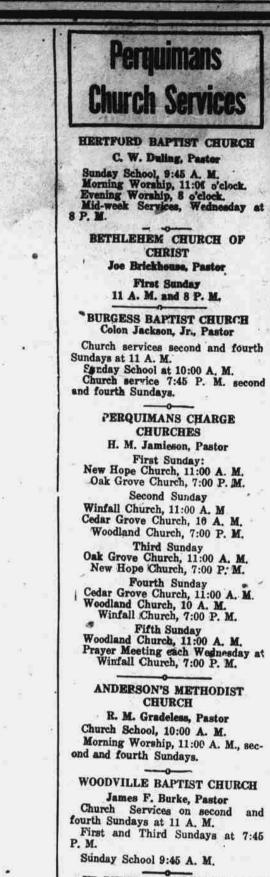
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Preaching second and fourth Sun-day evening at 7:30.

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things he would have to give up in order to be his disciple. Unlike Nico-demus, who followed without real sac-rifice, or the rich young ruler, who would not surrender his material pos-acessions, Saul surrendered completely, counting "all things but loss for the uncellency of the knowledge of Christ-Jesus, my Lord.". While Saul gave up what some would consider everything—ha didn't love anything worthwhile. He was not only saved from something, he was saved for something. At the summer of his complete surrender, Saul asked, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" He was conscious within his soul that God had a divine purpose for his life. Trom that time on, for Raul no task was too small and none too great to be attempted for his Lord. We obstacle was too difficult and no opposition too strong. Paul presched the gospel everywhere he went, al-though it often meant persecution, bestings, stonings, imprisonments and ridicule. Dr. E. A. McDowell auggests the

ridicule. Dr. E. A. McDowell suggests the fellowing epitaph for Paul: Saul of Tarsus, born A. D. 1, died A. D. 68. For some years a relent-law permecutor of the Christian Faith, he met Jesus Christ on the Damascus Kond, A. D. 35, and from thence on-word he was His most ardent fol-lower, in the end giving his life for the cause of Him whom he declared to be the minen Son of God. He was not disobedient to the heavenly vis-sion

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