

love of God that we are saved. We owe nothing to our own good works, so let us not boast of them. God is the great Planner and Builder. We are simply His tools and workmen.

"But why has God so honored us, that we should receive this His free gift of eternal life through faith?

"Surely it is that we, having the new life of His Spirit within us, may spread the good news of His kindness and love to all men; that not only now, but in the ages to come, He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us through Christ Jesus."

Questions on the Lesson

1. How did Paul remember the Ephesians, when he was parted from them? 2. What is the letter called? 3. To whom did he send special messages? 4. How did Paul picture their old life? 5. Who beside the Gentiles had become dead and stupid through sin? 6. Why should the Jews have known better than the heathen? 7. From whom had they all received forgiveness? 8. Who had given them the power to do right? 9. What did Paul warn them against? 10. For what reason did Paul say that God had saved them? 11. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

Once there was a briar growing in a ditch, and there came along a gardener with a spade. As he dug around it and lifted it up the briar said to itself, "What is he doing that for? Doesn't he know that I am only an old worthless briar?" But the gardener took it into his garden, while the briar said, "What a mistake he has made! Planting an old briar among such roses and flowers as these!" But the gardener came along once more with a keen-edged knife and made a slit in the briar, and, as they say, "budded it" with a rose, and by-and-by lovely roses were blooming on that old briar. Then the gardener said, "Your beauty is not due to that which came out of you, but that which I put into you."

So it is with the Christian, who, no matter how poor and worthless he may be in himself, yet through the new life given him in

Jesus Christ may bring forth fruit beautiful and well-pleasing in the sight of God.

Lesson Hymn

A crown of glory bright
By faith I see
In yonder realms of light
Prepared for me. Amen.

—Hymn 588, Book of Praise

The Catechism

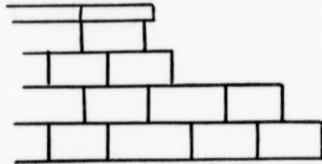
PRIMARY CATECHISM—20. **What does God do for you?** God cares for me, and gives me all the good things of life.

SHORTER CATECHISM—69. *What is forbidden in the sixth commandment?* A. The sixth commandment forbiddeth the taking away of our own life, or the life of our neighbour unjustly, or whatsoever tendeth thereunto.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

A wall, to be strong and lasting must be built of strong and well-shaped stones.

God is the great Master-builder. Little builders you are, too, and you yourselves are part of His work, and He needs your help in



putting in stones here and there. Your acts and words all go to fill up the little spaces. Take care that no bad stones spoil the building that God has asked you to help Him in making.

I Have Learned To-day

THAT JESUS WOULD HAVE ME WORSHIP HIM