

Sunday School Lesson

COMMISSIONED TO SERVE
(Matthew 9:35 to 10:1, 16-20, 40-41)

J.M. Mason once said, "They that deny themselves for Christ, shall enjoy themselves in Christ."
To read the life and words of Jesus in the Gospels is to come to the deep conviction that Jesus cared for the welfare of people. He saw His generation as a field waiting to be harvested.

The Harvest, Matthew 9:35 to 10:1

Jesus did not withdraw from the sorrowful sights of the world into which He came. "He went about all the cities and villages..." Jesus set the example for His followers. He did what He could to instruct the people. He preached the good news of God's concern for the forgotten masses. He healed those who were in need of the physician.

Jesus did all of these things because He cared. What He saw stirred His innermost being. The Bible says that He was moved with compassion on the people. He was not merely touched as we often are; He was moved! He saw the people as they really were. Many of them were fainting. They were borne down with life itself. They were scattered as sheep after some wild animal had suddenly come upon them. Worse still, they were as sheep without a shepherd. With the thousands of religious leaders and teachers in the land, they were still without a shepherd.

Jesus saw the masses as great fields of grain ready to be harvested. There was so very much that needed to be done just as there is in our day. Anyone who is willing to serve will find an abundant harvest.

The Hardships, Matthew 10:16-20

Our Lord would never commission anyone to so great a task without first relating the hardships involved. He told His disciples that He was sending them forth as sheep in the midst of wolves. They must be at their best. They needed to beware of men. Difficulties awaited them. Unjust trials, beatings, and mockings would become common treatment for them.

Many would probably be hesitant getting involved in such an unpromising task. Timid souls would worry about how they could answer the trained and experienced governors and kings. Jesus promised help from "the Spirit of (your) Father" in the hour of need. That promise is still as good today as it was in that day.

The Happiness, Matthew 10:40-41

Emerson said, "Every personal consideration that we allow, costs us heavenly state. We sell the thrones of angels

for a short and turbulent pleasure." Yes, personal consideration keeps many from giving themselves in service. We need to hear afresh the words of Jesus. Those who receive you will receive Jesus and the Father who sent Him. That places you in the company of God and His Son!

Anyone who receives a prophet as a prophet should be received will share the prophet's reward. Service in the Master's kingdom will not go unrewarded. Perhaps the greatest reward is the sheer joy of service!

BIBLE QUESTION OF THE WEEK

"Is it possible for a person to be saved by making the Sermon on the Mount his rule of life?"

ANSWER

No. The Sermon on the Mount was not given to enable one to come into a right relationship to God. It was given to those who were already within God's kingdom.

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Lessons In Christian Living

**By MRS. OPAL WHITE
NEW BEGINNING**

Our great nation is hearing Bicentennial celebration salutes throughout her land and around the world. America had her beginning under the watchful eye of Almighty God. And, she was ordained to be who she is by Him. Yes, she had her beginning. And, those who made it happen... our Pilgrim Fathers, had their beginning.

God said, "There is a right time for everything" (Eccl. 3:1-8 TLB). He has designed time for mans benefit, therefore, new beginnings are written into the history of mankind. It is God's divine accommodation to benefit His creation and those who were created in His own image. So, we have been given a New Year. It can become a new beginning for each of us.

On bumper stickers you may read: "Today is the first day of the rest of your life." God has assigned it to

be just for you. It is His way letting you know that He loves you and cares for you. His instructions for your new beginning is very simple. "If thou shalt confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation" (Rom. 10:9, 10). Further assurance is given. "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" (2 Cor. 5:17). Also, notice that God affirms this new beginning to be in the now of your life. "For He saith, 'I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation I have succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation'" (2 Cor. 6:2).

them. Their pardon is guaranteed through the high priestly ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ (1 John 1:8, 2:1, 2).

I recall that the great Babe Ruth struck out many, many more times than he hit home-runs. Yet, we never think of those times of "striking out" when we think of him.

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INVITATION
The children of Buddy and Edith Mansfield invite you to attend the twenty-fifth Anniversary of our parents on February 1, 1976 from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Center Hill Community Building, Tyner, N.C.

Card Of Thanks

TO: Rev. Willie Vaughn and Emanuel Pentecostal Church; Mr. Tommy Maston, Faculty and Lunch Room Staff at Perquimans Central School; Mrs. Lawrence and 6th grade C. Perquimans Union School; Mrs. P.R. Knight and 7th grade B at Perquimans Union School; Mrs. David and 2nd grade at Perquimans Central; Citizens United for the Improvement of Reading, Perquimans Committee; Those who prepared and served dinner in the Bay Branch Fellowship Hall, and to every one

May we take this means of expressing our heartfelt thanks to each of you who have remembered us in so many ways since our father's accident and death.

We have always told others that Perquimans County was the place to be if you had to have a problem and this occasion for us has certainly proved this to be true.

May God bless each of you.

Marion and Betty Swindell

else who thought of us in any way during our bereavement, whether by prayer, phone calls, telephone cards, flowers, words of comfort, food, or cash. We were deeply touched to know we have so many friends who care and share. We still covet your prayers and we pray that God will always be your guide.
Thank you,
The Frierson Family

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Having qualified as Administrator of the estate of William Harrison Billups, deceased, late of Perquimans County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at P.O. Box 11, Winfall, N.C. on or before the 23rd day of July 1976 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.
This 14th day of January 1976.
Rosa Riddick, Administratrix
Administratrix of William Harrison Billups, Dec'd
1-22-29-2-5-12-76

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Having qualified as Administrator of the estate of George W. Trueblood, deceased, late of Perquimans County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at 204 Woodland Circle, Hertford, N.C. on or before the 23rd day of July 1976 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.
This 13th day of July 1976.
George A. White, Sr.
Administrator of George W. Trueblood, Dec'd
1-22-29-2-5-12-76

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Having qualified as Executor of the estate of Dora Taylor Riddick, deceased, late of Perquimans County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Route 1, Hertford, North Carolina on or before the 16th day of July 1976 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.
This 12th day of January 1976
R. Marion Riddick, Executor,
Executor of Dora Taylor Riddick, Dec'd.
1-15-22-29-2-5-76

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Having qualified as Administrator of the estate of Ira Asa Stallings, deceased, late of Perquimans County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Belvidere, North Carolina on or before the 15th day of July 1976 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.
This 8th day of January 1976.
Bobby B. Stallings
Administrator of Ira Asa Stallings, Deceased
1-15-22-29-2-5-75
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Dear Friends,

The religious funeral is usually public so that members of the bereaved's religious community can share their emotional and spiritual support and join in the affirmation of belief. The 'humanistic' or secular funeral service should likewise be public to allow family and friends the opportunity to share their love and sorrow with the bereaved.

Respectfully,

Marion Swindell

SWINDELL FUNERAL HOME
HERTFORD, N.C.

The Snug Harbor Chapel Assn.

Invites you to attend the Groundbreaking Ceremony of its future Interdenominational Church Sunday, the twenty-fifth of January, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy Six, at two o'clock in the afternoon, Section "L" Lots 35 and 36 (Back of Clubhouse) Snug Harbor Community



RECENTLY MARRIED — Faith United Methodist Church, Accokeek, Md. was the setting Jan. 17 for the marriage of Miss Catherine Lee Butt to Tech Sgt. David Douglas Chab. Mrs. Chab is the daughter of Lt. Col. and Mrs. Lucious C. Butt of Westover Air Force Base, Mass., and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lucious E. Butt of New Hope. Sgt. Chab is the son of CMS and Mrs. Robert J. Chab Jr. of Accokeek. Miss Jo Anne Butt, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Mr. Kenneth Buckery was best man. Mrs. Chab is a student at Towson State College, Baltimore, Md. Sgt. Chab is a member of the Air Force Band stationed at Bolling Air Force Base, Washington, D.C. Sgt. and Mrs. Chab will reside in Baltimore.

ATTEND WEDDING
Mr. and Mrs. L.E. Butt, Mrs. William Ownley, Linda Lou and Wallace Ownley spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Butt and family at Oxon Hill, Md. They attended the wedding of Miss Catherine Butt and Mr. David Chab on Saturday night.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hurdle announce the birth of a son, Bryan Thomas, born January 4. The baby's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. E.L. Hurdle Jr. of Belvidere, and Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Parker Chesson Sr. of Hertford, N.C.

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Mr. and Mrs. Donald Downing announce the birth of a daughter, Alice Kathryn, born Tuesday, January 13, at Chowan County Hospital. Alice Kathryn is the 3rd child, 1st daughter, of the Downings.

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