



After Paul had been blinded by his vision of Christ on the road to Damascus, the Lord sent a man named Ananias to lay his hands on the former Christian-persecutor and welcome him to the faith. Scilles fled from his eyes and he began to preach Christ.—Acts 10:10-22.

MEMORY VERSE:—"For not he that commendeth himself is approved, but whom the Lord commendeth."—Corinthians 10:18.

HARDSHIPS ENDURED

Paul Represented As Traitor

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By N. SPEER JONES

Paul's first letter to the Corinthians concerned chiefly the problems that church was hav-

ing, regarding such things as quarreling among themselves and sinning on the part of their members. His second letter is primarily a defense of himself against false charges leveled by other would-be leaders. Paul had to defend himself or see his great work go to nothing.

Since these detractors brought letters of commendation (3:1), they were apparently outsiders. They apparently

represented Paul as being changeable and a traitor to his faith and country (11:2). They were also apparently mercenary (11:7), and claimed to have superior authority (11:5).

In Chapter 10-9-6 we have a finely drawn analogy comparing Christian work with warfare; it points out the defiant nature of the ungodly, not even wishing to know God.

Paul's point in the next verse

is to remind them that he is the one who has taught them about Christianity; without his teaching, they would have no way of judging a Christian.

In verse 10 the accusation of Paul's weak bodily presence refers primarily to moral weakness in person, not necessarily physical weakness. It could hardly be said that one who endured as many hardships as did Paul was physically weak.

In 12:7-10, we do find evidence of some sort of bodily weakness in the famous "thorn in the flesh" passage. What this was, we are not sure, although it is probably the same ailment referred to in Galatians 4:13-15.

The criticism, in 10:10 and

11:6, of Paul's speech means that it was unadorned. Eloquence was an important factor in most Greeks, as Socrates pointed out long ago. Paul was not a rhetorician, nor did he aim to be; he was not interested in charming the ear, but in reaching the heart.

In the rest of the chapter, Paul maintains that he certainly does not seek the credit which is due to other men for their apostolic labors.

The first part of the 11th chapter is a discussion of the character of Paul's ministry. From 11:10 to 12:10, he presents us with one of the most unusual biographical passages in the Bible. The background for this passage assigned from Acts 27, relating the beginning of Paul's ministry, and the hardships he encountered almost immediately. Some of his later hardships are enumerated here.

The reference to "40 stripes save one" may indicate the fact that the Mishna prescribed that one below the number mentioned was to be given, in case an error should render an excessive beating. Also, the scourging usually had three cords, making necessary to inflict stripes in multiples of three.

Being beaten with rods (11:23) was such a severe punishment that often a doctor was called upon to examine a victim prior to the beating to see if he might survive it. (See Acts 16:22, 23). The stoning took place at Lystra (Acts 14:19). Since this letter was written before the shipwreck of Acts 27, Paul was apparently shipwrecked at least three other times.

The danger of river crossings (21) was a very real one on those days, as it is even now in remote areas.

In the first part of Chapter 12, Paul mentions something never referred to elsewhere in the New Testament—his being given a glimpse of paradise. The lesson being carried away from Rome is a picture of a Catholic church in transition, a church struggling with new ideas and concepts, a church attempting to keep with the times.

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him. He also mentions special revelations given him, including an experience in which he was caught up into paradise for a glimpse of heaven itself. This he declares emphatically the apostolic authority given him.—I Corinthians 12:1-6.



A HARVEST OF FAITH

Plant a crop in deep, rich soil and you plant a crop that will flourish. Something gives it life. Sun and rain, yes, and certainly rich, abundant soil . . . and yet, something more, something that gives it the ability to seek and use strength.

Someone gives US life . . . nourishing food, warm comfortable shelter, these help certainly. But still . . . something else. Our souls reach far below the surface of everyday existence to find our deeper faith in God's wisdom and power.

We place ourselves at His mercy. We seek Him often in prayer and worship, and "times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord."

Having found this fountain of faith, like the harvest, we point ever heavenward to share with others our discovery.

THE CHURCH FOR ALL • ALL FOR THE CHURCH

The Church is the greatest factor on earth for the building of character and good citizenship. It is a storehouse of spiritual values. Without a strong Church, neither democracy nor civilization can survive. There are four sound reasons why every person should attend services regularly and read your Bible daily.

1. For the sake of his community and nation. 2. For the sake of his children's sake. 3. For the sake of his own soul. 4. For the sake of the Church itself, which needs his moral and material support. Plan to go to church regularly and read your Bible daily.

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Sunday Leviticus 26:3-13	Monday Psalm 107:33-38	Tuesday Isaiah 51:12-16	Wednesday Jeremiah 31:10-14	Thursday Ephesians 12:1-13	Friday Ephesians 3:14-21	Saturday Hebrews 6:1-8
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Fear of God is a Contact with God

By CARDINAL McGUIGAN  
How often these days does one hear groans, rather than delightful cries of anticipation at the mention of the close Christmas? Most children still look forward with excitement to the event of the Nativity of Our Lord. But adults are likely to say indulgently, "Of course, Christmas is the child's Christmas."

This is all very human. The world has grown old and its inhabitants are likely to feel the same unless they have the secret of eternal youth. But it is very lovely! Only most of us have mislaid the information—or at least the instructions for making it work.

The source of all energy and all enthusiasm which we associate with youth, is not only within us, but is within us. There is a difference when we are told God is "with us," we may easily imagine a sort of "spark" of God's life being given to every soul.

By his special grace God is active in the hearts of all living in the Christian soul. And it is this divine spark, secret as it is, that should be the part of celebration of the Feast of Christmas.

The church gives us the inspiration of the great feast to help us make this contact with God within us.

It is not that we celebrate the same events year after year? It is just to remind ourselves of them? Or that there is some real signpost not immerse ourselves in them at the expense of eternal things? The would be of no use to either body or soul in the end.

So we ask God, "Prepare my soul as you prepared Christ for us long ago."

Most Rev. Malcolm A. MacIntosh, Bishop of Charlottev. Each year Bishop MacIntosh yesterday announced that the beginning of the first Sunday in Lent, the administration of the sacraments in Roman Catholic churches in the Charlottev. Diocese will be in English.

The Bishop arrived home Tuesday evening after 11 weeks at the Ecumenical Council in Rome.

The changes decided upon by the Council will be put into effect, Bishop MacIntosh said.

"Everything pertaining to liturgy will be put into effect. The Council resumes in September, 1964, will be the role of the layman in the church."

Bishop MacIntosh said he felt the Council had been highly successful. It was better organized and more smoothly run than the one in 1962. The bishops, and the clergyman had felt "much more at home" here.

Some 2,300 delegates attended the conference. These included observers from other faiths.

Bishop MacIntosh told of one panel discussion with some of these observers.

"There was the most friendly atmosphere you could imagine," he said.

The Bishop reported that a major topic of discussion during the conference was the role of the layman in the church.

Changes in Liturgy Announced by Bishop

MONTEREAL (CP)—A centre where clerics and laymen of all religions can discuss Christianity has been opened here.

Sponsored by Paul-Emile Cardinal Leger, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Montreal, the office on downtown Drummond Street is directed by Rev. Rene Beaubien, a Jesuit priest.

It will provide courses on Christianity in both French and English. The introductory course on ecumenism is offered, and the centre is sponsoring study of holy scripture by Protestant ministers and Orthodox and Catholic priests.

Scripture Text Greeting Cards for Every Occasion

Open Centre For Laymen

Observers Get New Image of RC Church

By GERALD MILLER  
VATICAN CITY (AP)—Non-Roman Catholic observers at the Vatican ecumenical council have departed from Rome with a new image of the 2,000-year-old Roman Catholic Church.

When the council went into recess Wednesday these observers carried away from Rome a picture of a Catholic church in transition, a church struggling with new ideas and concepts, a church attempting to keep with the times.

Most of that council, in its first two sessions, has wrought a more specific, far-reaching change in the light of 2,300 prelates meeting in St. Peter's Basilica here in fact, has worked on only two of the 16 schemata, or topics, before

But in the two months of the current session now drawing to a close the council has created a profound and positive impression on the 68 observers.

Dr. Albert C. Outler, theology professor at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas, and world Methodist council representative at the council, sums it up by saying:

"SOMETHING WONDERFUL" —"Something strange and wonderful is happening to the Catholic church."

That something is clearly the spirit of willingness to change which has emerged at the council despite the inevitable conflicts between progressive prelates who want to press forward rapidly and conservatives who want to take it slowly.

No one following the council has missed the coming of a world-wide gathering of cardinals, archbishops, bishops and patriarchs.

But even the fact that the church allows this difference to be displayed to all the world strengthens the conclusion that profound changes are in the making.

The late Pope John XXIII, who called the council in October, 1962, said he wanted to let fresh air into the church for the majority of council observers he has succeeded.

Rev. Dr. Douglas Horton, a former dean of Harvard divinity school and a leading American Protestant serving as an observer, concludes:

"DANGER IS PAST"

"The danger is past for our generation of the Roman Cath-

First Baptist Church  
Corner of Prince and Fitzroy Streets  
Rev. Malcolm F. Harlow, B.A., B.D., Minister  
Mrs. V. L. Dignwell, Organist and Choir Director  
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School

11:00 a.m.—"JUST BEFORE THE DAWN"  
Anthem: "The Lord's My Shepherd"

7:00 p.m.—"THE MAN WHO WAS NOT"  
Choir from the Protestant Children's Home will sing.

Charlottev. Bible Chapel  
253 Cumberland St. at Longworth Ave.

11:00 a.m.—"STUDIES IN GENESIS"  
7:30 p.m.—"THE TRIFLE IN THE NIGHT"  
Speaker: JAMES A. STAIR, B.S., M.Th.

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

December 8—The Second Sunday in Advent  
3:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist  
8:45 a.m.—Matins  
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School  
11:00 a.m.—Choral Eucharist  
Address by Mr. H. E. Crosby, Anglican Congress  
7:00 p.m.—Evening and Sermon

Visitors are most welcome at all services.

St. Paul's Anglican Church  
Established 1769 by Royal Foundation  
The Rev. F. Louis Elias, L.S.T., Rector  
Organist and Choir Director:  
George A. Thompson, F.R.C.O. (CHM) A.R.C.M.  
Second Sunday in Advent

8:30 a.m.—HOLY COMMUNION  
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School, Junior, Senior and Bible Classes  
11:00 a.m.—Sunday School, Primary and Beginners Classes.  
11:00 a.m.—Chry. Nurture  
11:00 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Sermon (Youth Sunday)  
Subject: WHO SAYS SO?  
Choir: Anthem: "Carol of the Advent"  
6:30 p.m.—Hymn Singing  
7:00 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon.  
Subject: "THE INFORMER AND REFORMER"

Attended Church this Sunday.  
CHURCH GOING FAMILIES ARE HAPPIER FAMILIES.

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH  
Charlottev. P. E. I.  
Ministers: Rev. J. G. E. Ball, B.A., Rector  
Rev. G. G. Wyrwa, B.A., B.D., Organist and Choir Director  
Organist & Director of Choirs: Royston F. Mugford, A.R.C.O.

9:30 a.m.—Senior, Intermediate and Junior Church School  
11:00 a.m.—Primary, Kindergarten and Nursery  
11:00 a.m.—"THE WORLD OF GOD"  
(Rev. Gerald G. Wyrwa)  
Anthem: "Seek Ye The Lord"  
(Dr. J. V. Roberts)  
Soloist: Mrs. David Cox  
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM  
(Rev. Clayton G. Lewis) (Rev. J. G. E. Ball)  
7:00 p.m.—"THE OTHER MAN" (Rev. J. G. E. Ball)  
"A WELCOME AWAITS YOU AT TRINITY AND SPRING PARK"

SPRING PARK UNITED CHURCH  
(Cor. Kirkwood Drive and Danforth Street)  
CHURCH SCHOOL

9:30 a.m.—Primary, Junior and Intermediate Church School  
11:00 a.m.—Nursery in Sunday School Room  
11:00 a.m.—"THE OTHER MAN" (Rev. Clayton C. Lewis)  
Congregational Sing-Song  
Organist: Mrs. Ros. H. Atkinson

Zion Presbyterian Church  
Corner Prince and Grafton Streets  
The Rev. Donald A. Campbell, B.A., Minister  
Miss Roberta Shaw, Deaconess  
Mrs. Madelyn MacIntosh, Mus., B.Mus.  
Organist and Choir Director  
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School—Classes for all ages.  
10:00 a.m.—Bible Class 11:00 a.m.—Nursery School  
11:00 a.m.—DIVINE WORSHIP  
Sermon: TWO KINDS OF PEACE  
Solo: Miss Alana Robertson  
Cadle: All Lowly-C. Gounod  
Miss Faye Rogerson  
2:30 p.m.—Service of Prayer, Calvin Church, Mermal  
7:00 p.m.—DIVINE WORSHIP  
Sermon: THE TOWER AND THE STABLE  
Anthem: Christmas Song—H. H. Redcliffe  
A CORDIAL WELCOME TO ALL

The Salvation Army  
"Home of Evangelism Since 1865"  
Great Guelph 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"

CALVARY TEMPLE  
Penitential Assemblies of Canada  
Upper Fitzroy Street  
Rev. C. K. Brennan, Pastor

9:15 a.m.—Fellowship Hour, Sunnyside Radio  
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School, A Class for you  
11:00 a.m.—Morning Prayer, Pastor Speaking  
7:30 p.m.—Evangelistic Service

ATTEND CHARLOTTETOWN'S FULL GOSPEL CHURCH

The Kirk of St. James  
The Reverend T. H. B. Somers, M.A., B.T.M., Minister  
Organist and Director of the Choirs  
Christopher Gledhill, M.A., B.Mus.

9:45 a.m.—Church School  
11:00 a.m.—"MORNING WORSHIP AND SERMON:  
"ON COMMUNION ALONG WITH DIFFICULT PEOPLE" (Colossians 3:13)  
Anthem: "Lo! He Comes With Clouds Descending"—Helmsey  
7:00 p.m.—EVENING WORSHIP AND SEMINAR:  
"ADVENT—AND THE THRONE OF CHRIST'S GLORY" (S. Matthew 25:31)  
Solo: Mrs. Gordon S. Stewart

"FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM, AND THE POWER, AND THE GLORY."

Central Christian Church  
219 Kent Street Charlottev., P.E.I.

Morning  
10:00 a.m.—Bible School for the whole family  
11:00 a.m.—Lord's Supper and Morning Message  
"WHY HE CAME"  
Special—Protestant Children's Home Choir

EVENING  
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship Service  
Message: "THE CHANGELESS FOR THE CHANGING"  
Minister—Mr. William O. Weale  
Organist—Mrs. Allison MacRae, A.R.C.M.  
YOU ARE WELCOME TO WORSHIP WITH US

PARK ROYAL UNITED CHURCH  
15 Christie Drive, Parkdale  
Rev. J. H. Tye, B.A., B.D., Minister  
Mr. Leslie Hicott,  
Organist and Director of Choirs

9:45 a.m.—Young Adult Bible Study  
9:45 a.m.—Junior, Intermediate, Senior Church School  
11:00 a.m.—Sunday School, Primary and Beginners Classes  
11:00 a.m.—DIVINE WORSHIP  
Sermon: "HE'LL ALWAYS SAY 'I FORGIVE'"  
Anthem: "The Shepherds Had An Angel"  
"O Come Little Children"  
"Junior Girls' Choir"

11:15—Primary Church School  
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship  
Sermon: "LIVING OUT OUR DEMONS"  
Anthem: "Let the World in Excess Corner Sing"—Robertson  
Offertory: "O Come O Come Immanuel"  
—Eighteenth Century  
You Are Welcome To Worship With Us