



As the number of Christian converts from the Gentiles grew, certain other Christians converted from Pharisee groups of Jews insisted that the Gentiles conform to Mosaic law. A council was held in Jerusalem to decide the question for all the churches.—Acts 15:1-6.

The council decreed that the Gentiles would not have to be circumcised, but only keep certain moral laws, including chastity. Not the law, but grace was important. They chose a Hebrew and a Hellenist to carry the decree back to Antioch.—Acts 15:19-34.

The pillars of the church at Jerusalem recognized the apostolic authority of Paul, former Pharisee persecutor of Christians who received the Gospel not from men, but from God, through revelation of Christ. He taught some time before knowing the others.—Galatians 1:11-12.

That Paul was true to his ministry and true to the doctrine of grace was illustrated when he met the great apostle Peter in public, because Peter, swayed by the Pharisees, did not associate with the Gentiles.—Galatians 2:11-14.

MEMORY VERSE: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: I preach it to the Jew first, and also to the Greek."—Romans 1:16.

POLICY OF UNITY

Paul Preaches Salvation

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By N. SPEER JONES  
The title of this week's lesson is clarified for us when we understand that it is Paul, in this

case, who is entrusted with the Gospel, and that the doctrine he preaches is salvation by the grace of Christ, not by law or good works.

The selection from Acts records a very important episode in Christian history—a council held in Jerusalem in 50 A.D., where the leading representatives of many of the Christians in churches met to debate matters arising from the conversion of the

that it was the grace of Christ which saved, not ritual or law. Then James, brother of Christ, spoke; his words carried great weight with the Pharisees, and both Jews and Christians called him James the Just. He refers to Peter by his Hebrew name, Simon or Symeon.

The upshot of the conference was that Gentiles were not required to be circumcised, but only to abstain from certain things, including unchastity. The latter is mentioned specifically, because the Jewish parties, against it was extremely strict, whereas among the pagans (Gentiles), unchastity was often a part of even the temple rites. To carry the decree to Antioch, the council sent one Jew, Judas

Barabbas, and one who was apparently a Hellenist, a Roman citizen (16:37) with a Latin name—Sivamus, which is the more formal form of Silas.

Present at this Jerusalem Council was Paul, who seven years later wrote his letter to the Galatians. It generally thought that this is the occasion described in 2:1-10, although some scholars feel that he describes here a different visit to Jerusalem.

"Galatians" was an abbreviated form of the word "Galatia," or Greek Gaul. It was an area in central Asia Minor, wild country with difficult terrain and little civilization, the people characterized as "barbarians." The council sent one Jew, Judas Barabbas, and one who was apparently a Hellenist, a Roman citizen (16:37) with a Latin name—Sivamus, which is the more formal form of Silas.



LISTEN!  
the story  
of...

CHRISTMAS

It's an old family custom. I hang up my stockings for Santa to fill. Then everyone has to be very quiet, while Daddy reads the Christmas Story from our big family Bible... about the Shepherds... how they watched... and listened. That's why they knew Jesus had come: because they listened!

Again today, Christmas brings good tidings... of peace on earth... good will toward men. Church bells ring... children sing carols... the Story of Bethlehem is told again.

It means joy to the world: if we listen!

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Sunday Isaiah 92:3-10	Monday Isaiah 66:7-14	Tuesday Jeremiah 23:1-8	Wednesday Micah 6:2-9	Thursday Zechariah 9:7-17	Friday Matthew 2:1-12	Saturday Luke 2:8-20
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Death of a Martyr  
Is Brought to Mind

By CARDINAL McGUIGAN  
In the last few weeks we have witnessed the deaths of two great public servants—Mayor Denis O'Rourke and Senator John Kennedy. At times like these many people begin considering the subjects of death and eternity. Many begin to ask themselves "Am I ready for it?"

To understand a little about death we must go back to the death of Christ when He said "Father, Into Thy Hands I commend My Spirit." To how many martyred lives have these words brought release since Christ first consecrated them? To how many have these words brought repose as saintly men and women have pronounced them in the office of the Church Into Thy Hands, Oh Lord, I commend my spirit.

Christ's last cry "with a loud voice" was not the cry of one dying; it moved the commander of the soldiers that, insensible as they were, he must have been, he became frightened by the enormity of what he had done. He cried out: "This man was the Son of God!"

Yet on the threshold of eternity, Christ retained the simplicity of a child. His very last words were words that a child might have used: They were the words of a prayer which 30 years before in Nazareth He had prayed for Himself: "My Father, I commend My Spirit to Thee." Impressive as is the simplicity of Christ's death when He concentrated His attention upon Himself, it is entirely consistent with the general tenor of His life and this is the first teaching of the last words for us.

Granting the exception and tremendous changes that may occur in the spiritual disposition of a man about to die (changes due to utter and genuine last minute graces granted by God, as in the case of the good thief)

of both the American government and the UN before it could use its atomic arms. The same would apply to any other atomic power.

Advance Seen Toward Human Brotherhood

OSLO, Norway (CP-Reuters)—John A. Macaulay of Winipeg delivered a Nobel lecture at Oslo University here Wednesday and said there was some evidence that within another 30 years great progress toward human brotherhood might be made.

Macaulay is chairman of the League of World Societies which Tuesday shared the 1963 Nobel Peace Prize with the International Red Cross Committee.

"The curtain is lifting," said Macaulay, "and we can have triumph or tragedy for we are the playwrights, the actors and the audience."  
"Let us book our seats for triumph. The world is sickened of tragedy."  
Macaulay praised the factors working for progress toward human brotherhood and away from the practices of hate and deception.

Prof. Linus Pauling, who received the 1962 Nobel Peace Prize Tuesday, called at an earlier Nobel award ceremony to urge approval of his international system to permit the use of nuclear weapons stockpiles only with approval of the national government involved and the United Nations.

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First Baptist Church

Corner of Prince and Filizoy Streets  
Rev. Malcolm F. Hays, R.D., Minister  
Mrs. W. L. Dingwell, Organist and Choir Director  
9:45 a.m.—SUNDAY SCHOOL  
11:00 a.m.—"ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS"  
Antiphon: "Behold, I Bring You Good Tidings" (Sir John Gos)

7:00 p.m.—"CHRISTMAS PRELUDE"  
Candlelight Service

Zion Presbyterian Church

Corner Prince and Grafton Streets  
The Rev. Donald A. Campbell, R.A., Minister  
Miss Roberta Shaw, Deaconess  
Mrs. Madelyn Mackinnon, L.M.S., B.Mus.  
Organist and Choir Director  
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School—Classes of all ages.  
11:00 a.m.—DIVINE WORSHIP  
Antiphon: Who Will Come To Bethlehem?  
—Old Song Choir  
7:00 p.m.—CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE  
—Junior, Intermediate and Senior Choirs participating.  
Carols by Junior and Intermediate Choirs  
"The Babe of Bethlehem"—Bernard Hamblin by Senior Choir  
Congregational Carol Singing.  
A CORDIAL WELCOME TO ALL

Sermons On Mary Urged By Church

TORONTO (CP)—The United Church's official publication, Observer, recommends that its current edition that Protestant ministers preach some sermons this Christmas on Mary, mother of Christ.  
"We expect that a Roman Catholic priest Protestant have been neglected of the name of our Lord," the paper says in an editorial.  
Protestants, the paper adds, are asking Catholics "to face up to matters of religious liberty, mixed marriages and a few other things."

his life just as he would like at God, hereafter as here he favorite book, turn down the law. He will arrive already part light, and climb the stairs. of heaven with heaven already He will be perfectly at home part of him.

St. Paul's Anglican Church

Established 1763 by Royal Foundation  
The Rev. F. Louis Elias, L.S.T., Rector  
Organist and Choir Director:  
George A. Thompson, F.R.C.O. (GRM) A.R.C.M.  
Third Sunday in Advent  
8:30 a.m.—HOLY COMMUNION  
11:00 a.m.—White Gift Sunday (SUNDAY SCHOOL IN ATTENDANCE)  
11:00 a.m.—Order of Service for young people.  
Subject: "SPIRIT OF GIVING"  
Antiphon: "Junior Choir, 'There is a Name Most Sweet on Earth.'  
6:30 p.m.—Hymn Sing  
7:00 p.m.—Evensong Prayers and Sermon  
Subject: "JESUS CONDEMNED THE PHARISEES, BUT THE PROSTITUTE REVERED HER, WHY?"  
Attend Church this Sunday.

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH

Charlottetown, P. E. I.  
Ministers: Rev. J. G. E. Ball, R.A., Rev. G. G. Wyrras, B.A., B.D., Rev. Clayton C. Lewis, Rev. J. G. E. Ball  
Organist & Director: Choir: Rev. 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 MANGER AND THE MUSIC"  
Rev. J. G. E. Ball  
Antiphon: "And The Glory Of The Lord" (The Messia-Hand)  
2:30 p.m.—Evensong  
7:00 p.m.—H.C. and Y.P.U. Candle Light Service  
"A WELCOME AWAITS YOU AT TRINITY AND SPRING PARK"

SPRING PARK UNITED CHURCH

(Cor. Kirkwood Drive and Dunkirk 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.—"PRAYERS THAT WERE ANSWERED"  
(Rev. C. Lewis)  
Choir: "Sing Glory" (Rubinstein)  
Organist: Mrs. Ron H. Atkinson

Central Christian Church

219 Kent Street Charlottetown, P.E.I.  
Morning  
10:00 a.m.—Bible School for every member of the Family.  
11:00 a.m.—Lord's Supper and Morning Message: "THE VIRGIN BIRTH"  
Antiphon: "O Come, O Come, Immanuel"  
7:00 p.m.—EVENING WORSHIP  
18 young girls will be presenting a Candle-Lighting Service.  
"MESSAGE OF HIS COMING"  
Minister—Mr. William O. Weale  
Organist—Mrs. Allison MacRae, A.R.C.M.  
YOU ARE WELCOME TO WORSHIP WITH US

The Kirk of St. 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.  
9:45 a.m.—Church School  
11:00 a.m.—Church Nursery and Nursery School  
11:00 a.m.—White Gift Sunday  
11:00 a.m.—ADVENT MORNING WORSHIP AND SERMON: "THE HEALING MERE AND COMFORT OF THE ADVENT GOSPEL" (Isaiah 40:1-4)  
Antiphon: "The Lord will come" (Scottish Psalm)  
Trantrum Solo: William E. MacNutt  
7:00 p.m.—ADVENT EVENING WORSHIP OF THE NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS  
Organ Prelude: "Berceuse" (Vermeer)  
Carols: "Oh! how a rose e'er blooming" (Praetorius)  
"Ding dong! merrily on high" (Arbeau)  
"Fall gently, snowflake" (MacNutt)  
"Of the Father's love begotten" (Tilman)  
"The Cherubim Song" (Bortolanza)  
"Why cry?" (Scottish Psalm)  
"Three kings are here" (MacNutt)  
"Today is born Immanuel" (Praetorius)  
Offertory: "Let us have a rose" (Strauss)  
Organ Postlude: Symphony ("Christmas Oratorio") Bach  
"Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad before the Lord: for he has come to judge the earth: He shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with His truth."

St. Peter's Cathedral

Redoubt 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 Rector, Assistant Priest  
Miss Suzanne Brenton, Lic. Mus., Organist  
Mrs. B. W. Patterson, Choir Director  
December 15—The Third Sunday in Advent  
8:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist  
8:45 a.m.—Mattins  
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School  
11:00 a.m.—Choral Eucharist and sermon  
7:00 p.m.—Evensong and sermon  
Visitors are most welcome at all services.

Charlottetown Bible Chapel

235 Cumberland St. at Langworth Ave.  
11:00 a.m.—"STUDIES IN GENESIS"  
7:30 p.m.—"THE THIEF IN THE NIGHT"  
Speaker: JAMES A. STAHR, B.S., M.Th.

CALVARY TEMPLE

Presbyterian Assemblies of Canada  
Upper Prince Street  
Rev. C. K. Bean, Pastor  
9:15 a.m.—Fellowship Hour, Summer Radio  
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School, A Class for You  
11:00 a.m.—Morning Prayer, Come and Worship  
7:30 p.m.—Evangelistic Rally  
ATTEND CHARLOTTETOWN'S FULL GOSPEL CHURCH

The Salvation Army

"Home of Evangelism Since 1865"  
55 Victoria Avenue Major Ronald H. Walker  
Sunday: Directory Class—5:30 a.m.  
Sunday: Directory Class—10 a.m.  
Holiness Meeting—11 p.m.  
Salvation Meeting—7 p.m.  
Friday: Young People's Hobby Class—4:15 p.m.  
"A WELCOME AWAITS YOU AT THE ARMY"