

## Sunday School lesson

**The Problem: Sin**  
**Jeremiah 2:9-13; Romans 1:18-28**  
**Romans 2:1,11**

We have been studying a series of lessons on how God reveals Himself to mankind, and noted in last week's lesson that the ultimate revelation of God was His Son, Jesus.

We begin today a series of four lessons on "God Redeems His People." Today's lesson is entitled "The Problem: Sin." It really is. When we look at all the trouble spots in the world today we may accurately say it is happening because of sin and evil in the hearts of people.

When we see men fighting and dying over some barren piece of land; when we see children being caught up in these clashes, starving for lack of food and in need of shelter, we may surely say it is because of sin and rebelliousness against God and His commands.

God does not will this to happen. God wants mankind to live a righteous life, "Holy and acceptable unto Him." The Apostle Paul, writing the epistle of the church located in Rome said, "All have sinned and come short of the Glory of God." (Romans 3:23)

Through Adam and Eve's sin in the Garden of Eden, man has lived in a state of separation from God. God's will and purpose is to redeem all those who want to be redeemed — those who will accept His plan of redemption which He set forth.

Before the coming of Christ, God had laws and commands; and if the people lived by and kept His commandments, they would be a righteous people, God's people.

Most people, however, would not live by them; or if they did, it was on an "on again" "off again" basis. So God sent His own Son to pay the penalty for man's sins.

He (Jesus), who knew no sin, took on Himself the sin of the whole world — past, present and future — that through Jesus' death on the cross, man could be reunited with the Heavenly Father.

Yes, the sin of man is and has always been the problem causing human suffering in the world. The first Scripture given for today's lesson comes from the Book of Jeremiah and deals with the Children of Israel.

**Basic Sin**  
**Jeremiah 2:9-13**

Sin's deadly work was far advanced in Jerusalem when Jeremiah spoke for God. The time was about 600 BC and about 800 years since the people had left Egyptian slavery.

Jeremiah was trying, by holding forth the Word of God, to stop the

flood of evil that would surely bring destruction to the Children of Israel. We should understand that we serve a God of Love and Mercy, Who tries to direct us in the right paths.

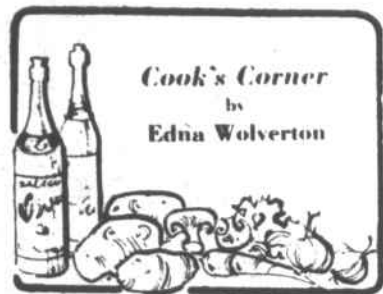
However, God is also a God of

justice who will bring judgement on people who refuse His words of warning. Jeremiah was pleading for the people to change their ways so to escape the punishment. The people had been chasing after idol worship and false gods.

They were breaking the first three of God's commandments. They were punished. God used mighty Babylon to take them captive for about 40 years. We need to think twice about following after false gods of our age. It can only lead to destruction.

## Pasta treat is one dish meal

My family enjoys pasta prepared in most any fashion. I have discovered a quick and nutritious one-dish meal using pasta, cheese, butter, cream and parsley that can be prepared in advance and reheated at serving time.



I serve the dish with either a fruit salad (avocado and grapefruit is especially tasty) or a tossed salad of Romain lettuce with a light oil and vinegar dressing. Use this as a side dish with roasted meats as well.

**Noodles Alfredo**  
 1 lb. pasta (linguine, fettuccine, spaghetti)  
 2 cups cream  
 1 stick butter  
 3 cloves garlic, minced  
 1-2 cups grated Parmesan cheese

1 cup dried parsley  
 salt and pepper to taste  
 Cook pasta al dente and drain well in a colander. In a large pan, melt butter, add garlic and saute lightly.

Stir in Parmesan cheese, parsley and cream. Simmer two minutes. Stir in noodles, toss to coat well. Season with salt and freshly ground pepper.

Turn into a casserole dish if you do not plan to serve immediately. Top with seasoned bread crumbs. Brown in a warm oven or cook at 300 degrees until heated thoroughly. Serves 4.

**Chicken Tetrazini**  
 Chicken Tetrazini is a delightful way to serve a crowd. When I make this, I usually prepare an extra for the freezer.

Reserve some of the thickened stock or pour a can of chicken stock over the casserole (if you have frozen it) prior to cooking so it will not become dry. The pasta will tend to soak up the sauce.

Serve with a tossed salad as a filling one-dish meal.

3-4 lbs. chicken  
 4-6 cups chicken stock  
 2 cups green onions, diced  
 1 lar jar pimento

## Church news

Come celebrate the Lord's Supper at Perquimans United Methodist Charge. David J. Goehring, pastor, will have the communion meditation. Services are 9 a.m. at Epworth, 10 a.m. at Cedar Grove and 11 a.m. at Oak Grove.

"Bond of Peace," this is the theme from Ephesians 4:3 for the revival at The Lighthouse, 505 E. Church St., Elizabeth City. Services will be held Sept. 28-Oct. 3 at 7:30 p.m., with guest speakers each night.

Everyone can be a part of this revival. Let's come together in unity and lift up the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, that all men may be drawn unto Him. Come help bring in the harvest of souls.

Jesus said, "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." John 4:35. In all of history, whenever there was a great move of God, it came when there was harmony among the people.

Let's pray and strive for harmony and expect God's visitation of His fullness upon the earth.

First Presbyterian Church, Edenton, is inviting all Presbyterians of Chowan, Tyrell, Perquimans, Bertie, and Gates Counties to the Lord's Table to share in World Wide Communion Sunday, October 2, at 11 a.m., and to fellowship with brothers and sisters in Christ in the area.

If you have souvenirs, artifacts, or native dress from other lands, please bring them for display.

Don Wagner, pastor of Rocky Hook Baptist Church, is hosting an exciting tour to Austria, Italy, Switzerland, Germany, Amsterdam and especially to the original Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany, through Oren Travel International.

This special production of the Passion Play, the summer of 1984, celebrates the 350th anniversary of the first drama. Normally the Passion Play is performed only the first year in each decade. Because of this anniversary, a special production was prepared.

The 15-day tour begins July 23, 1984, in New York and ends August 6.

Wagner has made all necessary arrangements for tourists. At very affordable rates, this tour will feature first class hotels, two meals a day, all transportation throughout and an English-speaking guide.

Wagner served as host in 1980 to England, Europe and the Passion Play.

The tour can be certified for travel education credit.

For more information and application, contact Don Wagner, Rt. 1, Box 300, Edenton, N.C. 27932, or call (919) 221-4948 or 221-4015.

Homecoming services will be held at Berea Church of Christ October 2. A covered dish dinner will be served after morning services with a special service of music after the meal.

Sunday School begins at 10 a.m. with morning worship service beginning at 11 a.m.

The Annual Fall Revival at First Baptist Church, corner of Hyde Park and King Street, Hertford, will start Sunday, October 3 and continue with various worship leaders each night at 7:30.

Music and other worship services will be rendered by many area choirs and members. Rev. Larry Moore will preach on Monday and Rev. M. I. Jefferson of Hampton will be the revivalist for the remaining four nights at 8 p.m. He is pastor of Six Mt. Zion Temple of Newport News, Virginia.

Please bring the unsaved, the sick and those that need a blessing.

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Once more the autumn leaves come floating down. In tones of amber, red, and golden brown They come to earth, and then, by winds flung high, Are tossed about, each one an impish clown. These leaves that graced the trees, now piled awry, Their work complete are quite content to die. So short a time from bud to flaming crown, For things to grow, to serve, to say good-bye!

The hand Divine that painted every leaf Has work for each of us within His plan; We know not if our life be long or brief, We only need to do the best we can; In simple faith to laugh and love and pray, And like the leaves, to serve and go away.

In memory of our dear husband and father, Mr. Clarence S. Chappel, who passed away September 30, 1980.

We miss you, Madie L. Chappel and Children.

From reprinted from the October 1977 Globe Lifetime Magazine

In memory of husband and father, the late Nathan W. Zachary, Who passed away on September 30, 1982

"We never lose the ones we love For even though they're gone Within the hearts of those who care Their memory lingers on. Time cannot steal the treasures That we carry in our hearts Nor even dim the shining thoughts Our cherished past imparts. And memories of The ones we've loved Still cast their gentle glow To grace our days And Light our paths Wherever we may go."

Wife, Son, Daughter-in-law and Grandchildren

## A word from . . . Mt. Sinai

A couple more landmarks are disappearing. The old stumps in front of the church are going. The man who cut them out said one was the toughest he had ever worked with. I assured him everything around Mt. Sinai grows well.

We want your faith to grow well too, rooted and grounded in love. Like the trees, we draw from where our roots are. If the soil is rich and deep then we will be well nourished.

God's word is rich and deep. If you are planted by faith in Jesus Christ you will stand tall and firm. When God cuts you loose from the earth there won't be any hollow inside.

"As ye have, therefore, received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him, rooted and built up in him, and established in the faith, . . ." (Col. 2:6-7)

"Who was Judas Iscariot's replacement?"

Answer next week. We want to answer all your questions. Visit with us 7:30 Wed. night, 10:00 and 11:00 Sunday morning.

George Wilmore, Pastor Mt. Sinai So. Baptist Church

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Morgan request the honour of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Lisa Christine to Mr. Mark B. Symons on Sunday, the second of October nineteen hundred and eighty-three at four o'clock in the afternoon Mt. Sinai Baptist Church Hertford, North Carolina and afterwards at the reception at the home of the bride

For Your Information  
 Dear friends,  
 As soon after a funeral as the family's composure returns, proper acknowledgment should be made to those whose gifts and personal service have meant so much. It is customary to send personal notes to the clergy and to the pallbearers — to those who gave their service, accommodations, use of cars, etc. — and to those who sent personal sympathy notes.  
 Respectfully,  
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