

# Church

## Sunday School Lesson

### Jesus Christ: teacher of righteousness

**TEACHER OF RIGHTEOUSNESS**  
(Matthew 5:17-20;  
6:1-6, 16-18)

"For I say unto you, that except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the Kingdom of Heaven." (Matthew 5:20)

The Scripture text given in today's study is taken from Jesus' sermon on the mount. The event took place sometime about mid-way through Christ's public ministry. If we were to divide His ministry into two parts, roughly the first half was devoted to assuring people that He was truly the Christ, the Messiah. The second half

was devoted to teaching the purpose of His coming, His Gospel.

The lesson is about righteous living as taught by Christ. The question then, "What is righteousness?" The study for today raises many questions. For instance, "What does God, in Christ, require of me above all else?" Let's go back to the first question first. In these verses Christ is teaching us to do certain acts of righteousness.

A larger view, however, taught in both the Old and New Testaments, indicates that righteousness before God requires that one have a right relationship with both his fellowman and with God. They are linked to-

gether, and inseparable. Now to the second question, "What does God require of a person above all else?" Again the larger view, God requires faith and obedience above all else. The apostle Paul taught that without faith you cannot please God.

Christ said "if you love me, keep my commandments." Part of righteousness then is obeying God's commands. In the sermon on the mount, Christ is teaching His congregation certain acts of righteousness.

**MEASURE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS**  
(Matthew 5:17-20)

Still more questions! For instance, can we measure our righteousness as New Testament Christians? Is right-

eousness the same as it was under the Old Testament? Righteousness under the Old Testament was tied directly to the covenant laws handed down to Moses from God. God judged man's righteousness by the measure of man's obedience to God's laws.

The beginning of righteousness, and salvation, is belief in God. This principal holds true in both the Old and New Testaments. Of course, no one who has lived on earth can be righteous as God is righteous, save one, Jesus Christ. In Paul's letter to the Roman church he said, "As it is written, there is none righteous, no not one. (Romans 3:10) Under the new covenant, New Testam-

ent, man's salvation and righteousness are justified through Christ, and our belief that He died for our sins.

**FULFILLING RIGHTEOUSNESS**  
(Matthew 5:17-18)

"Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill" (or fill to full) (Verse 17) One of the problems with those living under the law was that it became repetitive and rote. It was ceremonial in nature, and lacked personal commitment. It became a way of life and habit. God said, speaking to the future, I will make a new covenant and write it in the inward parts, the heart, so they

won't forget.  
**FOLLOWING RIGHTEOUSNESS**  
(Matthew 5:19-20)

Christ's life and His teaching, are the examples that Christians are to follow. Of times we hear people say, "I don't think it's right to do this and so," or "I don't believe God expects me to live that way, etc." So many times there are questions of do's and don'ts in the ranks of Christianity.

## Area church news

### NAACP to meet

The Perquimans County Branch of the N.A.A.C.P. Annual Jubilee Day Celebration will be Thursday, January 1, 1986 at the Pooles Grove Baptist Church, Woodville Community at 3:00 p.m. The special guest speaker is, Mr. W.C. Whitherspoon, Pasquotank County Commissioner. He is the first Black to be elected to the Pasqu-

otank County Board of Commissioners in 100 years. A combined choir singing under the direction of Mrs. Earlene Seller, Branch Organist. The Rev. J.H. Willis is Host Pastor and the Rev. J.H. London, President.

Come one, come all! It's a day of Celebration.

### First Baptist schedule

The First Baptist Church Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. with Rosa B. Gibbs, Superintendent in charge. Morning worship starts at 11:00 a.m. Pastor John H. London is preaching from the subject: "Words from God For The Coming Year", Roman 15:13. The senior and young adult choirs will sing under the direction of Donald McClain, Organist.

The Perquimans Fellowship Union Watch Meeting will be held Wednes-

day evening at 10:15 p.m. at First Baptist Church located on King and Hyde Park Street, Hertford, N.C. All are welcome to come and worship the closing and beginning of the New Year. The Rev. Thomas McPherson of St. Paul AME Zion Church will deliver the message.

The Rev. J.H. London, President asked that the Fellowship Union choirs please united together for a combined choir.

### Health Dept. schedule

The January clinic schedule for the Perquimans Health Department is as follows:

Jan. 1—Holiday, Jan. 2, General, P.M.; Jan. 5, Prenatal, A.M.; Jan. 6, 8:00, Teen Clinic; Jan. 7, Pediatric Clinic, P.M., Dr. Slade; Jan. 9, General Clinic, P.M.; Jan. 13, Prenatal Check Pills-Problems, P.M. and Jan. 14, Child Health, All Day.

Also, Jan. 15, PAP Clinic; Jan. 16, General Clinic, P.M.; Jan. 19, Prenatal, A.M., Family Planning, P.M.; Jan. 21, Child Health, P.M.; Jan. 22, Adult Health, All Day; Jan. 23, General Clinic, P.M.; Jan. 27, Prenatal Check, P.M.-Pills, Problems and Jan. 28, Eye Clinic.



New York was the first state to require the licensing of motor vehicles. The law was adopted in 1901.



There is a baseball game played in Fairbanks, Alaska, every June 21, the longest day of the year. It begins at midnight and no artificial lighting is ever used.

### Christian charity saves Gov. money

People helping people. The government is saving a lot of money these days—and that means taxpayers are saving, too—thanks to the work of a private organization that's efficiently and effectively bringing new hope into the lives of millions of people in communities across America.

It's a group that provides food, clothing, medical aid and spiritual counseling to the poor, the homeless and victims of emergencies and disasters, helping them get back on their feet to a better life. Sick people in hospitals and elderly people in nursing homes are visited and cheered by members of the organization. Mothers-to-be are able to give their infants a happier start in life thanks to the organization's 59 clinics and hospitals. Families that were once troubled are stronger than ever before after attending counseling sessions with the organization's trained social workers.



Social services offered by a private organization are saving the government and taxpayers a great deal of money.

It's a group that sponsors day care programs for the very young, golden age programs for senior citizens, recreation programs and camps for teens and the handi-

capped. Moderate-priced residences are operated for the elderly. Young business women may live at low-cost residences. Emergency lodges give temporary shelter to families or individuals in a crisis.

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Dear friends,



Funeral arrangements may be preplanned. The funeral service details noted the clergy scripture readings and music specified casket selected, and price range determined. No prepayment is necessary. However, if prepayment is desired a funeral trust fund may be set up with a local bank of your choice. Your inquiries are welcome at Swindell Funeral Home.

Respectfully,

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## “RESOLUTIONS”

George Wilmore  
Pastor

Mt. Sinai Baptist Church

Personally I believe in vows. Christians, especially ought to make vows or set goals. New Years is a good time to make resolutions.

What does it take for a resolution? First, a noticeable need for change. Whether Christian or non-Christian our personal lives can stand some changes. There may be some emotions that need more control. There may be some habit that needs to be overcome; toleration, love, patience may need to be developed.

Second, resolutions ought to be shared. Some say, "I'm not making resolutions anymore, because I don't keep them." Some I inquired of said, "It's a secret." I suppose if they fail it's not so embarrassing. But if resolutions are shared with loved ones and honest caring friends one can lend strength to the other.

Third, there must be proper motivation. Why do I want to carry out this resolution or reach this goal? Will the resolution proposed add to my well being, or end a long standing conflict, or bring a smile to a hopeful mother? Surely selfishness or covetousness would be poor motives.

Fourth, where does God fit in? Moses records these words, "The eyes of the Lord thy God are always upon it, from the beginning of the year even unto the end of the year." (Deut. 11:12) Well then as big as God is I would want him to help me with my resolution. King Solomon has this advice, "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." (Proverbs 3:5-6)

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