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On Killing Children

One can think of nothing more barbaric and nothing designed to do more harm to the United States and the South than the bombing of a church and the killing of four Negro children—an event which recently occurred in Alabama.

It is difficult to conceive of a mentality that would have planned such an attack. One wishes to think that the bombing was intended to occur when the church was empty, so gruesome is the deed—but even that would have been barbaric.

One of the great traditions and heritages in the United States is the freedom of speech and the freedom to exercise the religion of one's choice. When an attack on a church is committed, ostensibly because of the expressions of leaders of members of that church, it is a threat to every American citizen, for it is an attack on democracy itself and on the freedom of the individual.

Acts such as the murder of innocent children in Birmingham are so repulsive, however, and

so inexcusable and damning that if they are repeated or continue, the result can only be fatal to the cause of the white majority in the South. If there is one thing the nation will not stand for and should not it is the murder of innocent children, and innocent people, by those who would substitute terror and passion for intelligent, lawful efforts to win the desired goal.

Crime In New York

Anyone who read a recent article in the Saturday Evening Post, which tells the confessions of a former mobster, and lists names and outlines the activities of the Italian-American who run the widespread crime operation in New York will be appalled that the city can not clean up this mess.

Close observers have long known that the situation in New York's public schools was deplorable and that gang killings or lynchings that occur regularly in the city are glossed over as nicely as possible by those who are quite adept at pointing the finger of shame and self-righteousness at other sections of the country.

The truth is that crime in the big cities, especially New York, has reached the stage where it cannot be tolerated by the American people. Gangs run sections of the city. Many parents are afraid to send their children to the public schools. Tens of thousands of city residents are intimidated and are afraid to vote against the machine ticket. Other thousands are paying protection money to various gangs who run things.

What kind of America are we building? How can other countries and other peoples admire our democratic system when they see the rotten situation in such places as New York?

This is the blunt truth which must be faced, unpopular as it may be with the idealists and social philosophers.

This Is The Life

By DONALD R. THOMAS

These two boys knocked on this lady's door. "Just a minute," came a reply. The door opened and she said, "if you are selling anything, I am not buying." "We're not selling but trying to point people to Christ. Are you saved?" "Are you," asked the lady. "Yes, we are," "I think that's a job for the preacher," said the lady. "When you receive Christ as your saviour, you become His son and witness," said the boys. As for preachers, they should preach

about the life and witness and what the people have done of them don't. Anyone who picks up his cross and follows Jesus is His witness. We find joy and life by accepting Christ and want others to find it also. God will forgive almost everything except against the Holy Ghost. Accept Christ today and be His witness. If you don't you'll burn in hell. Take your stand today and you will be His witness.

The Bible says: "We are my witnesses, with the Lord." — Isaiah 43:10.

What we most need is the prayer of fervent desire for growth in grace, expressed in patience, meekness, love and good deeds.

—Mary Baker Eddy.

Sunday School Lesson

GOD WORKS THROUGH US
 International Sunday School Lesson for November 24, 1963.

Memory Selection: "God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself . . . entrusting to us the message of reconciliation." (2 Corinthians 5:19).

Lesson Text: 2 Corinthians 5-7.

The goal set by the lesson we are studying today is to make us aware of the way God through Christ reconciles us to himself and to one another.

In 2 Corinthians 3:1-15 Paul reminded the Corinthians that their hope was not in this world and that their success as Christians was not in this world. We live in a tent, as it were. We groan and we sigh with anxiety, looking forward to our true home in heaven. By "tent" Paul meant our earthly body, together with all the limitations of this life. Our heavenly dwelling is the spiritual body, with which we enter eternity at the day of resurrection. Meanwhile, we are of good courage, living by faith in God and aiming to please him.

What does all this mean? Is the Christian one who simply passes through this life as if it were none of his business? Is this what it means to live by faith and in the recognition that this world is not our home? We think not.

Worldliness is just this effort: to find meaning in the world rather than in God. Insofar as the world claims to be a home for man, the Christian man is only a pilgrim, one who is passing through. He looks to God and aims to please him and not the world. The Christian man is a pilgrim because he is controlled by the love of Christ. How does the love of Christ control us? In his love Christ died for all; in a sense, his death was the death of all men. Also, by the same token, his Resurrection is the resurrection of all. Jesus so thoroughly identified himself with man by his love that God regards the life of Jesus as the life of every man. And when Paul said that the love of Christ controlled him, he meant that he was controlled in his thought and action by the conviction that Christ died for all. He looked upon himself not as the world looked at him, but as God looked at Jesus.

The Christian who is controlled by the love of Christ regards no one from a human point of view. Apart from the knowledge of faith, apart from the experience of God's love through the Holy Spirit, man judges Christ, as well as everybody else, from a human point of view. From a human point of view Jesus was a failure. He died, and that was all. From a human point of view we, too, are failures; our lives are robbed of all meaning and validity by the relentless reality of death. From a human point of view we are guilty; we are separated from peace and from fellowship with God because of our sin. Men may even judge Jesus a sinner, for how else could he have died such a death?

But when we judge from the divine viewpoint, in the light of the Resurrection and the indwelling Spirit, then we no longer judge Jesus a failure, nor do we judge ourselves condemned sinners. No longer do our loneliness and sense of weakness drive us to the world for comfort and security in response to its false promises.

The viewpoint of those controlled by the love of Christ is that we are God's sons, alive to him, open to him, and sustained by him. Since we are convinced that this is the case, we cannot regard this world as the source of our life; we can and must regard it as the stage upon which we live out the life we have from God.

What is your thinking if you are controlled by the love of Christ? You will see that Christ died for sinners, and that when he died, your sin passed from his sight—not without price, but with the price of his cross. You will not, therefore, reject God's love and frustrate God's reconciling purpose; you will be bold to say, "Father, forgive," knowing that he loves you for Jesus' sake.

But more than that, you will be mightily driven to go and sin no more, for you know that as you died to sin and death through the cross, so also you live to God and life through the Resurrection.

Thus it is that God, through Christ, reconciles us to himself and to one another.



"RAISING" CHILDREN BY THE BOOK

We have a choice in America . . . a choice denied millions who live under godless communism.

Here is a man who is exercising that choice! He believes that children growing up in the free world ought to know the Author of Liberty. He wants his son and daughter to cherish and embrace the spiritual insights God has given man.

This father introduced his children to the Bible when they were very young. Today the Book of the Ages is their friend. Tomorrow it will be their guide through the frightening age to which they have been born.

The American Bible Society — supported by earnest Christian citizens and the churches they attend — enables millions of families around the globe to share our heritage of Truth with this new generation on whose spiritual fibre rests the hope of the world.

THE CHURCH FOR ALL • ALL FOR THE CHURCH

The Church is the greatest factor on earth for the building of character and good citizenship. It is a storehouse of spiritual values. Without a strong Church, neither democracy nor civilization can survive. There are four sound reasons why every person should attend services regularly and 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 the Church itself, which needs his moral and material support. Plan to go to church regularly and read your Bible daily.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Deuteronomy 6:4-15	Deuteronomy 6:16-25	Joshua 24:14-26	I Corinthians 4:6-16	Colossians 3:1-11	1 Thessalonians 4:1-12	I John 2:4-10

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