The Gospel of God's Grace — ILLUSTRATED SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Scripture—Titus 1:1-3; 2:11-14; 3:4-8.

By Alfred J. Buescher

Paul's letter to Titus discusses the theme of eternity and the life to come, as well as the immediate needs of the Cretan church. Titus 1:1-3; 2:7, 8.

The source of our salvation is Christ's sacrifice on the Cross. From it we are redeemed and purified, and become workers for Him.—Titus 2:11-14.

We are born again and baptized by the Holy Spirit, not by our own good works, our love, kindliness and pity toward our fellow man. Titus 3:4-6.

Through God's kindness, mercy and love, Christ's righteousness is imputed to us and we are heirs to eternal life.—Titus 3:7, 8.

MEMORY VERSE:—"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saves us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost."—Titus 3:5.

TRUE CHILD AFTER FAITH

Titus, Paul's Trusted Co-worker

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By R. H. RAMSEY

TITUS was a Greek Gentile, possibly a native of Antioch, whom Paul refers to as "my true child after the common faith." He was probably converted by Paul, as he became one of his most trusted co-workers.

He was evidently a man endowed with great strength of character, for Paul's letter to him shows none of the anxiety concerning moral character revealed in the letters to Timothy. Because Titus was not one of Paul's constant companions, but was sent by him to carry out assignments in various places, we may assume he worked somewhat independently.

At one time, Paul had given him the delicate task of correcting abuses in the Corinthian church. At the time of today's lesson, the epistle indicates Titus stayed on in Crete as Paul's deputy after the apostle left for Rome.

It would seem that the great theological truths which open the letter to Titus so dominate Paul's thinking, in prison or out, that they pour forth into every letter the apostle writes. It is evident that this particular letter was written between the two addressed to Timothy, for it not only contains a discussion of the needs of the Cretan church, but is filled with references to the life to come and the great themes that relate to eternity.

The great central theological passage of this short epistle can be found in Titus 2:11-13, four verses so rich in meaning that whole books have been written on them. Verse 11 refers to the coming of Jesus Christ, either His first coming in the Incarnation, or His second coming to judgment.

Paul's words picture Christ as a sun, obscured by the mists of sin in men's hearts, which pours itself down upon the mists and burns them away until its radiant light is spread over the face of the earth, bringing salvation through grace to all men.

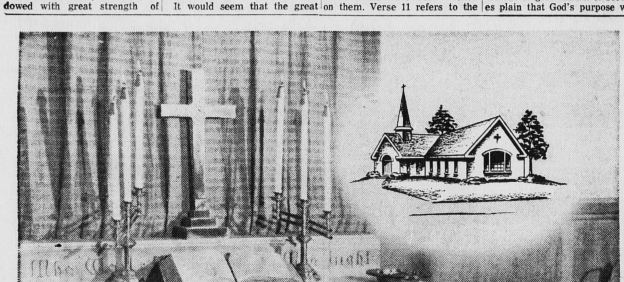
This grace of God is the teacher, or guide, in our attempts to live reverently, in conformity with His requirements, and exercising self - control in regard to worldly things and unrestrained desires. Such a life enables us to hope and look for salvation and eternal life.

The incarnate life of our Lord is again the apostle's theme as he sets forth the truth of redemption from iniquity and become zealous of good works. It becomes plain that God's purpose was not merely to save men, but to make them workers for Him. This, then, is the very heart of Christianity.

Again, in Titus 3.4-8, Paul returns to the subject of the Incarnation. The use of the phrase kindness of God means, basically, the love of man as man, humanity showing itself in kindness to equals and pity for those in trouble. He compounds this kindness of God with the love of God and the mercy of God.

According to His mercy, we, as individual souls, are saved, born again and living on a higher plane than before, through the renewal — or baptism — of the Holy Spirit which has been poured upon us so richly through Jesus Christ our Savior.

For the second time in this brief passage, Paul uses the term grace, and connects it with the concept of eternal life. We are justified by the grace of God, declared righteous — not because we are righteous but because Jesus Christ is righteous and has, by His death for us, been able to impute His righteousness to us—and thus we have forgiveness, the fruit of sovereign grace, and become heirs to God's eternal life.



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A mighty generation must learn to worship in prayer and faith and *sacrifice.* There is joy in giving to God!

Our children learn this chiefly from our example and encouragement.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
I Kings	II Kings	II Kings	Mark	II Corinthians	II Corinthians	II Corinthians
17:8-16	4:8-24	4:25-37	12:38-44	8:16-24	9:1-5	9:6-15

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Religion Needs Firm Foundation To Survive

By CARDINAL McGUIGAN

The Empire State Building towers 102 storeys above the New York Skyline— the tallest building in the world and is one of the great engineering and construction feats of all time.

Thousands of man hours of planning went into it long before the first ground was broken. When the man in charge of its construction was asked what element of the work received the most attention, he replied unhesitatedly:

"The foundation. Unless the foundation was right, the building itself could never have been put up. And if it had gone up on a faulty foundation, it would never have survived."

In our day and age, if religious faith is to survive and be of use to the individual in the storms and tempests of life, it too must stand on a solid foundation—and that foundation is nothing less than God Himself.

BACKED BY SCIENCE

Without God, religion would rest upon shifting sands and would crumble in the face of trouble or attack. One of the most important spiritual truths to establish then, is the existence of God.

Some of the most concrete evidence for God's existence is taken from the findings of modern science. While science, of course does not deal directly with this question it gives us the raw material to study, analyze and interpret.

First, we can look at the evidence drawn from the organization and operation of matter, principally the planet Earth and other heavenly bodies. One can apply the simple rule of causality: things just don't happen. They have a cause.

DIRECTION

Where there is evidence of plan, order and purpose, there is a proof of a causal agency at work— a directing intelligence.

A. Cressy Morrison, former President of the New York Academy of Sciences, in a book Man Does Not Stand Alone, presents lines of scientific evidence which demonstrate the existence of God. His first line of scientific evidence involves the calculus of probabilities. He sketches it like this:

Suppose you were to put ten pennies, marked from one to ten, in your pocket and then shuffle them. Now, try to take them out in sequence from one to ten, putting each coin back in your pocket after each draw.

Mathematically, your chance of first drawing number one is one in ten; your chance of drawing one and two in succession is one in a hundred; of drawing one, two and three in succession, one in one thousand, and so on.

Your chance of drawing all of them, from one to ten in succession, would reach the incredible figure of one chance in 10,000,000,000. This illustrates how enormously the odds multiply against chance.

NOT BY CHANNEL

By the same line of reasoning, so many precise conditions are necessary for life on earth that it is mathematically impossible for all of them to exist in proper relationship at any one time by chance.

As an example, firstly, scientists tell us the earth rotates on its axis at about 1,000 miles per hour: a variation of one second in a century would upset astronomical calculations.

If it rotated at 100 miles per hour, the days and nights would be ten times as long. The sum would burn up our vegetation each long day, while any surviving sprout would freeze in the long night.

Second, the sun, the source of all life on this planet, has a surface temperature of 12,000 degrees Fahrenheit. Our earth is far enough away so that the sun warms us just enough and not too much!

ETERNAL FIRE

If this "eternal fire" gave off only half its present radiation, we would freeze; if it gave half as much more, we would roast to death.

If the moon were 50,000 miles away, instead of its present distance of 238,000 miles, the tides would be so gigantic that all continents would be submerged twice each day. The tides would create daily hurricanes and the turmoil would crack the earth.

"So many essential conditions," concludes Dr. Morrison, "are necessary for life to exist on our earth that it is mathematically impossible that all of them could exist in proper relationship by chance on any earth at any time. Therefore, there must be in nature some form of intelligent direction."

Bible Classes On Increase

Pastor Gerald Scholz, the Ontario District Director for the "Train Two" Bible study program, reports that during 1963 The Lutheran Church— Missouri Synod, established 2,300 new Bible classes and cottage study groups. From 46,000 communicant members in Bible classes in 1962 the enrollment has grown to 283,000 in 1963.

In the "Train-Two" project, a congregation (1) makes a self-study of its potentials, (2) cultivates new interest, (3) selects and trains two lay leaders for all existing classes and for projected classes (with a five-year expansion in mind), (4) chooses courses according to the needs of the church and the interests of the people, (5) enlists people in an every- member visitation and (6) sets up new classes (weekday and Sunday, at church and in homes) to expand its outreach through life - related Bible study.

Dr Oscar E. Feucht, director of the "Train-Two" project, says: "The emphasis on group Bible study is a vital part of the church's teaching ministry. It is designed to equip God's people for their mission in every station in life and to deepen their spiritual convictions."

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday, Nov. 29: Hebrews 11: 1-39.

Monday, Nov. 30: Psalm 19: 1-14.

Tuesday, Dec. 1: James 1: 19-27.

Wednesday, Dec. 2: James 2: 14-23.

Thursday, Dec. 3: I Peter 1: 13-25.

Friday, Dec. 4: Isaiah 6:1-10

Saturday, Dec 5: Isaiah 11:1-9.

Two Burned In Flaming Car Accident

ARICHAT, N.S. (CP) — A man and woman died in a flaming car after it collided with another car Thursday on a highway near this eastern Cape Breton community. A second man is in hospital here with severe burns.

The dead were identified as John Baptiste DeCoste, 53, and Evelyn Bernice Shaw, 50, both of Arichat. In hospital is Rennie Joseph Landry, 29, of nearby Petit de Grat.

The three were travelling in a small foreign car that collided with a truck. Police said the car overturned and then exploded. Landry was believed to have been thrown clear.

Police said identification of the victims was difficult. The woman was identified only by small pieces of clothing several hours after the accident.

The driver of the truck escaped injury.

AIR CRASH KILLS FOUR

MILLVILLE, N.J. (AP) — A business executive, his two-year-old daughter and two of his household employees were killed Wednesday night when their single - engine airplane crashed at Millville municipal airport during a rainstorm. Dead were David Dows Jr., 46, of Mauricetown, a founder and director of Airwork Corporation, his daughter, Gwendoyn; Dows' gardener, Otto Kepal, about 61, and Kepal's wife, Sophie, about 58, a housekeeper.

Rebels Regain Some Ground At Stanleyville

LEOPOLDVILLE (Reuters)— A report from Stanleyville Thursday night said Congolese rebels driven out by Belgian parastroopers Wednesday counter - attacked and reoccupied part of the city Thursday.

The report, a pooled story from East African Standard reporter Ralph Hawkins, said fierce fighting was going on in the city's European sector and some fighting was also reported in one of the Negro sectors.

About 100 Negroes aided by Congolese government troops were caught in the cross-fire, the report said.

Travellers arriving in Leopoldville from Stanleyville Thursday night quoted a Belgian officer there as saying: "We don't control anything more than a square mile at the centre of the city."

KILL GUERRILLAS

KUALA LUMPUR (AP)—Malaysian government forces were reported Wednesday to have killed three Indonesian guerrillas, seriously wounded four and captured two others in Johore state, about 175 air miles south of here. The guerrillas were said to have been members of a 10-man band which landed in Malaysia in motorized sampans Nov. 6.

St. Peter's Cathedral

Rochford Square
Anglican Church of Canada
The Ven. Archdeacon J. R. Davies, M.A., Rector
The Reverend Canon E. M. Malone, M.A., D.D.
Honorary Assistant Priest
Miss Suzanne Brenton, Lic. Mus., Organist
Mrs. B. W. Patterson, Choir Director

Nov. 29—The First Sunday in Advent

8:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist
8:45 a.m.—Mattins
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School (11 a.m. infants)
11:00 a.m.—Choral Eucharist & Sermon
7:00 p.m.—Evensong & Sermon

Visitors are most welcome at all services.

St. Paul's Anglican Church

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The Rev. F. Louis Elias, L.S.I., Rector
Organist and Choir Director
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THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

8:30 a.m.—THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
9:45 a.m.—SUNDAY SCHOOL: Junior, Senior and Bible Classes.
11:00 a.m.—SUNDAY SCHOOL: Primary and Beginners Classes. (Crib Nursery in Rectory)
11.00 a.m.—MORNING PRAYER and Sermon
Subject: "CHRIST'S MESSAGE TO OUR TIMES"
Anthem: "O Come, O Come Immanuel"
by Senior and Junior Choir
7:00 p.m.—EVENING PRAYER AND SERMON
Subject: Jehovah's Witnesses say "THIS SECOND PRESENCE OF CHRIST THE MESSAIAH WAS TO BE INVISIBLE AND THE UNMISTAKABLE SIGNS HE GAVE SHOWS CONCLUSIVELY THAT THIS RETURN OF CHRIST BEGAN IN THE YEAR 1914" (Make sure of all things P. 319). IN OTHER WORDS, IS THE PRACTICE OF NUMEROLOGY PAGAN OR CHRISTIAN?
8:00 p.m.—Senior Young People's Fellowship Hour (In the Rectory)

The Salvation Army

"Home of Evangelism Since 1865"
Great George Street
55 Villa Avenue — Major Ronald H. Walker

Sunday: Directory Class—9:30 a.m.
Sunday School—10 a.m.
Holiness Meeting—11 a.m.
Salvation Meeting—7 p.m.
Friday: Young People's Hobby Class—4:15 p.m.
A WELCOME AWAITS YOU AT THE ARMY"

Zion Presbyterian Church

Corner Prince and Grafton Streets
The Rev. Donald A. Campbell, B.A. Minister
Miss Roberta Shaw, Deaconess
Mrs. Harvey MacKinnon, L.Mus., B.Mus.
Organist and Choir Director.

9:45 a.m.—The Church School. Classes for all ages.
10:00 a.m.—Bible Class. 11:00 a.m. Nursery School
11:00 a.m.—DIVINE WORSHIP
Sermon: THE VICTORY THAT DEFEATS THE WORLD
Solo: Selected
Miss Arlene MacDonald
7:00 p.m.—DIVINE WORSHIP
Sermon: YOUR LIFE, WHAT IS IT?
Anthem: Selected

VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

CALVARY TEMPLE

Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada
Upper Prince Street
Rev. C. K. Benn, Pastor

9:15 a.m.—Radio Broadcast Summerside Station
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School, Classes for All Ages
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship, L. Perry, Speaker
7:30 p.m.—Evangelistic Rally, an old fashioned service you will enjoy.

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Charlottetown Bible Chapel

235 Cumberland St., at Longworth Ave.

Service: 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Speaker: JAMES A. STAHR, B.Sc., M.Th.

The Kirk of S. James

The Reverend T. H. B. Somers, M.A., S.T.M., Minister
Organist and Director of the Choirs
Christopher Gledhill, M.A., B.Mus., A.R.C.C.O.

9:45 a.m.—Church School and Minister's Bible Class
11:00 am.—Churchtime Nursery and Nursery School
11:00 a.m.—DIVINE SERVICE AND SERMON BY THE REVEREND ROSS A. HOWARD, B.A., B.D.
Sermon: "WHEREFORE THE LAW WAS OUR SCHOOLMASTER TO BRING US UNTO CHRIST" (Galatians 3:24)
Anthem: "Worship" (Shaw)
"THE LORD IS NIGH UNTO ALL THEM THAT CALL UPON HIM; TO ALL THAT CALL UPON HIM IN TRUTH".

Central Christian Church

219 Kent Street — Charlottetown, P.E.I.

MORNING
10:00 a.m.—Bible School for all ages.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Service and Communion
Anthem: "O Saviour Hear Me" (Gluck)
Sermon: "MEN AND WOMEN OF DISTINCTION"

EVENING
7:00 p.m.—Evangelistic service
Solo: Carolyn Ling
Message: "THE SHOE THAT FITS"
Minister—Mr. William Weale
Organist—Mrs. Allison MacRae, A.R.C.M.
"Preaching the Bible unchanged and untampered."

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH

Charlottetown, P. E. I.
Ministers: Rev. John G. E. Ball, B.A.
Rev. Gerald G Wyrwas, B.A., B.D.
Organist: Mrs. G. Elliott Full, F.T.C.L.
Director: Mrs. David Hall, B.A., A.R.C.T.

9:30 a.m.—Bible Classes, Intermediate and Junior
11:00 a.m.—Primary and Kindergarten
11:00 a.m.—Seven Deadly Sins—(6) "AVARICE"
—Rev. J. G. E. Ball
Anthem: IMMORTAL INVISIBLE (Eric Thiman)
Commissioning of Visitors
2:00 p.m.—Every Person Visitation
7:00 p.m.—"BUT"—Rev. John G. E. Ball
Anthem: "God Be In My Head" (Davies)

A WELCOME AWAITS YOU AT TRINITY

SPRING PARK UNITED CHURCH

Dunkirk & Kirkwood
Rev. Clayton C. Lewis, Minister
Organist: Mrs. Ron H. Atkinson
Director: Mr. Roy M. Smallman
9:30 a.m.—Sunday Church School
11:00 a.m.—Nursery
11:00 a.m.—"IN THE BEGINNING"
Jr. Choir: "O How I Love Jesus"
"A Welcome Awaits You"

You Are Always Welcome at Spring Park

First Baptist Church

Corner of Prince and Fitzroy Streets
Rev. Malcolm F. Harlow, B.A., B.D., Minister
Mrs. V. L. Dingwell, Organist and Choir Director
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages
11:00 a.m.—"ACADIA UNIVERSITY CHAPEL CHOIR" under the direction of Professor Leonard Mayoh.
Student Preacher: Henry Sharam.
7:00 p.m.—Sermon: "NAMED BY GOD"
Duet: "An Evening Prayer"
Linda and Lorraine Archer
7:30 p.m.— Wednesday mid-week service

A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

PARK ROYAL UNITED CHURCH

13 Christie Drive, Parkdale
Rev. J. H. Tye, B.A., B.D., Minister
Mr. Leslie Hiscott,
Organist and Director of Choirs
9:45 a.m.—Young Adult Bible Class
9:45 a.m.—Junior, Intermediate & Senior Church School
11:00 a.m.—Nursery & Kindergarten Classes
11:00 a.m.—DIVINE WORSHIP
Sermon: HOLLOW EYES AND SUNKEN CHEEKS
Solo: "One Sweetly Solemn Thought"
—R. S. Ambrose (Miss June Foster)
Sacrament of Baptism
11:15 a.m.—Primary Church School
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship
Sermon: "OUR RETURN TO DUST"
Anthem: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"
—J. S. Bach
(Intermediate Girls Choir)
You Are Welcome To Worship With Us.