

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL Lesson

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Lesson for May 30

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PETER'S COUNSEL TO SCATTERED CHRISTIANS

LESSON TEXT—1 Peter 1:1; 2:11-25.
GOLDEN TEXT—Honor all men. Love your brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the King.—1 Peter 2:17.

Persecution for Christ's sake has been the lot of believers from the first century down to 1943. Some times it has been official, but more often unofficial, yet nonetheless severe and trying.

The manner in which Christians meet their difficulties is one of the best testimonies to the reality of their professed faith. Sometimes, however, in the midst of their trials the enemy of their souls brings discouragement—and then they need counsel and encouragement of others.

Such was the situation when Peter addressed his first epistle to the truly believers who were scattered abroad (1:1). His counsel was just that they needed, and is equally helpful to us. They were to be

Separated As Pilgrims (1:1; 2:11, 12).

Christians are in this world but not of it. They are passing through, sojourners on their way to the eternal dwelling place of God. That does not mean that they are not interested in the welfare of those around them, or delinquent in sharing the responsibilities of life, but does mean that they are to have a pilgrim's detachment from the things of the world and the flesh.

In the days of Peter, membership in the church was not considered a normal or respectable thing. It marked a person as belonging to a sect, one which was falsely accused of many evil deeds. For simple Christians met at night, men and women together for communion service. Because they spoke this as a "love feast," they were accused of immorality, and because they spoke of the body and blood of Christ they were said to be eaters of human flesh.

Christians must meet such malicious reports. How? By silencing their accusers by their good works.

Submissive As Citizens (2:13-17)

One of the hallmarks of Christian character is willing and gracious recognition of proper authority, whether it be in the state, in the place of employment, in the school, in the home. He does this for the Lord's sake (v. 13), and even when that authority is in the hands of an unreasonable man.

This does not mean that the Christian is to encourage or countenance any and oppression, but that he is loyal to the state and to his employer, even though the present representative be a hard, unjust man.

All well ordered society there be proper and effective means of correct justice. But in and through it all the Christian shows his faith by his behavior.


Observe that government, in the name of God, is for the purpose of bringing order, encouraging the good, and punishing the evil (vv. 13, 14). The powerful influence of the Christian Church should keep it that right channel, or bring it back if it has strayed. Always loyal and obedient, the believer should cast his ballot and his personal influence to establish and support a good government.

Suffering As Christians (2:18-21)

Christ is our "example" (v. 21). Let some have interpreted this as the statement "that ye should follow in his steps" as indicating that we are saved by our imitation of Christ, it is well to point out that this would be quite impossible. We would have to be where He began—He was without sin (v. 22). But we have all sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23). We need a savior—not an example as far as imputation is concerned.

The ever present problem of sinning, we as redeemed ones do not sin as our example. He was sinless and without fault, the shame and suffering of the cross without complaint. When he was reviled He did not retaliate.

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Church ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bethesda Presbyterian Church
Sunday, May 30, A. Douglas McArn, pastor; Church school at 10 a. m., with a Bible class for every age. The nursery class is open during the preaching service for small children. Morning worship at 11:15. The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

Grace Episcopal Church
The services for Sunday, May 30, will be as follows: Holy communion at 8 a. m.; church school at 9:45 a. m.; morning prayer and sermon by the rector at 11:15. Service men are especially welcomed at all of these services. The general meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary will be held in Richardson Hall in Parish House on Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. A full attendance is requested as important discussions are to be made concerning improvements in the church.

Lytleton Street Methodist
At the Lytleton Street Methodist church Sunday, May 30, the following services will be held: 10 a. m. Church school; 11:15 a. m. morning worship. The pastor, Rev. Henry F. Collins, will deliver the sermon, using as a subject, "The Meaning of Memorial Day." The nursery department will be open during this service for the convenience of parents with small children who wish to attend. 7 p. m. Youth Fellowship service. A cordial invitation is extended to the public to join with us in these services.

The First Baptist Church
The First Baptist Church, Rev. J. Barnwell Caston, pastor, and Rev. B. Wallace Edwards, associate pastor, announce services for Sunday, May 30, as follows: Sunday school at 10 a. m.; morning worship, conducted by the associate pastor at 11:15; Baptist training union at 7:15 p. m. There will be no evening worship due to the baccalaureate service in the school auditorium. Prayer service on Wednesday at 8:30 p. m. The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

Trinity Methodist Church
Rev. W. R. Gregg, pastor, announces the following services: Church school at 10 a. m., with J. S. Myers, Supt.; morning worship at 11:30 a. m., sermon theme, "Is the Kingdom of God Realism?" Evening worship at 8:30 p. m. Special service under the leadership of Circle No. 2 of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, Mrs. Flora Clay Davis, chairman. The pastor will deliver a special sermon from the theme, "How to Find God," Monday at 10:30 a. m., the Camden-Sumter group meeting at the Mt. Zion church of the Mt. Zion charge, Sumter. Prayer meeting Tuesday at 8:30 p. m. Conference Rally at Clafin college Wednesday at 10:30 a. m., the commencement exercises of Clafin college at 2:30 p. m. The commencement exercises of Jackson High school Wednesday at 8:30 p. m.

Spinach without a trace of grit is possible. It is reported in Industrial and Engineering Chemistry, if a housewife will rinse it in a "molecularly dehydrated sodium phosphate glass."

When He was hurt He did not threaten revenge (vv. 22, 23), but was willing to leave the ultimate judgment in the hands of God, who will have the final word.

We ought to do the same when we suffer for Christ's sake. If we suffer because of our own sin or folly, we can claim no credit for bearing it patiently (v. 20). But when we have done well and then are persecuted, we have opportunity to show whether our profession of being followers of Christ really means anything. At this point some Christians lose their testimony and influence by a bitter, vengeful spirit.

These are trying days for the souls of men. In many parts of the world Christians are forced to drink the bitter cup of persecution. To the glory of God we record the fact that they are doing it heroically and in a true Christian spirit.



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KERSHAW BAPTIST ASSO. SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION
To convene on Saturday, May 29, with Buffalo church. The following program will be in order:
10:30, Devotional, Rev. C. R. Griffin, pastor of Buffalo church.
10:45, "Teaching a Major Opportunity," J. L. Corrine, director department of Sunday school work, Columbia, S. C.
11:05, "How to Have a Vacation Bible School in Every Church," by Miss Elizabeth Nuckols, director, Columbia.

11:12, Verbal reports from the churches of Association.
11:40, "Winning the Lost Through Our Sunday Schools," Rev. J. T. Outen.
11:55, Inspirational Address, Rev. C. J. Blackmon.

12:20, Announcements and miscellaneous.
12:30, Lunch (lunch will be served by the Buffalo Baptist church).
1:30, Devotional, Rev. John T. Dabney.

1:40, "Magnifying His Word in the Sunday School," Rev. B. S. Broome.
1:55, General Conference, led by B. B. Jernigan, associate, Columbia.
2:30, Miscellaneous and adjournment.

SINGING CONVENTION SUNDAY, MAY 30
Luther A. Moore, president of the Lee County Singing convention, announce its 1943 session on Sunday, May 30, in an all day song service at Savannah Advent Christian church, located seven miles North west of Bishopville, four miles off State Highway No. 15, going north turn to the left at Shannon Hill on State Highway No. 156. The convention will open at 11 a. m. and close about 5 p. m. A special invitation to all singers and a warm welcome to all.

FINAL DISCHARGE
Notice is hereby given that one month from this date, on June 24, 1943, A. R. Collins will make to the Probate Court of Kershaw County his final return as Administrator of the estate of Lou Reynolds Claypool, deceased, and on the same date he will apply to the said Court for a final discharge as said Administrator.
N. C. ARNETT, Judge of Probate.
Camden, S. C., May 24, 1943 10-13pd

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Notice is hereby given that one month from this date, on June 22, 1943, Kittie A. Dunn and L. H. Jones will make to the Probate Court of Kershaw County, their final return as Administrators of the estate of Eliza Ammons, deceased, and on the same date they will apply to the said Court for a final discharge as said Administrators.
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Merchants Attack In Eighth Gives Them Win Over Kendalls

The Merchants staged an old-fashioned melo-drama at the softball arena Wednesday evening, staging a garrison eighth inning finish to defeat the Kendalls 6 to 4 and take the lead in the city softball loop.

Trailing by a 1 to 3 score into the eighth, the tribe of Nolan shook off the physic spell of Artie Robinson and when the score keeper had finally balanced the budget, the Merchants had mixed three blows with a fielder's choice and an error to rung up 5 runs and take a 6 to 3 lead over their top-round rivals.

The Kendalls made a heroic effort to stage a ninth inning comeback when Mims led off with a blow that the scorer listed as a double. E. Taylor hit weakly to the pitcher who tossed to Bruce at first. Mims went down to third and noting that Bruce was not watching him, he raced home before Bruce could get rid of the ball. But the Merchants tightened up and after a pinch hitter had fanned weakly, Threatte retired the side by rolling to Boykin who tossed him out at first.

It looked like a sure win for the Kendalls up to the time the Merchants staged their massacre. Robinson's gang, with their characteristic first inning spurge, gathered three runs off a jittery opposition. Boykin looked as if he had picked up a cross between malaria and buck fever. Art Robinson walked, Benny Robinson singled scoring Brother Art. Bruce popped to Boykin and Mims was safe and B. Robinson scored when Jiggs Parker threw wild to first. E. Taylor singled and Sinclair followed suit to score Mims. Threatte walked but was caught stealing third when Sowell was batting. Sowell fanned.

The Merchants' first score came in the fourth inning when Jiggs Parker crashed the ball into far left for a homer. The Merchants had a big chance of adding more scores in the seventh but some dumb base running by Dicky Cox messed up the chafing dish.

The game attracted a big crowd of spectators and the cheering faction raised such a din that it could be heard seven to eight blocks away. The Merchants now lead the league by one game. The next foe of the Nolan men will be the Army next Wednesday, June 2. Tonight the Home Guard battles the Instructors. Monday night the Maintenance boys take on the Home Guard and on next Friday the Kendalls tackle the Instructors.

	R.	H.	E.
Merchants	6	6	5
Kendalls	4	5	3

Batteries: Boykin and Hancock; Robinson and Bruce.

With the Sick

R. B. Dunbar of Beech Island, S. C., who has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. Ike F. Jones, and Mr. Jones, North Broad street, is a patient at the Camden hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. McCutcheon, who suffered injuries in an automobile accident on Monday, are at the Camden hospital. They are residents of Bishopville.


Mrs. W. J. Seaborn, wife of the State Highway patrolman, is a patient at the Camden hospital.

George Edwin Stuart, 3rd, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Stuart, Jr., Sarsfield avenue, and Lee Mays, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Lee Mays, Fair street, have been confined this week with chicken pox.

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Nelson Wants Increase in Pulpwood Output

Washington, May 15.—(AP)—Chairman Donald M. Nelson, of the War Production Board, appealed today to farmers in pulpwood-producing states to make "an extra" effort to increase the pulpwood output.

"If every one of the 3,800,000 farmers in the twenty-seven pulp-producing states were to devote three extra days in 1943 to cutting pulpwood we could overcome the threatened 2,500,000 cord shortage with wood to spare," Nelson said.

Nelson urged all farmers to communicate with their nearest agriculture department representatives to find out whether they could help in producing pulpwood which is powder, ammunition for smokeless rayon and print paper.

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