

The Household of God

ILLUSTRATED SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By Alfred J. Buscher

Scripture—Acts 10:22-35; Ephesians 2:11-22; 4:11-16.



Desiring to become a Christian, Cornelius, a Roman centurion, is told by an angel to send for Peter. Peter arrives to find Cornelius has gathered his friends and relatives to hear him speak—Acts 10:22-35.

In God's eyes, unbelieving Gentiles were separated from the God-fearing Jews. Through Christ's sacrifice, they gain access to God and become equal members of God's family—Ephesians 2:11-22.

Paul beseeches his Ephesian converts to be worthy of Christ; reminding them of their "oldness," saved by the One Lord, having one baptism, serving one faith in one Church ruled by one Spirit—Ephesians 4:11-16.

As fellow-members of that body of which Christ alone is the head, every believer must observe his duties to fellow-Christians—Ephesians 4:17-16.

MEMORY VERSE—"Now therefore ye are no more strangers and hold of God."—Ephesians 2:19.

WORLDWIDE FELLOWSHIP

Christians On Equal Plane

(Editor's Note:—The following material relating to tomorrow's Sunday School lesson is based on copyrighted outlines prepared by the Division of Christian Education, National Council of Churches in the U.S. and is used by permission.)

By R.H. RAMSEY One of the glorious facts of Christian doctrine is that in the body of Christ there is worldwide fellowship, with every Christian standing on an equal plane spiritually. Throughout the book of Acts we find incident after incident bearing this out. One such incident has been incorporated into our lesson today.

Some ten years after the Ascension of our Lord, the Apostle Peter had a transforming experience through a vision. God informed him of the dawning of an age in which the Church would make no distinction between Jew and Gentile, counting them as one through the Spirit of Christ. At the same time, Cornelius, a Roman centurion and Gentile, was told by an angel to send for Peter, who would instruct him in becoming a Christian. Cornelius did so and, while waiting for Peter's arrival, invited a group of his friends and kinsmen to be present when Peter arrived. It is obvious that Cornelius fully expected Peter to answer his summons; and equally obvious that the small congregation he assembled to hear Peter were men of a like mind with Cornelius in the desire to become Christians.

Cornelius reveals the vision which impelled his sending for Peter, and the apostle's first words sweep away the prejudices of centuries. (vv. 24, 25) Peter perceives that men like Cornelius and his little company are, in God's sight, eligible to hear the Gospel and to enter the kingdom of God. Through the centurion and his friends were not yet actually in a state of salvation, they were earnest seekers after it. Therefore Peter proceeded to offer them the Gospel and the forgiveness of sins in Christ. In the opening verses of the Ephesians assigned to this lesson, we find Paul describing the heart-rending condition of men who are outside of Christ. He then proceeds to emphasize the fact, that as unbelievers, they were separated from the God-fearing people of Israel and could not partake of the promise to Israel. But when they receive Christ, they become members of God's family on spiritually equal footing with the Jews, because of their acceptance of Christ's sacrifice for them. On the Cross, Christ atoned for the sins of all men, both Jew and Gentile, and through Him, the ancient enmity between them was abolished in the eyes of God; gained access to God through the same Spirit, and both are now fellow-citizens in the household of God. In Ephesians 4:11-16, Paul first beseeches his Ephesian converts to walk worthy of the high calling they share in Christ, mentioning four Christian virtues within the realm of humility and patience with others, urging them most carefully to "keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." He reminds them that this unity is already established by one body, ruled by one Spirit. They have been saved by one Lord, in the same act of faith and similarly baptized. They are never to forget this "oneness."

In spite of these basic factors binding them together, God has given to the Church men with different gifts. The purpose of these gifts is assigned by the Lord, Himself (v. 12). But as members of the body of the faithful, every believer is charged with the duty of personal service to his fellow-believers and to his fellow men, and has some part in building up the fabric of Christian society. The ultimate destiny of the faithful is being built up into the body of Christ in that they may become believers "even unto the stature of the fullness of Christ," so they will not be swayed by false doctrines or by crafty deceivers within the church itself. All this terminates in the reaffirmation of the Headship of Christ, uniting Christians to one another in a body of which Christ, alone, is the Head.

Free as a Bird. No worries, no responsibilities! A lot of us would gladly trade places with Wendy, just to share that wonderful "joy of living" that children feel so often, and adults experience so rarely. "But what is there to be happy about?" you may be thinking, "Maybe Wendy has no worries, but I certainly have!" Perhaps we forget that this world is in God's hands... and that, with God, nothing is impossible. We wear ourselves out seeking human solutions to our problems, when Divine help is always available if we will only ask. Try it. Try bringing your worries and doubts to God this Sunday in your neighborhood Church. Hear God's promise of guidance and comfort for all who will give their lives to him in childlike trust. And let the Holy Spirit fill your troubled heart with lasting joy.

Christian Church Is Criticized



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 sound reasons why every person should attend services regularly and support the church. They are: (1) For his own sake. (2) For his children's sake. (3) For the sake of his community and nation. (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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Reforming of Mothers is Man's Temptation

By CARDINAL McGUIGAN The great temptation of modern man is to think he can reform other people. Everywhere that the world is in a bad way, that its values are wrong and need to be set right. The institutional framework in which we live our lives—the Government, the Church, etc.—needs to be reconstructed. What we tend to forget is that we do not have direct access to other people—the only person we can touch directly is ourselves. It is our own attitude, the fact of the matter is that the reform of the world begins with us.

If we are going to make ourselves into the kind of person we want to be, we must first of all have an ideal, a picture to hold up before ourselves as a mirror. For a Christian, there need be no long search for a model: God has put before our ideal—it is His own Son, Jesus Christ.

FATHER HAYLEY Former Islander Ordained Priest On June 6, at St. Joseph's Cathedral in Edmonton, the Sacrament of Holy Orders was conferred by Most Rev. Anthony Jordan, OMI, DD, on Father Francis Hayley of Edmonton, and a former resident of Southport, P.E.I. In the congregation were hundreds of relatives and friends of the new priest, as well as priests and altar boys from all parts of the Archdiocese.

On the following day, the newly ordained priest sang his first Solemn High Mass at St. Anthony's Church, his three brothers being servers. The following evening, a parish reception in his honor, was held in St. Carmel auditorium.

Receiving with Father Hayley were Mrs. Francis O'Hara, president of the CWI, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hayley. Monsignor C. J. Foran presented Fr. Hayley with a beautiful chalice on behalf of the parish. He responded with thanks to the parish, the CWI, and relatives and friends for the many gifts and good wishes which were given him.

Out of town guests who attended the ordination and reception were Father Hayley's grandmother Mrs. J. Curley of Southport and his aunt, Mrs. Urban McQuaid also of Southport and his great aunt, Miss Katherine Hayley of Montreal.

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, King's Men

THE CLOSING SERVICES WITH THE KING'S MEN OF ONTARIO, HEAR THIS TRIO SING AND PREACH. SERVICES: 11 a.m.—7:30 p.m. ATTEND CHARLOTTETOWN'S FULL GOSPEL CHURCH

The Kirk of St. James The Reverend T. B. Somers, M.A., S.T.M., Minister Organist and Director of the Choirs Christopher Gledhill, M.A., B.Mus. 11:00 a.m.—DIVINE SERVICE AND SERMON: "NOT TO THINK OF HIMSELF MORE HIGHLY THAN HE OUGHT TO THINK" (Romans XII, 3) (S. S. Wesley)

The Kirk is Open Daily—Enter, Rest, and Pray "Grace be to you, and peace, from God, our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ." Charlottetown Bible Chapel 235 Cumberland St. at Langworth Ave. 11:00 a.m.—Bible Hour and Sunday School 8:00 p.m.—KEN ROBBINS and the New Brunswick Bible Institute Girls Trio.

Zion Presbyterian Church Corner Prince and Charlottetown Streets The Rev. Donald A. Campbell, B.A., Minister Mrs. Harvey MacKinnon, J. Mus., M.M.S. Organist and Choir Director 9:45 a.m.—Sunday School, Classes for all ages. 11:00 a.m.—Worship Service. 11:00 a.m.—DIVINE WORSHIP. Sermon: THE REWARDS OF A RIGHT DEPENDENCE. Solo: Selected.

St. Peter's Cathedral Rochford Square Anglican Church of Canada The Ven. Archdeacon J. R. Davies, M.A., Rector The Reverend Canon E. M. Mainstone, M.A., D.D. Rectorary Assistant, Priest Miss Suzanne Brenon, Lic. Mus., Organist Mrs. B. W. Patterson, Choir Director June 28—Trinity Y. octave of St. John Baptist 8:45 a.m.—Holy Eucharist 8:45 a.m.—Matins (11 a.m. Infants class) 11:00 a.m.—Choral Eucharist and Sermon 7:00 p.m.—Evangelism and Sermon. Visitors are most welcome at all services.

St. Paul's Anglican Church Established 1769 by Royal Foundation The Rev. P. Louis Elias, L.S.T., Rector Organist and Choir Director George A. Thompson, F.R.C.O. (CEM) A.R.C.M. A FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 8:30 a.m.—HOLY COMMUNION 11:00 a.m.—MORNING PRAYER & SERMON Anthem: "Turn Thy Face From My Sins" Subject: "STRENGTH THROUGH FAILURES" (A sermon on the Apostle St. Peter) 7:00 p.m.—Hymn Sing 7:30 p.m.—EVENING PRAYER & Sermon. Subject: "ONCE YOU INVITE JESUS... YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND OUR SERVICES"

The Salvation Army "Home of Evangelism Since 1858" Great George Street 55 Villa Avenue Major Ronald H. Walker Sunday: Directory Class—9:30 a.m. Sunday School—10 a.m. Holiness Meetings—10:30 a.m. Salvation Meeting—7 p.m. Friday: Young People's Holy Class—4:15 p.m. A WELCOME AWAITS YOU AT THE ARMY!

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH Charlottetown, P. E. I. Ministers: Rev. J. G. E. Ball, B.A. Rev. G. G. Wyman, B.A., B.D. Rev. Clayton C. Lewis Organist & Director of Choirs: Royston F. Mugford, A.R.C.O. 11:00 a.m.—Nursery in Social Hall 11:00 a.m.—Holy Communion Sermon: "DON'T TOUCH ME" (Rev. J. G. E. Ball) Anthem: "O Taste And See"—Sir John Goss 7:00 p.m.—"I, IF I BE LIFTED UP" (Rev. Clayton C. Lewis)

SPRING PARK UNITED CHURCH (Cor. Kirkwood Drive and Dunkirk Street) 11:00 a.m.—Nursery HOLY COMMUNION 11:00 a.m.—"FRIEND, WHEREFORE ART THOU COME?" Rev. Clayton C. Lewis Solo: Miss Arlene Macdonald Organist: Mrs. Ron Atkinson

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. Extended session for pre-school children. 11:00 a.m.—"STRENGTH OF A CHRISTIAN" Anthem: "Lead Me Lord" (Broadcast Copy) 7:30 p.m.—"THE MAN WHO WENT TO HELL" Solo: "Spirit of His" Mrs. Douglas McKenney Wednesday 7:30—Mid Week Service—Prayer and Bible Study A WARM WELCOME AWAITS YOU

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 Worship and Communion Junior Church up to six years of age. Theme: "DELIVERANCE AND PRESERVATION" EVENING 7:30 p.m.—Evangelistic Service Message: "THE SECOND COMING" Minister—Mr. William O. Weale Organist—Mrs. Allison MacRae, A.R.C.M. A warm welcome awaits you.

Park Royal United Church 13 Christie Drive, Parkdale Rev. J. H. Byrd, B.A., B.D., Minister Mr. Leslie Biscott, Organist and Director of Choirs 11:00 a.m.—Kindergarten and Primary child care in hall 11:00 a.m.—DIVINE WORSHIP Sermon: WEREK OF PRAYER Solo: "Spirit of God"—Neidinger (Mrs. Douglas McKenney) Sacrament of Holy Communion You Are Welcome To Worship With Us

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